

**Breakout Session IV**  
**2:00 - 3:00 p.m.**  
(you choose which  
to attend at the conference)

***Cyberbullying: What You Need to  
Know to Protect Your Kids***

Christina Warholic, Ed.S.

This session will include an overview  
about cyberbullying and provide  
recommendations for keeping children  
safe.

(Middle School Parents)

***Parents and Teachers  
Round Table Discussions***

Jean Becker, Acting President,  
Michigan Association for Gifted  
Children

Please bring something to show or  
share. Take ideas home from others.  
What has worked? Exchange ideas  
with others on how to meet the needs  
of the gifted children in your life.

(Educators and Parents)

**Registration Details**

**Cost:**  
\$65 per person  
(includes lunch, materials and  
membership to Michigan Association  
for Gifted Children)

**Registration:**  
8:00-8:30 a.m.  
The conference is from  
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Credit:**  
.5 SB-CEUs available for teachers,  
pending approval

**Location:**  
Ottawa Area ISD  
Educational Services Building  
13565 Port Sheldon St.,  
Holland, Michigan

**For more information:**  
Contact Karen Kooiker  
1-877-702-8600, ext. 4108 or  
kkooiker@oaisd.org

**Online Registration Instructions**



1. Visit **www.oaisd.org**.
2. Go to **Quick Links** on the top right of the web page menu.
3. Click on **Workshop Registration**
4. Choose to view conference by **ALPHA**.
5. Choose course by clicking:  
**Discover the MAGiC....of Children**
6. Click on the **START DATE** to register for the conference.
7. When you choose to register you will be prompted for your **ID** and **PASSWORD**. If you have not previously logged in or registered for a workshop the last 3 years, you will need to "Create your own Account." Please follow instructions located on the right of the screen.
8. If you have forgotten your **ID** or **PASSWORD**, please follow the instructions provided at the bottom of the screen.
9. Make sure all your information is accurate and click **Submit Registration**.
10. You will receive a confirmation online and via email if you've registered correctly.

If you have questions, please contact Karen Kooiker at  
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email to [kkooiker@oaisd.org](mailto:kkooiker@oaisd.org).

**Directions to the ISD**

The Ottawa Area Intermediate School District-  
Educational Services Building is located next to  
Careerline Tech Center on Port Sheldon Street, just  
east of US-31 between Holland and Grand Haven.

Our address is:  
13565 Port Sheldon Street  
Holland, Michigan 49424

Phone:  
616-738-8940 (Holland area) or  
1-877-702-8600 (toll free)

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of Gifted Children**



**April 25, 2012**  
**8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

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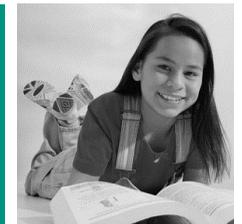
**2012 Spring Conference**

*This conference  
features various presentations  
for teaching professionals and parents  
of gifted children.*

Sponsored by  
Michigan Association for Gifted Children  
and  
Ottawa Area Intermediate School District



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Hidden  
**POTENTIAL**



# Gifted Spring Conference

## Schedule of the Day

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Registration  
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Welcome & Keynote  
9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Break  
9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Breakout Sessions  
10:45 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Break  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions  
12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. Lunch  
12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Breakout Sessions  
1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Break  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions

## Keynote

Jean Veenema-Birky, ACSW, LMSW will be the keynote speaker. She is a psychotherapist in private practice in the area.

### ***Growing the Social Emotional Component of a Gifted Child's Brain***

The presentation will address the need for intentional activation of the emotional circuitry in a child's brain in order for full learning to occur. It will utilize current affective neuroscience and will include skills for its integration in today's learning environment.

**Breakout Session I**  
**9:45-10:45 a.m.**  
(you choose which to attend at the conference)

### ***Responding to the Anxiety in the Gifted Child***

Jean Veenema-Birky,  
ACSW, LMSW

Many gifted children of all ages struggle with anxiety. This session will focus on early intervention with skills and techniques available for immediate application.  
(Grades K-12 Educators, Parents)

### ***Gateway to Opportunities***

Rhoda Rosen, Associate Director  
Center for Talent Development  
(NUMATS)  
Northwestern University

Dr. Rosen will explain what is involved in above-grade-level testing and how students in grades 3 through 9 can participate. Most importantly, she discusses the myriad interpretative and planning resources available once test scores are known. Her insights are valuable to any educator or parent committed to ensuring the development of an academically gifted child.  
(Grades 3-9 Educators, Parents)

**Breakout Session II**  
**11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**  
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### ***Exploring Emotions through Greek Myths***

Dr. Diane Rayor,  
Professor, Department of Classics,  
Grand Valley State University

Classical mythology provides multilayered stories that allow students to explore issues in their own lives. I will illustrate possibilities using Antigone and Persephone myths.  
(Middle School Educators)

### ***Parenting a Gifted Child...No One Said It Would Be Easy***

Lora Lybrook Huser  
Parent

Lora is a former first grade teacher, now full-time mother of a highly gifted first grade daughter. As a teacher, she may have had all the answers. As a mother, she may not even know some of the questions. This interactive session will revolve around the joys and trials of parenting a gifted child.  
(K-5 Educators, Parents)

**Breakout Session III**  
**12:45-1:45 p.m.**  
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### ***Understanding Gifted Children: Characteristics and Traits***

Kelley E.B. Senkowski,  
Gifted Education Consultant

What does a gifted child look like? Do they fit the "norms" for development or have their own normal? What are their social and emotional needs. What resources are out there for understanding gifted children. Come find out.  
(Grades K-12 Educators , Parents)

### ***Middle School Gifted: Making Sense Out of Chaos***

Marie Brucker,  
Vice-President for Chapters, MAGC

Complex describes the lives of middle school gifted students—a maze of bio-psycho-social changes complicated by an over-active mind and over excitabilities. Learn about these students and ways to support them through this stage of life.  
(Middle School Educators, Parents, Counselors, Social Workers)