



# Gifted Education News November 2016

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## Needs Based Classes (NBC) Information

**NBC #2 for Grades 3-5:**

**Grades 3-4 Non-Verbal: Scientific Investigation: Structure of Bridges**

**Grade 5: Finish affective and begin individualized learning opportunities**

## Grades KDG, 1 and 2: Collaborative enrichment

During these sessions, the GE teacher goes in to each classroom to teach an enrichment lesson.

## Young Scientist Roundtable 2016-2017: An enrichment opportunity for ALL families

Your FREE participation in each month's Young Scientist Roundtable is funded by Gifted Education 279. YSR is hosted by Wayzata Central Middle School but many districts participate. Dates are listed below. Most sessions are from 7-8 pm.

*November 15, 2016: Dr. James Luby*

**Department of Horticultural Science, University of Minnesota**

Presentations this year:

Sept. 26, 2016

Oct. 24, 2016

Nov. 15, 2016

Dec. 5, 2016

Jan. 10, 2017

Feb. 6, 2017

March 7, 2017

Apr. 17, 2017



Watch the YSR website for updates! [www.wayzata.k12.mn.us/ysr](http://www.wayzata.k12.mn.us/ysr)

For more information about GE Services, please access our web site:

<http://www.district279.org/student-families/teaching-and-learning/gifted-education2>

## **2016-2017 Elementary GE Parent Series**

Do you want to learn more about what it means to be "gifted"?

What does it mean to be 'gifted' in school today?

How do other people cope with their gifted kids?

Need strategies for working with kids that are 'intense' or scatterbrained?

Seeking affirmation regarding what daily life and struggles can be like for other parents with gifted kids?

- The purpose of these evenings is to provide support for parents of students of high ability and high achievement. The series gatherings will happen **five** times this year to share and compare our experiences with other parents of gifted/high ability/high achievement kids.
- Sessions will be facilitated by Kris Happe and several other district Gifted Education Specialists.
- Each evening will begin a half an hour earlier than last year to provide more connection time with an introduction of the evening's topics, followed by smaller discussion groups focusing on different topic components.
- All meetings will be held from 6-7:30 at the Oak View Elementary Media Center. Childcare will be provided for children ages 4 and older in room 39.

## **Schedule: District 279 Gifted Parent Series 2016-2017**

### **#1 October 18th, 2016 6:00-7:30 PM**

Topic Focus: Characteristics of high ability people. We will discuss how to manage the 'high definition' version of life with these intense, passionate people.

### **#2 December 6th, 2016 6:00-7:30 PM**

Topic Focus: Organization Issues and Common Sense Support. Do you feel like you are living with a version of 'Pigpen' from Charles Schultz's Peanuts, or the stereotypical absent minded professor? Or does your child save EVERYTHING? This session will give you strategies for how to not lose your mind.

### **#3 February 28th, 2017 6:00-7:30 PM**

Topic Focus: We will discuss summer enrichment opportunities, digital program offerings and Advanced Academic Programs. Deadlines will sneak up fast! Share what you know!

### **#4 April 25, 2017 6:00-7:30 PM**

Topic Focus: To be determined

### **#5 May 23rd, 2017 6:00-7:30 PM**

Topic Focus: How to help your family/child fit in when necessary and how to be the protector and advocate for your child at school, AND with your family and friends.