

Gifted Education Advisory Council

Serving the LWSD Quest and Accelerated Learning Programs Community

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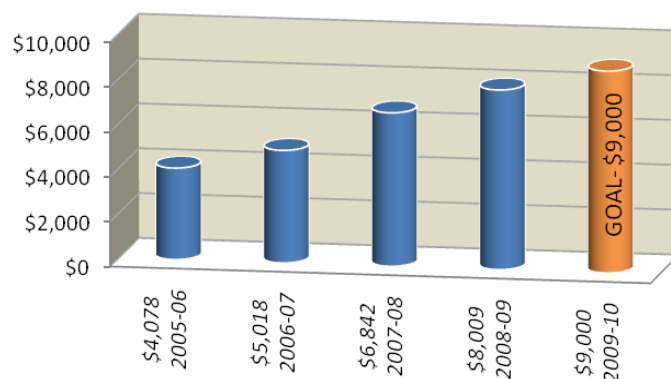
5th Annual Grant to LWSD Quest Teachers

The 2009-2010 grant cycle is currently underway. Our first year, 2005-2006, we funded 10 grants totaling just over \$4,000. Last year we funded 22 of 23 grants requests for a total of \$8000. **This year our goal is \$9000.** Your teachers have received information about the grants and instructions as to how to apply. Please encourage them to do so.

Applications are due by January 28, 2010.

Annual GEAC Grants to Quest Teachers

- For Classroom Enhancement -



- Please join GEAC -

**To reach our Grant goal of \$9000, your help is needed.
Please consider joining and/or making a donation by January 28th, 2010.**

The GEAC Grant - A "Pool of Funds" for Quest

The GEAC Grant program was initiated to offer an increasingly large pool of funds for Quest teachers to annually tap for their needs. This creates a chance for each teacher to think and dream, collaborate, search, and decide what resources will best support their ongoing efforts to enrich, supplement, and enhance activities for Quest students. 2009-2010 marks the 5th straight year GEAC has offered this Grant program. Mid-year, teachers are invited to submit applications outlining their requests.

The GEAC Grant Committee reviews every Grant request and prioritizes them to best tap available funds, help avoid duplication, and ensure equitable disbursements based on need, use, timing, and location. The number and size of grants approved by GEAC are limited only by the amount of available funds.

GEAC Grants Can and Have Funded:

- Books (novel sets or literature, reference, textbooks, brain-teasers, etc. including rebinding)
- Science kits/tools/labs (ex: microscopes)
- Art programs and materials
- Teacher training and tools
- Vocabulary and writing resources
- Strategy games and puzzles
- Language materials
- Curriculum or theme-related simulations
- Graphing calculators
- Multi-media resources (cameras, camcorders, etc.)
- Supplemental enrichment materials and supplies (writing, science, math, art, music, etc.)
- Field trips, performances and assemblies
- Plus numerous other items/experiences to enhance students' educational experience!

Do you have an idea for resources that would enhance your child's Quest classroom and benefit your child's education?

Talk to your child's teacher and encourage them to apply!

GEAC's upcoming 5th Annual Grant to LWSD Quest Teachers is one of two ways GEAC gives over 92% of your donations directly back to Quest classrooms, and 6% to educational programs for gifted families and professional development for Quest teachers.

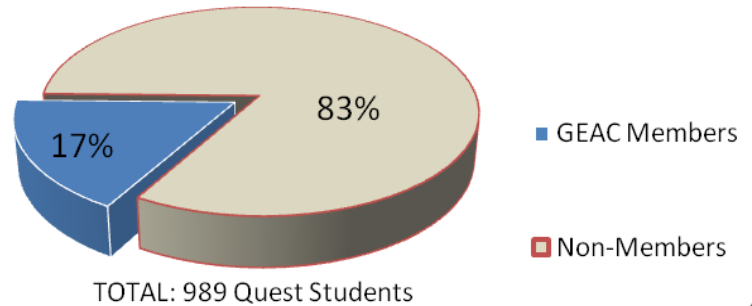
98% directly supports Quest classrooms & families.

GEAC Membership - Only 17% Participation

GEAC serves the LWSD Quest community in much the same way your PTSA serves your child's neighborhood school. Unfortunately, membership in GEAC significantly trails most PTSA memberships. **Currently, only 17% of Quest families are participating.** We appreciate our core group of dedicated supporters, but need wider support so that we can better serve highly capable students and classrooms. Every funding source for education is crucial - especially now with recent and proposed budget cuts. Please help us by giving whatever support you can afford. Imagine what GEAC could do if every family joined?

2009-10 GEAC Membership

(as of December, 2009)



Your annual enrollment as a GEAC member is needed. Suggested minimum donation is \$25/Quest student. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, run by volunteers, GEAC relies solely on your tax-deductible donations and applicable corporate matching.

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 "Parenting your Child with ADD/ADHD".
- 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

Fill out and return the Membership "Enrollment" form (in email) via mail, or go online to: <http://www.lwsdgeac.org/>. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. You can *donate online via PayPal* at <http://www.lwsdgeac.org/> or by sending a *personal check or money order*. 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 - Feb 3rd, Mar 3rd, 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.

The LWSD Quest program serves nearly 1,000 students in 20 full time elementary classrooms and 3 pull-out, plus 2 junior high programs. Quest is almost twice as big as it was 4 years ago, and still has a wait list of qualified students.

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