

## Gifted Education (TAG) News for October 2017



Gifted Education #279 has a new name! We are now called the TAG department. TAG stands for Talent Development, Academic Challenge & Gifted Support. We have restructured our program to better meet the programming needs of our students. Our new name more accurately reflects the services we provide. To learn more about our gifted education (TAG) program please feel free to visit Mrs. Packer (TAG specialist) in room 69 during conferences on October 10 anytime from 4:30-7:00 pm.

### TAG Seminar Information

**NBC #1 for Grades 3-5**  
October through December

Grade 3- 4: Verbal - Improvisation

Grade 5: contact [happek@district279.org](mailto:happek@district279.org) for information on Grade 5 programming



### **Grades KDG, 1 and 2: Collaborative enrichment**

During these sessions, the TAG teacher goes into each classroom to teach an enrichment lesson. The focus for these lessons include: thinking skills, Growth Mindset and creativity.

### **TAG Identification Information**

Students are identified for TAG programming based on the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT), the NWEA/MAP assessment, classroom observations and teacher recommendations. All 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will be taking the CogAT sometime during the weeks of September 25 - October 6.



The Minnesota Institute for Talented Youth (MITY) has 4 weeks of Saturday classes for Grades 1-4 beginning October 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact [www.mity.org](http://www.mity.org)

**MINNESOTA COUNCIL FOR THE GIFTED AND TALENTED ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**Theme: "On Behalf of Gifted Kids..."**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: RICHARD CASH**



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017 8:30-4:30**

**Location:** Robbinsdale Middle School, 3730 Toledo Ave. N. Robbinsdale

*\*For adults & kids - Adults attend sessions with a variety of presenters & children in K-7 can take classes too*

If interested go to <https://mcgt.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/2017%20Conf%20Flyer.pdf>

**Host and co-sponsor:** Robbinsdale Area Schools

**Where:** Robbinsdale Middle School, 3730 Toledo Ave N, Robbinsdale

**The Day's Schedule**

8:30 - 9:00 Check-in and pick up program

9:00 - 12:00 Children's morning session

9:00 - 10:30 Welcome, MCGT Friend of the Gifted Award, Keynote Address

10:45 - 11:45 Adult Breakout Session I

11:45 - 1:00 Lunch for adults and students

1:00 - 4:00 Children's afternoon session

1:00 - 1:20 MCGT Annual Meeting

1:30 - 2:30 Adult Breakout Session II

2:45 - 3:45 Adult Breakout Session IV

4:10 - 4:30 Book Swap session for students

**Young Scientist Roundtable 2017-2018: 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. Most sessions are from 7-8 pm.

The schedule for the Young Scientist Roundtable for 2017-2018 is shaping up to be very exciting. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Steven W. Squyers of Cornell University, Professor of Astronomy & Principal Investigator of the Mars Exploration Rover Project, will be returning to the YSR! He will be talking about Mars and the Rover project. More information is available at:

<https://www.wayzata.k12.mn.us/ysr>

**October 3, 2017** Dr. Mark Wilczynski from Tria Orthopedic Center - "Carpal Tunnel"

**November 2, 2017** **SPECIAL PRESENTATION** "Rovers on Mars" Dr. Steven W. Squyers from Cornell University  
Professor of Astronomy & Principal Investigator of the Mars Exploration Rover Project

**November 14, 2017** Mr. Jerod Corbin from Sethness Products Co,  
"Caramel Color – Chemistry and Technology"



<http://www.district279.org/teach-learn/gifted-education>

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