

Information from Parent Meeting 9/24/09

Parents of Gifted and Talented students were invited to an informational meeting held here at Silver Hills on the evening of September 24th. While the turnout was good, I know many of you have busy schedules and were unable to attend. Below is a description of the information presented at the meeting.

Revamped Program

Our new administration brings many years of experience running an active, impactful GT program. You will see the impact of this through many varied activities and academic programs specifically aimed at GT students.

The academic enrichment part of the program will focus on a high reading elective for those high in Lang Arts (each grade level will be offered this class for a full trimester), and a high math elective for 8th graders (Math Counts).

Advanced Learning Plans

Additionally, this year begins a new State focus on GT students through the implementation of Advanced Learning Plans (ALPs). An ALP is an individualized plan for GT students that documents the accommodations their teachers are making to ensure your student is appropriately challenged in their areas of strength.

ALPs will be completed by teachers and presented to parents at conferences for discussion and for you to sign. Please plan on coming to conferences to sign these. If you can't make it, your teacher will mail it home for your review and signature. These will be reviewed annually by your teachers.

Grade Level Enrichment Activities

Finally, each grade level will have one big enrichment activity. For 6th grade, we will spend a day with Cowboy Poets on January 12th. They bring to life poetry and connect it to song writing and real life. It's a blast!

The big activity for 7th grade is a much-expanded and higher level preparation for and visit to International Towne in April. We will take their curriculum,

cover it in more depth, and enrich it with an introduction to global economics! It will include 3 days of training and the one day field trip on April 8.

Eighth grade is a special time of leaving middle school, and entering the more rigorous preparation for college and life! To support this transition, the 8th grade activity is broken up into two parts. The first part is really for parents. We will host a night for parents on April 22nd called “The Next Step” and review high school and college requirements and important information for you to know as you schedule your student for classes.

The following day, Mrs. Stumpp and Mrs. Booth will take the students to Boulder for a day of “Pushing Your Limits”. It will include pushing some mental limits with some rock climbing activities, and pushing their personal goals and excitement about college through some visits to special labs and departments at CU.

Spring Resource Guide

We will also be distributing a resource guide in the spring (I'll mail it home) with books, websites, summer camp info, etc. that will be for the benefit of both the student and parents!

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have further questions:

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