

MINNESOTA COUNCIL FOR THE GIFTED AND TALENTED ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Theme: "On Behalf of Gifted Kids..."

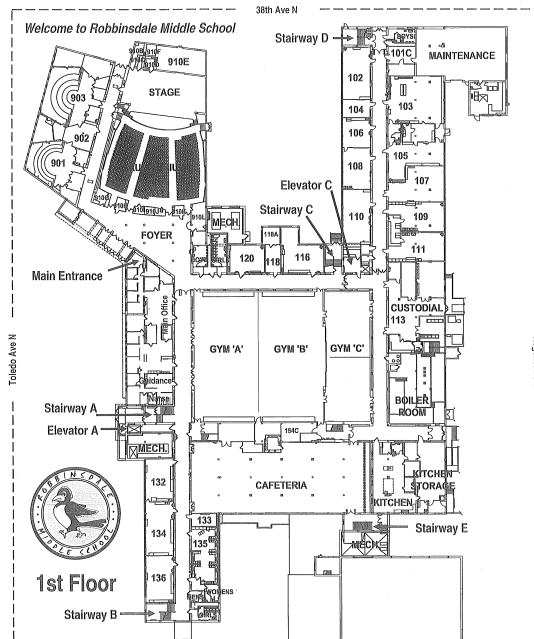
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017

Robbinsdale Middle School - 3730 Toledo Ave N, Robbinsdale, MN 55422

The Day's Schedule

- 8:30 - 9:00 Check-in and pick up program
9:00 - 12:00 Children's morning session
9:00 - 10:30 Welcome, MCGT Friend of the Gifted Award,
Keynote Address
10:45 - 11:45 Adult Breakout Session I
11:45 - 1:00 Lunch for adults and students
12:15 - 1:30 Table Talks/Lunchtime Sessions
1:00 - 4:00 Children's afternoon session
1:00 - 1:20 MCGT Annual Meeting
1:30 - 2:30 Adult Breakout Session II
2:45 - 3:45 Adult Breakout Session IV
4:10 - 4:30 Book Swap session for students
All day Vendors & information

Driving Directions: Robbinsdale Middle School (3730 Toledo Ave N, Robbinsdale) is just off MN-100 – south of 694 and north of 394. Take MN-100 to N 36th Ave. Take the 36th Ave exit from MN-100. Turn east onto N 36th Ave. Turn left onto Regent Ave N. Turn left toward Toledo Ave N. Turn right onto Toledo Ave N.



Parking and Registration:

Parking is free in either the front or back lot.
Registration and Check in will be in the auditorium foyer.



Host and co-sponsor: Robbinsdale Area Schools

Where: Robbinsdale Middle School, 3730 Toledo Ave N, Robbinsdale

Children's Program: Open only to children of registered adults who attend the conference. Kids in kindergarten through 7th grade must pre-register. They will choose a morning and an afternoon class led by experienced teachers - course descriptions inside. There are no facilities for children younger than kindergarten. Older kids may register to attend adult sessions or sign up to be volunteers in various areas of the conference (including assisting teachers in one of the kids' classes or helping set up and clean up). Contact Shari at crowriver@mcgt.net for more information on volunteer opportunities at the conference.

Lunch: All will eat together in the school's cafeteria. Please mark lunch choices on the registration form.

Exhibitors and Vendors: Brightmont Academy, Center for Talent Development at Northwestern University and Northwestern University Midwest Academic Talent Search, Friedrichs Education, K12 Education, Mad2Glad, MathCounts, MCGT (books from a number of publishers), River City Clinic, Stories with Holes, SENG, Tyler Institute, Usborne Books and more. There will also tables with information and catalogs from a number of additional organizations.

Table Talks & Lunchtime Sessions: From 12:15 - 1:30, Multiple presenters will be available for table talks and interactive sessions appropriate for both adults and their children. This is an opportunity to dialogue with experts in areas of interest.

Cost: \$65 for members, \$85 for non-members (but pay the member rate if you join with your registration), \$25 for second adult in the same family and \$40 for each child in kindergarten through seventh grade whose parent(s) or guardian is attending the Conference. The fee includes lunch and snack. Credit cards may be used if registering online.

Incentive for early registration: If you register by Oct. 6 (postmark or timestamp) you are entitled to pick up on the day of the conference a coupon for \$2.00 off a purchase made at the MCGT table.

2017 Kids Program Course Descriptions

Morning (9:00 - 12:00 noon)

Kindergarten - Second Grade

A101 "Beep, beep! Seatbelts everyone!" Join us on a magical field trip exploring the squishy, bloody, mysterious and perplexing insides of our body. We're lucky enough to have Ms. Frizzle's substitute teacher, Christi Kaehn, and "No way." It won't be "a normal field trip!" Music. Puppets. Drama. Get ready for an "inside the human body" adventure. *Instructor:* Christi Kaehn teaches first, second and third graders with Eden Prairie schools. She comes with 30 years of experience and a masters degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of St. Thomas.

A102 Trees, Bears, Deer, and More. Discover Nature's Math! (see 3-4 PM description – *Nature's Math*) This course will be differentiated for K-2 students.

Dress for outdoor exploration.

A103 Oki Ni-Kso-Ko-Wa (Hello All my relatives) Unlock the door to another time, another people, language, and way of life. Engage in Native American storytelling with Becki, a member of the Blackfoot tribe. Help to shape new stories of our connectedness to Mother Earth. Discover how you are a part of the harmony in the unending circle of life. Make a clay turtle. Move to Native American music. Play games of the Plains tribe. Open your eyes and ears to a whole new world on an intriguing nature walk. **Come dressed to be outside.** *Instructor:* Becki Wells Staley is Blackfoot, and a former professional runner from North Dakota. She coaches track, field, and cross country at Gustavus Adolphus College. As a mother of four young boys, she enjoys teaching, storytelling, and active outdoor adventures.

Third - Fourth Grade

A201 Tinkering with LEGOs (see K-2 PM description) This class will be differentiated for 3-4th grade students. Along the way, we'll learn some things about simple and complex mechanisms, including levers, linkages, and gear ratios.

A202 Magic Mastery Its fun to be fooled, but more fun to be the *fooler!* Master Magician Larry Kahlow will teach a beginner's class of easy to learn and easy to perform magic tricks using coins, cards, ropes, handkerchiefs, balls; and simple items from around the house! *Instructor:* Mr. Kahlow is an accomplished magician and owner of Eagle Magic Shop, one of the oldest magic stores in the United States. He has taught classes and entertained audiences for decades, and trained many other magicians in the tricks of the trade.

A203 Finding Fantastic Beasts If you enjoy the magical world of wizards and their animals, join us to discover new beasts and old favorites, and experiment with the science behind those creatures! What makes a Billywig shine? Why are bowtruckles so good at blending in? What else can fill a huge space in an instant like the Occamy? We'll also try some potions and divinations! *Instructor:* Jessica Holm has been an instructor at the Science Museum of Minnesota for six years, visiting schools with dinosaurs, electricity, engineering and other science presentations. In the summer, she develops and leads camps at the museum.

Fifth - Seventh Grade

A301 Creating a Life in Hip-Hop Toki Wright, an Emmy award winning producer and MC in Minneapolis, will lead you in writing insightful, powerful lyrics. What skills do you need for developing your message and producing real-world music? What does it take to be a Hip-Hop artist? *Instructor:* Toki Wright has earned many awards and, he is the Department Head of the U.S. first fully accredited Hip-Hop studies program at McNally Smith College of Music.

A302 Mock Trial (see PM description)

A303 Be Your Best Friend! All-day Session! No one knows you, and what you need, better than you, right? Wanna go get it? You can! Sometimes you just need a little fun and focus to get started. This all-day session will give you time for new ideas and new friends, games and discussion on how to advocate for your *best* friend: YOU! *Instructor:* Deb Douglas, author and instructor, teaches student self advocacy and problem solving classes for gifted learners using the pattern Ask, Listen, Act, Celebrate. The last breakout session of the day in the Adult Program will bring parents of Best Friend attendees into the Kids Program to share the day's learned skills, which may take their student from Blah to Ahhhh!

Third - Seventh Grade

A501 Patterns of Protection Using Watercolors (see K-2 PM description) However, older students will use watercolors. **Dress appropriately for painting!**

Afternoon (1:00 - 4:00 p.m.)

Kindergarten - Second Grade

P111 Tinkering with LEGOs Tinkering is a playful approach to creative problem-solving. Students will use LEGO Technic pieces in response to engineering challenges. They will design a claw that can pick up a pencil, build a geared contraption, and create a vehicle that can travel down a zipline. Along the way, everyone will learn some things about levers, gears, and pulleys. *Instructor:* Peter Hoh teaches science in informal educational settings such as museums, libraries, and after-school programs. A former schoolteacher, he likes to design hands-on activities that engage curiosity and encourage creativity. He is part of the team that launched the Saint Paul Tool Library, where he continues to play an active role.

P112 Creating Patterns of Protection Why are certain animals camouflaged? Join us as we explore interesting facts about critters in camouflage. Students will use a variety of artistic media to create some of these unique patterns. These features help to conceal animals in their natural habitats and protect them from predators. Conserving animals' diverse and beautiful home in nature is key to survival. (Students are welcome to bring pictures of their favorite camouflaged critters to class to guide their compositions.) *Instructor:* Kris Holtmeyer, multi media artist, is a welcome repeat in the MCGT Kids Program each year. Owner of Artistic Moments, Ms. Holtmeyer has skillfully mentored the creative strengths of mainstream, special education and gifted students throughout the metro for nearly two decades. She is an advisor for MN Youth Outreach, and serves as a board member on several art organizations.

P113 "Beep, beep! Seatbelts everyone!" (see AM description)

Third - Fourth Grade

P211 Nature's Math Discover the numbers and patterns found in nature! Use scientific field methods to study plants and animals. Measure tree height using clinometers to find angles, then geometry to find the height of a tree. Estimate the number of a certain weed in the field through random sampling. Play a fun, interactive game based on predator/prey relationships; graph results to show population growth trends, and determine the carrying capacity of the environment. Explore the Golden Ratio and Fibonacci sequence.

Dress for this outdoor mathematical challenge! *Instructor:* Lauren Borer, professional environmental educator since 1999. She found a passion for teaching others about nature while working at a wildlife sanctuary on Cape Cod, MA. Lauren now works as a naturalist for Three Rivers Park District and runs her own environmental education business, Twin Cities Environmental Education Consulting, LLC.

P212 Finding Fantastic Beasts (see AM description)

P213 (Re) Purposed Creations and Inventions Imagination and invention take shape in this class! Whatever you can imagine, you can build with hot glue, drawer pulls, twine, cups and other provided materials. This is a hands-on, make-it-yourself session--wear comfy clothes and dig in! Your imagination will spark your invention (which you take home), and maybe your future! *Instructor:* Jef Pokorney teaches invention and creativity with an emphasis on building self-esteem. He currently teaches at Leonardo's Basement and for a variety of creativity conferences. His own creation of a clear canoe is a favorite invention. His book will be available for purchase at the conference book sale.

Fifth - Seventh Grade

P311 Mock Trial A patient has suffered complications from surgery. He wants to sue the hospital and surgeon. Will the facts make a strong argument? Students will learn the mechanics of our legal system as they play all the roles of a courtroom. Civil procedure, the power of precedent, influence on future decisions, and the constraints governing a judge. Great fun for anyone considering a career in law (or medicine)! *Instructor:* Jacob Pittman is a third-year law student at the University of Minnesota, working in the field of Intellectual Property. He enjoys running 100-mile marathons and participating in the IronMan triathlon.

P312 Creating a Life in Hip-Hop (see AM description)

P313 Be Your Best Friend! All-day Session! (see AM description)

Third - Seventh Grade

P511 Mastering Magic Please see course description for the morning session of Mastering Magic.

All Kids Program Class Sizes are Limited – Remember to Register Early

2017 Registration Form

ADULT REGISTRATION

- ✓ Each participant must register, using one registration form per family.
- ✓ Those who are not members of MCGT, or whose membership has expired, may join when they register.
- ✓ Check out information on keynote speakers.
- ✓ Indicate lunch preferences.
- ✓ Registration deadline is October 20, 2017 to guarantee a lunch.

STUDENT REGISTRATION

- ✓ Every child must register and attend with parent or guardian who is registered for the conference. Postcards will be sent by November 1st to confirm each child's class choices.
- ✓ Cost per child is \$40.00.
- ✓ Registrations with postmarks of October 6 or earlier will be considered first-day registrations and given equal consideration for class choices. Postmarks will determine placements after that until classes are filled.
- ✓ There are no facilities for children under kindergarten age.
- ✓ Indicate lunch preferences.
- ✓ Registration deadline is October 20, 2017.

Name _____ Phone (home) _____

Address _____ (work or cell) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ School District _____

e-mail _____

Name of second adult in the same family attending the conference _____

Note any special considerations for adult(s) or child(ren) _____

Check if you are a presenter or a volunteer

Questions? www.mcgt.net or info@mcgt.net

Lunch Choices

Please indicate a sandwich or pizza and beverage choice for each registered adult and child. All sandwich lunches come with a bag of chips, an apple and a cookie. Gluten free bread & carrots are available upon request – please indicate whether turkey or ham sandwich lunch needs to be gluten free. All pizza selections come with an apple and a cookie.

Sandwich:

- _____ Turkey with Cheddar on Honey Wheat Bread
- _____ Ham with Provolone on Honey Wheat Bread
- _____ Peanut Butter and Jelly (prepackaged by Smuckers)

Pizza or Hummus:

- _____ Cheese Pizza (2 large slices)
- _____ Pepperoni Pizza (2 large slices)
- _____ Hummus with Pita Chips and Fresh Veggies

Beverage:

- _____ Juice
- _____ Milk
- _____ Water

Children's Name(s)	m/f	Grade	Enter the course numbers of each child's choices.						
			Morning Choices			Afternoon Choices			
			1st	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	3rd	
Child #1 _____									
Child #2 _____									
Child #3 _____									

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Fees Enclosed

- Adult member - **\$65** \$ _____
- Nonmember - **\$85** \$ _____
- Second adult in the family - **\$25** \$ _____
- Number of children _____ x **\$40** \$ _____
- MCGT membership fee - **\$35/year or \$65/2 years**
- (___ new ___ renewal) Chapter _____ \$ _____
- 2nd Chapter _____ **\$16/yr** \$ _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Register online at www.mcgt.net or Make checks payable to and send to:
MN Council for the Gifted & Talented – 5701 Normandale Rd., Suite 315 – Edina, MN 55424

TOTAL \$ _____

Keynote Speaker – Richard Cash

Self-Regulation for Gifted Learners: A Parent's Role

Many people believe that students who are successful in school possess greater degrees of intelligence and ability, while those who are not successful possess less intelligence and ability. However, significant research on school and life performance suggests that what matters more than intelligence and ability is a set of qualities such as persistence, self-control, curiosity, self-confidence and true grit (determination). These qualities, generally referred to as self-regulation, have a substantial effect on how motivated, engaged and focused the learner is toward achieving meaningful goals. This session will briefly explain the foundations of self-regulation and how it is developed. Parents will be offered useful and practical strategies to help their children be better prepared for the complexities of the 21st century.

Dr. Richard Cash has given hundreds of workshops, presentations, and staff-development sessions throughout the United States, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. The research-based strategies and techniques he offers are proven to increase student achievement. Others have commended his talent for working with teachers to develop engaging and enriching learning environments that can improve student learning. At the end of the day, his greatest passion is helping teachers recognize the various talents all children possess and create learning experiences to allow those talents to flourish. He is considered by many to be an exceptionally engaging, motivating, and enlightening presenter. He is also a



member of several professional organizations including the National Association for Gifted Children, the Council for Exceptional Children, and ASCD. Dr. Cash has authored numerous articles on quality instructional practices and a popular teacher resource guide, *Advancing Differentiation: Thinking and Learning for the 21st Century (Revised & Updated)*. He co-authored the book *Differentiation for Gifted Learners: Going Beyond the Basics* with Dr. Diane Heacox. His newest book, *Self-Regulation in the Classroom: Helping Students Learn How to Learn*, was released in 2016.

Adult Session Titles: A description of adult sessions will be provided at the conference and also available on the website by October. You will be free to go to any sessions the day of the conference – this listing is tentative and for informational purposes only.

- Addressing Existential Depression in Kids and Adolescents
- Addressing Various Needs of Gifted Adults
- Advocating for Your Twice Exceptional Student
- An Advocate's Talking Points
- Calm, Curious Connections
- Conversation with Richard
- Differentiation in the High School Regular and AP Classroom
- 8 Pillars of Parenting for Peace at Home
- Exploring Different Types of Learners: Helping Gifted Learners Learn How to be Flexible
- Finding Comfort in Books
- Fostering Self-Compassion in Gifted Individuals
- Gifted Adult Groups: Escaping Isolation, Honoring High Potential
- Gifted and Having a Learning Disability: A Personal Parenting Journey
- Gifted Families: Putting the Puzzle Together
- Homeschool Discussion Panel
- Home Study versus Homework: Helping Gifted Learners Learn How to Study
- If Gifted Kids Are So Smart, Why Can't They Just...
- MindCraft: Crafting Gifted Minds, Hearts and Bodies Through Play
- Parenting and Advocacy for Gifted & Twice Exceptional Kids
- Parent Smarter! 5 Step Plan for Effective Parenting to Improve Compliance and Increase Bonding!
- Parenting the Gifted with Emotional Intelligence
- Parenting the Gifted with Empathy
- Paving the Road to Resilience: The Social Emotional World of Gifted Kids
- Powerful Strategies to Enhance the Learning of Gifted Students
- The Power of Self-Advocacy for Gifted Learners
- Practical Ideas for Improving Critical Thinking and Writing
- Save it for World Peace!: How to Address Resisting and Protesting Behaviors when Faced with Intellectual Diatribe
- So You Have a Child Who's Anxious and/or a Perfectionist?
- Strategies for Improving Executive Functioning Skills using Household Games and Activities
- Teaching Gifted Children about Investment and Solving Money Problems
- Understanding the Psychology of Perfectionism and Its Antidotes
- Using a Strengths-Based Approach to Build Connections and Understanding

The Minnesota Council for the Gifted and Talented (MCGT) is a state-wide non-profit organization dedicated to promoting better understanding of, and educational services for, gifted and talented children and their families. Its members are mainly parents, educators and other professionals. MCGT provides information, literature and referral services, publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, conducts occasional topical seminars and CHAT nights, sponsors an annual state conference with special children's program, promotes advocacy at all levels for gifted and talented children, is active in legislative efforts on behalf of gifted kids in collaboration with the Minnesota Educators of the Gifted and Talented, and participates in a national network through its affiliation with the National Association for Gifted Children and other organizations. Chapters and parent groups throughout the state provide opportunities for local activities.

For more information, check the website www.mcgt.net, email info@mcgt.net or call 952-848-4906.