

MINNESOTA COUNCIL FOR THE GIFTED AND TALENTED ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

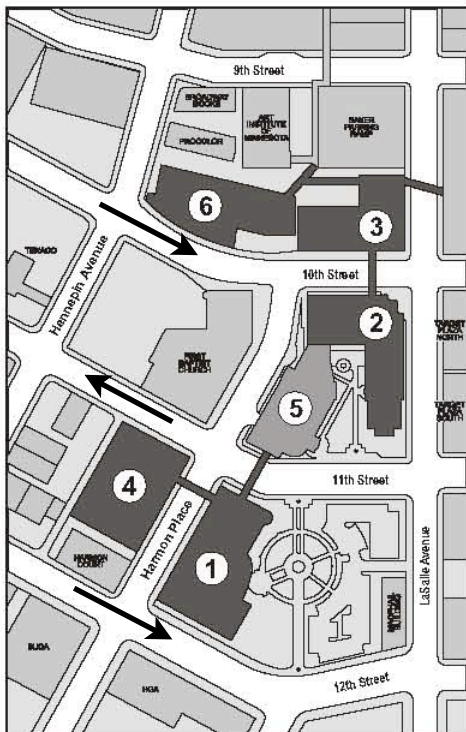
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2012

Terrence Murphy and Opus Halls, University of St. Thomas - Minneapolis Campus

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
- 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

Registration and Parking: Registration for adults with children in the Kids' program is on the skyway level near the elevators in Opus Hall (#3 on map – the Kids' classes are in Opus Hall and the adult sessions are in Terrence Murphy Hall) Registration for adults without children is at the junction of Schulze and Terrence Murphy Halls (#5 & #2 on map). Recommended parking is the Harmon Place parking ramp at a cost of \$5.00 for all day Saturday (#4 on map). The skyway from the parking ramp through the School of Law and Schulze Hall to Terrence Murphy Hall will be open and lead right to the adult registration table.



1. Minneapolis School of Law
2. Terrence Murphy Hall
3. Opus Hall
4. Parking at 11th Street and Harmon Place
5. Schulze Hall

FROM THE SOUTH: I-35W North to Downtown Exits to 11th St./Grant St. Exit (exit 16A); turn left. West on 11th St. to Harmon Place (two blocks past Nicollet Mall). Cross intersection. Parking entrance on left.

FROM THE NORTH: I-35W South to West I-94 to 11th St. Exit. West on 11th St. to Harmon Place. Cross intersection. Parking Ramp entrance will be on the left.

FROM THE WEST: I-394 East to I-394 Downtown Exit to 12th St. North (exit 9A); to Harmon Place; turn left (west) on 11th St. The parking ramp entrance will be on your left.

FROM THE EAST: I-94 West to 11th Street Exit (exit 233A); turn left. West on 11th Street to Harmon Place (two blocks past Nicollet Mall). Cross intersection. Parking Ramp entrance will be on your left.

Host and co-sponsor: The University of St. Thomas School of Education, Graduate Program for Gifted Studies

Where: Terrence Murphy (Keynote, Adult Sessions, Vendors & Information) and Opus (Kids' Program) Halls, University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis campus

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 "Food for Thought." Please mark lunch choices on the registration form.

Vendors: Center for Talent Development at Northwestern University and Northwestern University Midwest Academic Talent Search, Concordia Language Villages, Edina Center for Academic Excellence, Friedrichs Education, Hickory Grove Press/Challenge Math, Minnesota College Savings Plan, MCGT (books from a number of publishers), Ruf Estimates™ of Levels of Giftedness, Stories with Holes, Usborne Books. (Some vendors may not be able to take credit card orders.)

Information and Catalogs: Destination Imagination, Educational Impressions, Free Spirit Publishing, Great Potential Press, Intermediate District 287, Mensa, Mindware, Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation, MCGT Homeschoolers Chapter, National Association for Gifted Children, Pieces of Learning, Prufrock Press, University of St. Thomas College of Education, Youth Enrichment League and more.

Cost: \$55 for members, \$70 for non-members (but pay the member rate if you join with your registration), \$25 for second adult in the same family and \$35 for each child in kindergarten through seventh grade whose parent(s) or guardian is attending the Conference. The fee includes lunch and snack. No credit cards accepted.

Incentive for early registration: If you register by Oct. 19 (postmark) you are entitled to pick up on the day of the conference a set of 12 "Frequently Asked Questions" brochures (National Association for Gifted Children publications) or a coupon for \$2.00 off a purchase made at the MCGT table.

FROM THE NORTHWEST: I-94 East to Downtown Exit to 4th St; take Fourth St. to First Ave; turn right on First Ave. to 10th St; turn left on 10th St. to Harmon Place; turn right on 11th St. The parking ramp entrance will be on your left.

2012 Kids Program Course Descriptions

Morning (9:00 - 12:00 noon)

Kindergarten - Second Grade

A101 Dance, Sing, Perform. Learn and refine basic dance movements (skipping, galloping, hopping, marching, leaping and more) and sing songs from your favorite musicals, then combine both elements to create a mini performance! Fun for boys and girls! *Instructor:* Brittany Radke is owner and director of Eleve' Performing Arts Center in Bloomington. She's been dancing since she was two years old. Since receiving her BFA in dance, she has been performing, choreographing and teaching in the Minneapolis area, including being a choreographer for Youth Performance Company.

A102 Bug Me! See the description for P112.

A103 Surrealistic Art. What happens when the real world meets the fantasy world? Join us as we explore Surrealism. Learn to draw fantasy characters using drawing paper and pencil, and a special eraser. Explore this creative world using colorful watercolor pencils and special watercolor paper to make the surrealistic world of your imagination come to life. Prepare to have a fun, inventive time. *Instructor:* Kris Holtmeyer, owner of Artistic Moments, offers artistic instruction for all ages in her Minneapolis-based on-site art business. She has taught classes in Intermediate District 287's Academic Year program and West Suburban Summer School, and for MCGT state conferences.

Third - Fourth Grade

A201 The Wonderful World of Harry Potter! *This is an all-day class. Sign up for both A201 and P211.* Become a student at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Create your own wand, write invisible notes, play exploding snaps, send a howler, and taste Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Bean and Butterbeer. Show off your wizard skills with spell duels, by making your own pensieve, and playing a game with Dudley. Can you outsmart "You-Know-Who" on a hunt for the horcruxes? Hope to see you on the Hogwarts Express, so we can begin our magical journey together! *Instructor:* Tammy Huston has taught the popular Harry Potter course for MCGT for several years. As a substitute teacher in Eden Prairie, she also teaches several community education classes and summer school. Ms. Huston has also been a featured presenter at MCGT state conferences and the NAGC convention.

A202 Creative Cartooning Cartoons can be a lot more than just doodles. With new developments in "info-graphics", graphic novels, comics and web applications, they can be effective means of creative problem solving and visual communication. In this introductory class, students will enjoy brainstorming and visual problem solving, employing these techniques to design fun characters, 3-D model sheets, editorial illustrations and 4 panel cartoons. *Instructor:* Harry Pulver Jr. has attended St. Olaf College, MCAD, and Pratt Manhattan School of Design. As a professional illustrator for over 20 years, his clients include, The Children's Television Workshop, Scholastic Inc., and the Wall Street Journal. He has also coached Destination Imagination teams, and taught at Watershed Charter High School in Minneapolis and West Suburban Summer School.

A203 Marshmallow Challenge See description for P113. (Activities for 3rd & 4th graders will be more advanced.)

A204 Play with Your Food! See the description for P214.

Fifth - Seventh Grade

A301 The Science of Engineering Building, Growing, Inventing, Experimenting! Science provides the basis for new inventions and to help you understand the world around us. Ever heard of Rube Goldberg? Bring your ideas for new contraptions to a class that will help you build something to solve a problem and guide you through useful science to try at home. *Instructor:* Jodi Prchal is a FOX 9 Teacher of the Year, selected by her students for her passion for science. Ms. Prchal guides local students to Science and Inventor Fair success, and teaches a variety of local community education programs. Her trusty assistant, her son Brian, is a local science fair phenom.

A302 Write a Rap! See the description for P312.

A303 Improv Comedy. Learn how to express yourself in savvy comedic form. Improvisation is the art of making up hilarious things right on the spot. Be spontaneous and discover your artistic voice. By playing theatre games, sharing songs, and devising fascinating characters, you will develop teamwork and listening skills and gain confidence with your quick-witted verbal tools. The end result? LAUGHTER! *Instructor:* Laura Mahler is a professional actress and comedian in the Twin Cities. She has studied Improv Comedy for 10 years starting in Chicago where Improv Comedy was born. She also teaches theatre with Stages Theatre Company.

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

Kindergarten - Second Grade

P111 Dance, Sing, Perform. See description of P101

P112 Bug Me! Back by popular demand: Bruce the Bug Guy's Traveling Critter Zoo! You'll meet living as well as preserved specimens of local and exotic, sometimes even edible, insects and arthropods. From hand size cockroaches and giant millipedes to fuzzy tarantulas. (No worries, parents. Bruce the Bug Guy has a strict No Bug Left Behind or Taken Home policy.) Learn about habitat, diet and creature features; determine if the 'bug' is an insect, or not. Learn about some of the planet's smallest inhabitants and build an art bug, too. *Instructor:* Dr. of Entomology Bruce Giebink has been involved in research and insect curricula for more than 25 years, bringing his classes and shows to area libraries, schools and parties,

P113 Marshmallow Challenge. Are you ready to take "The Marshmallow Challenge?" Use LEGOS, and other building materials to explore architecture and the design process. Exercise your creative and critical thinking skills as you embark on a variety of fun, hands-on learning activities. *Instructor:* Karen McGinley is a Gifted Specialist and Young Scholar Specialist with Edina Public Schools. She has also taught in Eden Prairie Schools, as a Gifted Specialist, and in West Suburban Summer School for many years.

Third - Fourth Grade

P211 The Wonderful World of Harry Potter! *This is an all-day class. Sign up for both A201 and P211.*

P212 Surrealistic Art Exploration. What happens when the real world meets the fantasy world? Bring your imaginations with you as we journey into Surrealism! Learn how to combine realistic and fictitious characters using drawing paper, graphite, blending stumps, and kneaded erasers. Explore this creative world using vibrant watercolor pencils and special watercolor paper to make your objects and characters come to life. *Instructor:* Kris Holtmeyer, owner of Artistic Moments, offers artistic instruction for all ages in her Minneapolis-based on-site art business. She has taught classes in Intermediate District 287's Academic Year program and West Suburban Summer School, and for MCGT state conferences.

P213 Household Science! Science is all around us! Have you ever made a milk rainbow or scared pepper? Learn some experiments you can do easily at home with common products. Try a few brain teasers and see science at work. Bring your ideas for your science or inventor's fair projects and get expert advice on your planned presentation. *Instructor:* Jodi Prchal is a FOX 9 Teacher of the Year, selected by her students for her passion for science. Ms. Prchal guides local students to Science and Inventor Fair success, and teaches a variety of local community education programs. Her trusty assistant, her son Brian, is a local science fair phenom.

P214 Play with Your Food! How strong is a pretzel? How slippery is syrup? We'll have a sensational blast with food-based experiments. Slippery? Dense? Viscose? Food investigation is fun! Devise your own food experiments, then eat up the results. *Instructor:* Jane Snell Copes has taught writing and invention classes for MITY's Your Extraordinary Saturday and ExplorSchool programs and the Science Museum of Minnesota's high potential program for St. Paul Public Schools, as well as West Suburban Summer School.

Fifth - Seventh Grade

P311 Making Manga. Japanese comics or Manga are more popular every year, but what makes them different from Western comics? We will discuss the characteristics of Manga to determine its appeal. This class is for students with some drawing experience as we will apply the specific iconography and extreme perspective drawing of Manga. Enjoy developing and designing characters, brainstorming ideas, and creating dynamically designed cartoon panels. *Instructor:* Harry Pulver Jr. has attended St. Olaf College, MCAD, and Pratt Manhattan School of Design. As a professional illustrator for over 20 years, his clients include, The Children's Television Workshop, Scholastic Inc., and the Wall Street Journal. He has also coached Destination Imagination teams, and taught at Watershed High School and West Suburban Summer School.

P312 Write a Rap! Are you passionate about a topic, have a message for others that isn't cliché? Do you love rhythm, rhyme and poetry, and expressing yourself in a unique way? This class will introduce you to the history of rap and will help you write a rap of your own. Come with a topic or join a group to create a topic to rap about. Learn how to write the hook, set it to a beat, create lyrics and create a song structure. Learn microphone technique to perform your piece effectively. *Instructor:* With a passion for music, Christi Kaehn has taught piano for 17 years, and performed in rock and roll bands for over 30 years. She has also taught elementary-age kids in schools for 25 years and in summer theater programs at Normandale Community College.

P313 Improv Comedy See description for A303.

2012 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 some of the Adult session titles on back.
- ✓ Indicate lunch preferences.
- ✓ Registration deadline is October 29, 2012 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 on November 1st to confirm each child's class choices.
- ✓ Cost per child is \$35.00.
- ✓ Registrations with postmarks of October 19 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 29, 2012.

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 and cookie. All pizza selections come with a cookie.

Sandwich:

- _____ Turkey, Provolone, Lettuce and Tomato on Multi-Grain Bread
- _____ Ham, Swiss, Lettuce and Tomatoes on Ciabatta
- _____ Vegetarian Wrap: Hummus, Roasted Peppers, Tomatoes, Cucumbers and Spinach Leaves Rolled in a Tortilla Wrap

Pizza:

- _____ Cheese Pizza (2 large slices)
- _____ Pepperoni Pizza (2 large slices)

Beverage:

- _____ Soda
- _____ Milk
- _____ Non-carbonated spring 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 _____									

I release MCGT, University of St. Thomas and Conference participants of any liability for injuries or damages incurred to myself/child/spouse while participating in the 2012 MCGT Conference.

Signature _____ Date _____

Fees Enclosed

- Adult member - \$55 \$ _____
- Nonmember - \$70 \$ _____
- Second adult in the family - \$25 \$ _____
- Number of children _____ x \$35 \$ _____
- MCGT membership fee - \$35/year or \$65/2 years
- (___ new ___ renewal) Chapter _____ \$ _____
- 2nd Chapter _____ \$16/yr \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____



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

2012 Keynote Speaker – James Delisle

Dr. Jim Delisle has taught gifted children and those who work on their behalf for more than 3 decades. Jim retired from Kent State University after 25 years of service as a professor of special education. Throughout his career, Jim has taken time away from college teaching to return to his “classroom roots”, volunteering as a 2nd, 4th, 5th and 8th grade teacher in 1991, 1997 and 2006. Too, Jim taught gifted middle school students one day a week between 1998 – 2008 in the Twinsburg, Ohio Public Schools.

The author of more than 250 articles and 17 books, Jim’s work has been translated into multiple languages and has been featured in both professional journals and in popular media such as The New York Times and on Oprah! A frequent presenter throughout the U.S., Jim has also addressed audiences in nations as diverse as England, Oman, Canada, Greece, China, Turkey and Saudi Arabia.

Jim’s wife, Deb, serves as the Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education at the United States Department of Education in Washington, DC. Their son, Matt, is a special effects editor in California and the source of many of their stories about raising gifted children. In his “retirement”, Jim plans to walk every beach he can find and write children’s picture books where the main characters are based on young people Jim has taught or counseled during his career.

Gifted education goes Hollywood: A film lover’s guide to the future of gifted education

Matthew Broderick as **Ferris Bueller**...Bill Murray in "**Groundhog Day**"...Brad Pitt as **Benjamin Button**: fictional characters all, yet they and many other movie characters have a lot they can teach us about the past, present and future of gifted child education. This keynote session is the equivalent of a backstage tour of important issues that parents and educators of gifted continue care about, including the diminishing of gifted services in many schools, the reversal of underachievement, and even the very definition of giftedness in children and adults. Come to this session to see how film characters just might teach us what we need to do to improve the educations and lives of gifted kids.

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

- Addressing the Educational Needs of Gifted Youth with Chronic Health Challenges
- Arthink: Creativity Skills for 21st Century Careers
- Beyond Stereotypes: Some Things that Gifted Education Teachers and Administrators Need to Know about Asian American Students
- Biofeedback and Sound Rhythms to Enhance Performance
- Common Characteristics and Common School Issues
- Conversation with Jim
- Doing poorly on purpose: Underachievement and the quest for dignity
- Do You Fit the Description: Creating Student Portfolios and Academic Profiles
- Educating Twice-Exceptional Children: Parents' Rights and Responsibilities
- Embracing Difference: Constructing Positive Gifted Identities
- Gifted Girls Grow Up: Tools to Navigate Adolescence and Beyond
- Homeschooling Gifted Children
- I'm Ready to be Independent! Making a Successful High School to College Transition
- Learning Effectiveness: Enhancing Academic Success with Learning Strategies, Academic Skills, Organizational Systems, and Technology Tools
- Levels of Giftedness
- Misdiagnosis and Dual Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders in Gifted Children
- Moving Past Perfect: A Guide To Recovery From Perfectionism
- Parenting Precocious kids: Understanding the Ups and Downs of growing up gifted
- Powerful Strategies to Enhance Learning of Gifted & Highly Capable Students
- Responding to the Intensity of the Gifted Child in the Classroom and the Home
- Response to Intervention (RtI) for Twice-Exceptional Gifted Children
- Solving the Homework Dilemma for Gifted Students
- The Power of Presence – Accelerate your Child’s Social and Emotional Skills
- The Ten Things All Future Mathematicians and Scientists Must Know (But are rarely taught)
- The Right Triangle: Student, Parent, Teacher Teamwork
- Twelve Math Problem Solving Strategies
- Using Meditation and Creative Visualization to Reduce Stress and Anxiety
- What to Look for in a Gifted-Friendly Classroom
- Why Don't Schools Graduate More Intellectuals?

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.