

President's Message

**Dear FCSG
Parents and TAG
Teachers:**

Welcome to Spring
2009!

In this newsletter we have some wonderful opportunities to announce!

First, for TAG teachers, we are now taking applications for 2009 teacher mini-grants. All Elementary, Middle School and High School Tag teachers recently received an email with the application and memberships forms attached. Our deadline for these applications is March 27th. This is a great opportunity for teachers to become members of FCSG and to realize one of the benefits of membership. Later in this newsletter you will read how recent recipients of teacher mini-grants were able to expand programs and enhance curriculum for our TAG students.

Second, for TAG students, we are now taking applications for camp scholarships. All current parent members of FCSG recently received an email with the scholarship application form attached. Please tell your friends who have children in the TAG program about this opportunity. If they are not members, they can go to the FCSG website (www.fultongifted.org), download the membership application form and join so their children can then apply for a camp scholarship.

For parents, teachers and students, our next parent night will be in late April. This will be a night with activities for both the parents and TAG students. We are planning to have speakers available to give us a recap of gifted education in the state of Georgia as well as in Fulton County. This is shaping up to be a very exciting event and more information will be available soon.

Lastly, for parents and teachers; we have many wonderful opportunities for you to help shape the future direction of the FCSG. Many of the board members serving today have been a part of a revitalization process that started in October of 2006. Over the last 3 years the board has been able to boost membership and build strong financial reserves putting the organization in a strong position going forward. The newly elected board will take over at the beginning of the 09/10 school year. There will be a solid team of individuals continuing to serve including our advisors from the FCSS TAG office to help provide for a smooth transition. Positions available include; President, TAG Advisory North, TAG Advisory South, VP South, Membership North and Membership South.

If you are interested or if you would like to nominate someone please contact me at paulschutes@mindspring.com or call me at 770-751-9971.

We thank the teachers and administrators for all they do to encourage our kids and to enrich their learning experience. We thank each of you, as members, for helping us make a difference in the lives of many young students during the 08/09 school year!

For the FCSG Board,
Paul J. Schutes



**FCSG
Makes a
Difference**

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FCSG is proud of the difference it has made by providing camp scholarships, special TAG field trip funding, teacher professional development grants and teacher mini-grants

during the 08/09 school year. Here are a few of the comments we received:

With my FCSG teacher mini-grant, I was able to purchase many materials for hands-on experiments/projects. Using hands-on materials allowed students to act like "real scientists". Some experiments we did included: using pH paper to measure acids and bases, making carbon dioxide, growing crystals, analyzing astronaut freeze-dried food, mashing marshmallows in a pressure chamber, and panning for gold.

Ann Scott Hanks
Ocee Elementary



As a TAG Life Science teacher who graduated less than two years

ago, I saw first hand in college how much I benefited from having a wide variety of rare species in my classroom, learning how to care for them and all about creatures that are not "normal" to have as pets; I knew that I had to find a way to offer my students this same opportunity and experience. I am so grateful to FCSG for granting my students this chance! We have a 2 ½ year old, bearded dragon named Penelope. Throughout this semester my students have learned all about what taking care of a desert reptile entails and I truly believed that by opening their eyes to something, out of the ordinary first hand, they have developed a passion and a deep knowledge for reptiles. This would not have been possible without FCSG and to this I am beyond thankful!

Darlene Hanzlik
Crabapple Middle School

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STUDENT SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Fulton County Supporters of the Gifted, in an effort to support the students of Fulton County, makes available scholarships of up to \$300 each for gifted students in Fulton County to attend summer camps. The intent of these scholarships is to further the educational experiences of Fulton County students. The camps *do not* have to be designed specifically for gifted students.

Applications must be **postmarked by March 27, 2009 and mailed to:**

**FCSG: camp scholarships
P.O. Box 768321
Roswell, GA 30076**

Applications will be judged (with identifying information deleted) by a special committee of FCSG, and winners will be notified in late April. Those receiving scholarships are requested to provide a summary of their experience at their summer camp for a FCSG newsletter. Parent of applicant must be a current member of FCSG. To join FCSG, visit our website at www.fultongifted.org and download the member application form.

Please provide the following information in your scholarship application:

- Applicant Name:**
- Grade:**
- Parent Name:**
- Address:**
- Telephone:**
- Email Address:**
- School Name:**
- Camp Name/Title:**
- Camp Address:**
- Cost of Camp:**
- Scholarship amount requested:**



**Camp Brochure/Descriptive Materials should be included if available. They will not be returned.*

**On a separate page, please describe why you would like to attend this camp and share what you expect to learn there. This should be student-written. Age-appropriate writing is expected.*

I'm BORED!

Oh, those dreaded summer words! Your FCSG board has been busy at work collecting information about all different kinds of camps to peak the interests for all different types of children. For more information, please visit:

www.fultongifted.org

TAG TEACHER MINI-GRANT PROGRAM

Fulton County Supporters of the Gifted, in an effort to support the students of Fulton County, makes available grants of up to \$250 each for special projects or software for the classroom. The intent of subsidizing these projects is to enhance the education of gifted children in Fulton County.

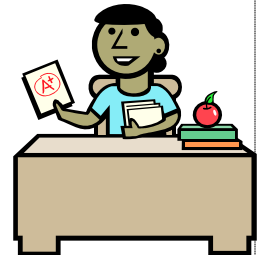
Applications must be **postmarked by March 27, 2009 and mailed to:**

**FCSG: teacher mini-grants
P.O. Box 768321
Roswell, GA 30076**

Applications will be judged by a special committee of FCSG and checks will be presented at the August Professional Learning Day. Grant recipients will be expected to provide a summary of their project or software implementation outcome at a meeting of FCSG, as well as in the FCSG newsletter.

Please provide the following information:

- Applicant Name(s):**
- School Name:**
- School Address:**
- School Phone:**
- Title of Project or Software:**
- Number of Students who will be served:**
- Grade Level(s) served:**



Purpose of Project: (include situation, need or condition which prompted the application for these funds)

Goals of the Project: (include a clear statement of the overall aim for the project or software)

Evaluation of Effectiveness of Project or Software: (include methodology to evaluate effectiveness)

- ⇒ **FCSG Grants will be awarded only to TAG teachers in Fulton County (or given to a runner-up) to be used in the 2009-10 school year.**
- ⇒ **Priority will be given to current members of FCSG.**
- ⇒ **If you are applying for software, please include a note from local school Technology Specialist stating that he/she is willing to load/support this software.**
- ⇒ **For requested videos, include a note from your local school Media Specialist approving the use of the video.**
- ⇒ **All material requested must support the current TAG-office approved curriculum.**



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