

Challenger Update

Metro Region Gifted Education

February-June 2013

Calendar

- **Friday, Feb. 22:** Beyond Giftedness Conference. Arvada Center. 8:30-3:30
- **Friday, March 1:** 8:30 – 3:30, Everitt MS. Creating and Facilitating Discussion Groups for Gifted Students, Terry Bradley, facilitator.
- **Fri. April 5:** Metro Region Network Meeting. Prairie MS, Cherry Creek.
- **Thurs. and Fri. April 25-26:** GT Directors' Meeting, location in Denver to be announced.

Highlights

- **Regional Resource Bank:** The Metro Region gifted and talented directors and coordinators are in the process of creating a regional resource bank to support professional development needs for districts throughout the region. Areas identified thus far include: Arts ID support, Cluster Grouping, Cultural Understanding, Student Observation tools, Secondary Opportunities for gifted and talented and Elementary Opportunities for gifted and talented.
- **GT Discussion Groups:** Many GT coordinators have started GT discussion groups within their districts as a result of several recent training sessions with Terry Bradley. They report students are very enthusiastic and motivated to attend these classes that are held anywhere from once a week to once a month.
- **Parent Surveys:** Several metro districts have conducted gifted and talented parent surveys this year. Jefferson County in particular received over 1000 responses from parents of gifted and talented students. These parents gave high marks to the recent C-GER visit and the use of ALP's (Advanced Learning Plans) in the gifted and talented program.
- **Masters in Gifted Big in Aurora:** Aurora schools will soon have fifteen new teachers and staff members who have earned their Masters degree in gifted education through UNC.



Gifted students' learning and growth ensured by needed provisions and advocacy