

Gifted Education E-news



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Welcome to the start of the school year and the January edition of Gifted Education E-news! This newsletter is created by the Arizona Department of Education for updates on gifted education happenings in Arizona and across the country.

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ARIZONA FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING WORKSHOP – JANUARY 30TH

Arizona Future Problem Solving announces a winter workshop for Teachers, Parents, and AZFPS Coaches (prospective and current ones).

- January 30, 2016 from 8:30 - 3:30 at the ASU West, Sands Building, Room #225, 4701 W Thunderbird Rd., Glendale, AZ 85306
- Cost is \$45 per person and \$10 per person for additional people from one school/district. Payment may be made by purchase order, cash or check.

The workshop will cover the **Creative Problem Solving Process** as used in the FPS Program, vocabulary, techniques, and tools for FPSP and how to incorporate the FPS model into an educational program K-12. Arizona College and Career Ready Standards are covered using the Future Problem Solving Program.

- Attendees will receive Recertification **and** Gifted Endorsement credit hours.
- Snacks will be provided. Attendees should bring a sack lunch.

To register, contact Joanne Spiess: jspiess@ccusd93.org, or (602) 535-6215. **Registration intent must be received by January 23rd**

For more details about this workshop, click [here](#).

Arizona Future Problem Solving is an affiliate of FPSP, Future Problem Solving Program International

GIFTED ON-LINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Jefferson County School District in Golden, Colorado offers a [quarterly rotation](#) of over 20 high quality online courses on various topics related to teaching and nurturing gifted learners. Courses begin in January, March, June and October and are open to anyone in the educational field interested in deepening their understanding of giftedness and gaining practical strategies to use in the classroom and beyond.

Winter Courses: [Six classes beginning January 12th](#) for individuals who wish to register.

Cohorts: For groups of eight or more teachers, a private cohort can be requested for any course to start at your specified date.

Course Requirements: A ½ hour live webinar kicks off **eight weeks** of online learning. The webinar will be recorded for viewing if you cannot attend the live session. Students are required to participate in the discussion boards, complete readings, and submit course assignments each week. The work load is approximately 2-4 hours per week.

Price: \$100 per course, per participant

Credit Options: 45 clock hours through the Jefferson County School District are automatically included. Each course may also be taken for **three** graduate credits from Adams State University for an additional \$165. Credits can be used towards re-licensure, a GATE certificate from Adams State University, and/or to prepare for a GT Endorsement.

For more details about these on-line PD courses, click [here](#).

To register, email Donette Sis at dsis@jeffco.k12.co.us. For all other questions, email: Contact Penelope Heinigk, phainigk@jeffco.k12.co.us or Tonia Heffley, theffley@jeffco.k12.co.us

BARRETT'S SUMMER SCHOLAR PROGRAM (BSS)

The [Barrett Summer Scholars \(BSS\)](#) is a fantastic opportunity for 7th, 8th, and 9th graders to experience college firsthand and continue their academic and personal development over the summer. This unique program at Arizona State University is specifically designed for gifted, honors and academically-talented 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students. This residential program invites students to live on campus, engage in college-level coursework, and participate in a community of peers from across the state. The program helps to prepare students for enrollment and success at ASU and Barrett, the Honors College. The application is available online at <https://eoss.asu.edu/bss>. **Applications must be submitted by March 4, 2016.**



9th grade program: June 5 – June 17, 2016 at ASU Tempe & ASU Downtown Phoenix

8th grade, Session One: June 19 – 24, 2016 at ASU Polytechnic

8th grade, Session Two: June 26 – July 1, 2016 at ASU Polytechnic

7th grade program: June 26 – July 1, 2016 at ASU West

Students in 8th grade are invited to participate in either Session One **OR Session Two.*

Barrett Summer Scholars program contact: Cecilia Maez at cmaz@mainex1.asu.edu

ARIZONA ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED (AAGT)



The Arizona Association for Gifted and Talented (AAGT – www.arizonagifted.org) is an advocacy organization for teachers, parents and students. They are an affiliate organization of the National Association

for Gifted Children (NAGC – www.nagc.org). Both of these organizations provide some great resources for parents of gifted children. The AAGT offers opportunities for parents and students – such as their annual Parent Institute in the Fall, held in Phoenix, AZ, and student programs / competitions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Visit our website at www.azed.gov/gifted-education for more Arizona gifted updates and information.

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Thank you for all that **you** do to support gifted education in Arizona!