



GRASP is pleased to present:

“Twice-Exceptional Children: Identification, Advocacy and Support”

with Deantha Menon

WHEN: Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2012

Noon to 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Macalester-Plymouth United Church (Plymouth Room)

1658 Lincoln Ave. (upstairs in west annex building)

- Bring your own lunch
- Sorry, no child care available (children are welcome with a quiet activity)
- Open to the public, \$5 donation for non-GRASP members
- RSVP via online registration: <https://sites.google.com/site/graspmn/events>

The term “twice-exceptional” – or “2e” – refers to students who are high-ability/gifted learners who also have a physical, mental or learning disability. Because 2e students often perform at grade level, their learning vulnerabilities may go unrecognized or unaddressed. The notion that a child cannot be gifted if they have a disability is a common and persistent myth. These atypical learners may be mislabeled as bright but not trying hard enough, or as learning-disabled with no exceptional abilities, or they may simply be considered disruptive with poor social skills.

The purpose of this event is to ensure that parents understand proper identification, advocacy and support for their gifted child as they navigate the education system.

Deantha Menon received her Master of Arts degree in special education from the University of Colorado. She is a local speaker whose passions lie in helping families with 2e children navigate the public special-education system to bring their children to educational and personal success. She is a parent-to-parent advocacy coach who also draws from her daily experience as the mother of two twice-exceptional sons.

SAVE THE DATE: Feb. 15, 2012, 6:30 p.m. – **“Socio-Emotional Characteristics and Needs of Gifted Children”** with **Wendi Schirvar** at SPPS District Office, Board Room, 360 Colborne St., Saint Paul. Registration coming soon!

GRASP is the St. Paul Chapter of MCGT. The Minnesota Council for the Gifted and Talented www.mcgt.net is a statewide support and advocacy organization for parents and educators of gifted children. MCGT and GRASP publish newsletters, host email discussion lists, sponsor conferences, conduct parent support and discussion groups, sponsor presentations and seminars, promote advocacy at all levels, and more. Visit GRASP on Facebook: GRASP – Gifted Resource Alliance of St. Paul (MCGT).