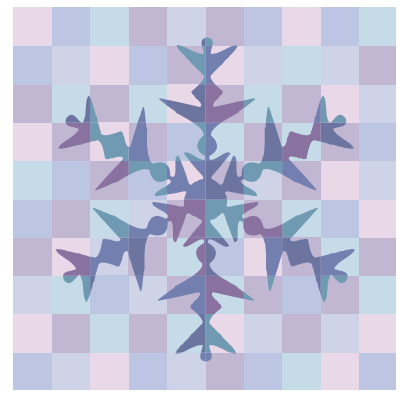


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Calendar

- **February 15-March 30** – Individual District Visits to customize 2012-16 Program Plan (Betsey Krill)
- **Thurs. March 1:** Regional Science Fair - Durango (Lynn Schneider)
- **Sat. March 24:** Regional Competition - Destination Imagination (Lynn Schneider)
- **April 20:** Tentative Regional Network Meeting to finalize 2012-2016 Program Plan
- **April 26:** Gifted Education Directors' Meeting - Westminster
- **April 30:** Michael Clay Thompson Workshop - Durango

Highlights

2012-2016 Program Plan: Bill Esterbrook, Durango Superintendent, addressed the following questions at the January 26 Regional Meeting: *What does our gifted student data tell us? How might we measure gifted student growth data for our four year plan? How can we ensure the data we collect will impact classroom instruction?*

The group heard that strong PLC structures must be in place at each building where there is a process for breaking down data with teachers leading the discussion. To accurately measure student growth we need to use a body of evidence that includes TCAP, common assessments, Dibbles, NWEA and evidence-based practices.

- **Recognizing Gifted Potential:** Coordinators and teachers representing four school districts attended a workshop on January 31 regarding the Kingore Observation Inventory and how to use planned activities. The workshop will be offered annually to assist teachers in understanding characteristics of less represented populations as well as how to easily differentiate instruction within the curriculum.

■ **Social-Emotional and Career-Guidance Activities:**

Coordinators of Gifted Education from each district will contribute sample goals they are currently using to develop a regional goal bank.