

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

Ice Breakers...CMU researchers pull in new discoveries in Antarctica

Avril Harder – CMU Graduate Student

This session will include an up-close-and-personal look at Antarctica through the eyes of a group of scientists studying the biology of marine invertebrate animals. The ship R/V Nathaniel B. Parker became their floating laboratory as they traveled through some of the most remote, but fastest changing, seas on the planet. Avril will share the adventure and show beautiful pictures of that desolate place.

OR

GT/LD--Twice Exceptional: What's It Really Like...

Kelley Senkowski, Gifted Education Consultant

Come and hear the facts about gifted with learning disabilities--sensory integration disorder, auditory and visual processing disorders (it happens more often than you might think). Students will discuss how their daily lives are impacted at school and at home and what teachers and parents can do to help.

OR

Advocacy Session

Sherry Sparks, President, MAGC

Frustrated by repeated attempts at procuring a gifted level of education for your own children and others? Parents, family members and educators will discover ways they can advocate for gifted children and youth with schools, school districts, and legislators. In addition, Sherry will provide a report on unfolding developments around gifted education at the state level.

Registration Details

Cost:
\$50 per person
(includes lunch & materials)

Registration:
7:45-8:15 a.m.
The conference is from 8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Credit:
SCECHs may be 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:
Celebrate the Magic of the Gifted
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 **PASS WORD**, 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 1-877-702-8600, ext. 4108 or email to 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)

CELEBRATE THE MAGIC OF THE GIFTED



April 30, 2014

8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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2014 Spring Conference

Celebrate the positive impact that we as educators and parents have on gifted children!!

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Gifted Spring Conference

Schedule of the Day

7:45 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. Registration
8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Welcome
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. 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 a.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

Making a Difference: Happy Teachers Will Change the World

Rima Binder, Ph.D
Retired Teacher & Administrator
NWEA Professional Development
Facilitator

Teachers of the gifted face similar challenges as do their colleagues. These challenges require dedication, perseverance, and passion. Recent research reveals how teachers' beliefs and personal history impact their success to the benefit of gifted students. When times get tough, politics get dense, budgets get cut, and criticisms pile high, these challenges are seen as 'learning experiences' by some while others see them as road blocks. Living an engaged and meaningful life requires identifying and focusing on strengths and talents and using them to serve something you believe in that is larger than self. This session endeavors to foster a renewed sense of purpose and to hone optimism.

Breakout Session I
9:45-10:45 a.m.
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Learning and the Brain

Rima Binder, Ph.D.,
Retired Teacher & Administrator
NWEA Professional Development
Facilitator

Cognitive science and brain-based research have made tremendous advancements in the past decade. This session highlights some of these significant findings with implications for gifted education. Research topics will include motivation (underachievement and internal vs. external motivators), resilience, "choking" on high-stakes tests, gender differences, and the effective tools for coping with stress/anxiety. Suggest approaches for adapting research to the population of gifted learners will be presented. Additionally, a comprehensive list of resources will be provided.

OR

Two hours to Transform: AGT Pull-out Program in Action!

Karen Weaver,
ACT Teacher, Jenison Public Schools

Jenison Public Schools has maintained a successful elementary GT pull-out program for over 30 years. Learn the possible structures, outcomes, and philosophies which can drive such a program.

Breakout Session II
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
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conference)

Problem Solving: When Answers are Not Enough

Robyn Decker,
Math Consultant, Ottawa Area ISD

We will synthesize the latest research strategies and Mathematical Practices to express the critical importance of conceptual understanding.

OR

Growing Up Gifted

Avril Harder,
CMU Graduate Student

Avril will share her adventures of what it's like to struggle through school with a label that often set her apart from others only to emerge through it all into graduate school and beyond.

Breakout Session III
12:45-1:45 p.m.
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Accountable Talk in the Classroom

Teisha Kotke,
Principal, Hamilton Community Schools

For classroom talk to promote learning it must be accountable—to the learning community, to accurate and appropriate knowledge, and to rigorous thinking. Accountable Talk seriously responds to and further develops what others in the group have said. Discussion will include how teachers create the norms and skills of Accountable Talk in their classrooms by modeling appropriate forms of discussion and by questioning, probing, and leading conversation.

OR

Poetry – Gifts Unopened

Michelle Ott, Educational Consultant,
Motorola University, Schaumburg, Illinois

Poetry, some say, is incomplete until it finds a receptive reader, and gifted children are among the most receptive readers out there. They find joy in its creativity and delight in its intelligence. They also find comfort in the sensitivity of a poem, and discover, perhaps for the first time, that someone else feels the world the way that they do. Come, have fun, and explore some terrific poetry. Learn strategies to encourage gifted children to write and read a genre that engages their minds and their hearts.