

President's Message

Dear FCSG Parents and Teachers:

The new school year has gotten off to a great start. We are very excited about the families and teachers that have renewed their memberships for this year as well as the new parents and new teachers who have signed up. A huge thank-you to the families that signed up at the Bronze level and above which gives us additional monies to dedicate to teacher mini-grants and camp scholarships!



On August 9th the FCSG sponsored lunch for all the TAG Teachers attending their 07/08 Pre-

Planning Meeting. Lunch was catered from Moe's and we appreciate their support of FCSG with discounted pricing and fabulous customer service. Teacher Mini-Grants for the 07/08 school year were handed out and all the recipients were grateful for the support. In addition to the mini-grants and lunch, your FCSG Board went above and beyond to solicit door prizes for the teachers. While

the teachers were enjoying their lunch we gave out over \$500 worth of Target, McDonalds, and Starbuck gift cards as well as other gifts including USB Memory Sticks and many, many other useful gifts. All in all the luncheon was a huge success and we achieved our goal of using this lunch to emphatically let our TAG teachers know how much we appreciate their dedication and hard work in helping our TAG students achieve their full potential.

We are also very excited to let you know that we have scheduled our first Parent Meeting for 07/08. On Thursday, October 11th Doc. Matthews-Morgan from the University of Georgia will discuss the concepts and benefits of the Brain Gym methodology. This should be a very informative evening and we encourage all parents to take this opportunity to hear from a leading educator in the field of educating all children. Other details of the evening can be found on our web site or in this newsletter.

We are planning an evening session in November with Lori Fanning from FCSS to discuss

the new math curriculum and how it will affect and apply to, the education for TAG students. More information will be out soon.



In closing we would again like to thank everyone who signed on as supporters of the gifted in Fulton County. We also need to thank all those parents and teachers that have offered to serve in a volunteer role! We will certainly find places to leverage everyone's talents during this school year.

Our goal for the 06/07 school year was to re-energize the organization. Having achieved that goal we now set our sights on expanding our ability to provide teacher mini-grants and camp scholarships. With the enthusiastic involvement of all our supporters we feel that there is no limit on the good that can be done.

Best Regards,
Paul J. Schutes
For the FCSG Board

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Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 11
Brain Gym?
What's that?



Did you know that: a lightning bolt generates temperatures five times hotter than those found at the sun's surface!

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS....

FCSG is proud to introduce their first speaker of the 2007/08 school year. We are lucky enough to have **Dr. Nita Matthews-Morgan**, Associate Professor of Educational Psychology at University of Georgia, lead us in this very special speaking engagement to learn more about Brain Gym and how it can benefit our children.

Brain Gym is a system of simple movements used to reduce stress around learning and to prepare students to be ready to learn, whether in the classroom or in life. These movements address the physical components of learning-the visual, auditory, fine motor, and postural skills that are foundations of learning readiness, decision making and self esteem. Brain Gym benefits gifted learners, children with ADHD, average students, and those with special needs. Please mark your calendar for:



Dr. Nita Matthews-Morgan / Brain Gym
WHERE: Hillside Elementary, 9250 Scott Road, Roswell
WHEN: Thursday, October 11
TIME: 7:00pm



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Parent Interests

WHAT DOES GEORGIA ASSOCIATION for GIFTED CHILDREN DO?

The *Georgia Association for Gifted Children* ...

***Provides assistance** for the gifted in their community,
***Keeps abreast of proposed legislation,** ***Maintains communication** with regional and national gifted support organizations, ***Publishes a quarterly newsletter,**
***Sponsors an annual conference,** ***Encourages support for the gifted youth in Georgia:** GAGC recognizes outstanding service by individuals who have contributed to the goal of meeting the needs of our gifted children on a statewide basis. Distinguished service awards are presented at the annual conference - The **Bynum Award** is presented to an individual who has been outstanding in his/her contribution(s) to gifted education in the State of Georgia and awards are presented to the **Gifted Program Teacher of the Year,** the **Local Chapter of the Year,** and the **Parent of the Year.** In addition, Mini-grants are awarded as funds are available,
***Supports adequate training for gifted program teachers,** ***Encourages special recognition of Georgia's gifted youth, their parents and educators,**
***Supports the continuous efforts to have gifted education established as a certified teaching field** in the State of Georgia, and ***Offers fund-raising ideas and suggestions** which can be implemented at the local level. GAGC constantly seeks statewide financial support for our gifted youth.

www.nagc.org

FOR FUN → Did you know that: No piece of dry paper can be folded in half more than seven times!

Did you know that: of all the words in the English language, the word "set" has the most definitions!

www.strangefacts.com



OUR PURPOSE



As a local chapter of the Georgia Association of Gifted Children, working with the Fulton County School System, the Fulton County Supporters of the Gifted (FCSG) is comprised of Fulton County parents, teachers, and other interested persons. Our purpose is to advance the development of gifted children's potential through advocacy, and educational support at the federal, state, and local levels. Meetings are held several times a year and feature speakers on giftedness, legislators, and educators discussing TAG programs.

www.fultongifted.org

CONGRATULATE YOURSELF!

FCSG's current membership is 415 members and is up tremendously from last year. The buzz about being a member of FCSG has caught on and parents/teachers don't want to miss out! With your membership you also become a member of GAGC, receive informational newsletters, have access to free seminars, can apply for camp/teacher grants, and are in the know about groups, camps, websites for the gifted.

October is our biggest push for our Fall Membership Drive. Each school will receive \$50 for every 10 families that join FCSG, but these memberships must be in by October 15th. Forms can be downloaded from our website www.fultongifted.org

Join now and help your school earn extra money that will be used in your child's classroom!

MATH CURRICULUM

In November, Fulton County Schools Director of Math Curriculum Lori Fanning will give a special presentation for parents of **gifted** students to discuss math and our TAG students....details to follow.

Parents can also learn more about the new Georgia Performance Standards math curriculum at seven forums during October. Lori Fanning will give a presentation followed by a question-and-answer session. Each meeting begins at 7 p.m. in either the auditorium (high schools) or gymnasium (middle school).

- Creekside High School, October 4
- Milton High School, October 8
- Tri-Cities High School, October 11 **new**
- Banneker High School, October 15
- Sandy Springs Middle School, October 22
- Roswell High School, October 25
- Chattahoochee High School, October 29



Kindergarten through second grade, as well as sixth and seventh grade, already are using the new math curriculum. This year, students are seeing changes in grades 3-5 and 8. High school students begin the new math standards in 2008-09.



HELPFUL WEBSITES:

The websites listed below are some of the best educational sites on the Internet today.

Busy Teacher's Website: www.ceismc.gatech.edu/busyt/

I Know That!: www.iknowthat.com

Math Worksheet Generator: www.themathworksheetsite.com

The Enchanted Learner: www.enchantedlearning.com

Discovery School: www.school.discovery.com

Britannica: www.britannica.com

New York Times Learning Network: www.nytimes.com/learning

Think Quest: www.thinkquest.org

Whether you are a teacher or helping your children after school, these sites will be a wonderful resource for you.



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