

Gifted Education Advisory Council

Serving the LWS D Quest and Accelerated Learning Programs Community

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2009-2010 GEAC Grants Included:

- Curriculum or theme-related simulations: Ancient Greece, Mini-Musicals, Novel Genres, Math Quest (adventure game format with problem solving math strategies), & Sir Cumference (math)
- Interact units: Teamwork
- Teacher training materials: Positive Discipline in the classroom, How to Grade for Learning K-12, Practical Differential Strategies to Meet the Needs of Gifted Students
- Field trip to Olympia for Gifted Education Day 2011, tour of government bldgs., and meet with legislators
- Novel Sets: Fahrenheit 451, 1984 and Captain's Dog
- Dictionaries, Atlases and Science texts
- Art materials
- Multi-media resources: flip cameras, video camera and tripods
- Supplementary Math materials: geometry, perplexors, flashcards, manipulatives, etc.
- Vocabulary and writing resources: Reading strategies, computer spelling/vocabulary program
- Supplementary Science materials: Geology
- Plus numerous other items/experiences to enhance students' educational experience

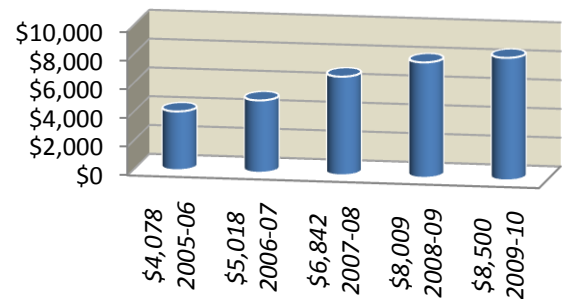
Ask your child's teacher about their Grant request(s), and how they plan to use the materials or learning tools they requested in their classroom.

**36 Grants - \$8,500
THANK YOU!**

5th Annual Grant to LWS D Quest Teachers was a huge success.

GEAC was able to fund all qualified grants this year (36) totaling just over \$8,500. Last year we funded 22 grants requests for a total of \$8,000. The initial 2009-2010 budget was \$8,000, but with your support, GEAC was able to fund just over \$8,500. This represents a 6% increase over last year. For the first time, we received grant applications from every full time Quest elementary and Junior High program. The grants will impact every grade level of Quest in the district.

Annual GEAC Grants to Quest Teachers
- For Classroom Enhancement -



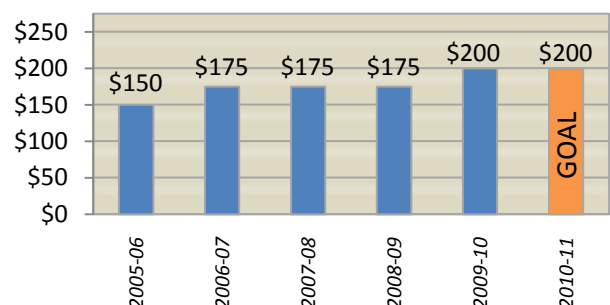
- Please join GEAC -

**Help GEAC meet our annual goals and plan for the 2010-2011 school year!
Please consider joining and/or making a donation.**

Direct to Classroom Checks

Each August, for the past 5 years, GEAC has provided every Quest teacher with a check to start the school year. The initial amount was \$150/teacher. GEAC was able to increase it to \$175, and then \$200 this year. With your help, our goal is to give each teacher \$200 again for 2010-2011. Teachers use the money for items such as additional school supplies, supplemental curriculum, learning tools, novels sets, organizational materials for the classroom, etc. With our state and district planning budget cuts, help GEAC ensure that Quest teachers have the funds they need.

Annual Checks Direct to Teachers
- For Classroom Enrichment -



Upcoming GEAC Sponsored Educational Opportunity

■ Parenting the Highly Capable Adolescent

Presenter: Lisa Geraud

Monday, May 10th, 7 PM

Lake Washington School District Resource Center Board Room

Raising gifted adolescents is complicated and sometimes confusing. In this presentation, Lisa Geraud will discuss some parenting strategies for guiding your student including:

- *Understanding your student's needs, desires, skill set & temperament*
- *Dealing with perfectionism*
- *Guiding your teen to balance extra-curricular activities, sleep habits, and social & emotional needs*

Lisa Geraud is a licensed marriage & family therapist and registered dietitian with 20 years experience counseling adolescents, adults and families. Many of her clients are highly capable students and she is the parent of a gifted high school student. In addition to providing individual, couples and family counseling, Lisa has taught emotion skills classes for adolescents and adults since 2004.

This program is recommended for parents of students 6th grade & above.

Sponsored by the Lake Washington Gifted Education Advisory Council (GEAC)

Questions? Contact Joanne Hall, Chair at jjjahall@juno.com or lwsdparented@gmail.com

If you are curious about GEAC, or want to learn more about the QUEST program and education for highly capable students, join us this Wed. April 7th for our monthly meeting - the meetings are open to anyone who is interested.

Looking for a camp to challenge and engage your child this summer? Three local programs with opportunities for highly capable students:

■ Summer Institute for the Gifted

Offered by the National Society for the Gifted and Talented, Stamford, CT

Location: The Overlake School, Redmond, WA

Registration deadline: May 1

July 12-30, 2010

Completed Grades K-8

www.giftedstudy.org

■ Operation Exploration

Offered by the Bellevue School District (taught by PRISM teachers)

Location: Woodridge Elementary, Bellevue, WA

Registration deadline: April 23

July 6-22, 2010

Completed Grades 1-5

<http://www.bsd405.org/default.aspx?tabID=1156>

■ Summer Challenge

Offered by the University of Washington

Robinson Center for Young Scholars (for highly capable students)

Location: University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Registration - began Feb 1, 2010

July 12 -30

Completed Grades 5-6

June 28-July 30

Completed Grades 7-9

<http://depts.washington.edu/cscjy/programs/summer/>

(Provided for informational purposes only - these camps are neither sponsored nor endorsed by GEAC.)

Where is Quest?

- *Elementary Schools with Full Time Quest classes:*
Alcott, Franklin, Redmond Elem, Smith and Thoreau
- *Elementary Schools with Quest Enrichment Pull Out classes:*
Mead, Rush, and Sandburg
- *Junior High Quest classes for Language Arts, Social Studies and Science:*
Kamiakin and Redmond

Quest serves nearly 1,000 students in 10 schools across the district

Other Resources for Highly Capable Education:

- **Washington Association of Educators for Talented and Gifted (WAETAG)** www.waetag.net
The cornerstone of three organizations whose main focus is gifted education in Washington State. (Northwest Association of Educators for Talented and Gifted, Northwest Gifted Child Association and Washington Coalition for Gifted Education.
- **Northwest Gifted Child Association (NWGCA)** www.nwgca.org
- **Washington Coalition for Gifted Education**
Subscribe to Newsletter: *e-mail to: wagifted@earthlink.net*
- **Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG)** www.sengifted.org
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(Provided for informational purposes only - GEAC is independent of these organizations)

What Does GEAC Do?

- Communicates information related to highly capable issues and opportunities between LWSD, Quest office, schools, teachers, and parents.
- Provides financial support directly to Quest classrooms.
- Offers classes for parents including “Guiding your Gifted Child/ Adolescent” and “Transition to Quest”.
- Sponsors or co-sponsors information sessions for students and parents.
- Advocates for programs and funding for highly capable/accelerated learning programs at state and local levels.

What Can I Do?

■ JOIN & \$SUPPORT GEAC

Go online to: <http://www.lwsdgeac.org/>. Fill out and return the Membership “Enrollment” form via mail. You can *donate online via PayPal* or by sending a *personal check or money order*. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible as per allowed by law and many companies match \$. *Please follow-up with your employer for the appropriate matching gifts form.*

Thank you. GEAC needs and appreciates your annual support!

■ ATTEND ANY GEAC MONTHLY MEETING

Are you interested in learning more about gifted education? Please join us at any of our regular monthly meetings which are always open for anyone interested.

GEAC Monthly Meeting Dates:

1st Wednesday: 2010 - April 7th, May 5th, & June 2nd

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: LWSD Resource Center, 1st floor (free parking behind building & in Redmond Town Center)
16250 NE 74th Street
Redmond, WA 98052

(NE corner of 74th Street and Bear Creek Parkway, next to the Marriott.)

■ VOLUNTEER TO BE A GEAC REP FOR YOUR SCHOOL OR YOUR CHILD’S CLASSROOM

Contact us at info@lwsdgeac.org for more information.

GEAC strives to support and represent all 10 Quest school sites, including full-time, enrichment pull-out and junior high Quest programs as well as gifted education both before and beyond elementary and junior high school.

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