Celebrate gifted children’s mistakes along with their achievements. Openly embrace your own mistakes to help your children understand that finding the courage to try is often more important than providing the right answer. Tell children about mistakes you’ve made and still make. It’s okay to make mistakes; making mistakes and practicing things repeatedly are how we learn.

When you receive a barrage of “why” and “how come” questions from your curious gifted children, tell them, “Together we’ll find out some answers.”

Spend special time with each gifted child doing things that do not involve competition. Competition is fine for many situations, but too much competition can lead gifted children to believe that they are valued only for what they can do, rather than just being valued as a person.

4th Annual GT Showcase – April 19

On Saturday, April 19, 2014, GT students, from around the county, will “showcase” their gifts and talents. The Showcase will be held at the Delta Performing Arts Center, at 822 Grand Avenue. Times for the GT Showcase will be announced after registrations are turned in, and we know how many participants to expect.

At the beginning of the year, GT Site Coordinators, at each school, talk with their GT students and encourage them to begin the process of thinking of a talent they would like to exhibit or perform for this event. In March, each site coordinator will send home a registration form to be filled out and returned to school with a parent permission signature.

The GT Showcase has a variety of exhibits and performances, and provides GT students an opportunity to meet other students with similar interests and talents. Look for the registration and if you have any questions, please contact your student’s GT site coordinator.

Cedaredge and Paonia High Schools Awarded Legacy Grants!

Exciting news that will make a big impact on our G/T kids is the announcement of the Legacy Grant being awarded to Paonia and Cedaredge High Schools. Both schools will now be able to provide AP courses to students using teleconferencing; they will be able to share teachers and courses with both schools. This should be a great benefit and opportunity for the advanced students in both communities.

Vision Charter Academy

Gifted & Talented Learners have been busy all year focusing on various academic classes, Advanced Placement classes and personal projects. Senior Jeremiah Baier has been accepted to attend Colorado School of Mines, where he plans to major in Bio-Chemical Engineering.
Northfork Community Montessori School - Crazy about Zeroes!

WHAT'S A QUINDECILLION? Answer: A number with 48 zeroes.

At North Fork Community Montessori School, two students who are identified in math are working on a unit in the book CHALLENGE MATH by Edward Zaccaro. The unit is called Astronomy and Large Numbers which includes problems with the speed of sound, the speed of light and pi. They are using these problems to learn things such as how many seconds there are in a year, how long it takes light to reach the earth from the sun, and the earth's speed of rotation.

Cedaredge Elementary School – Microscopes and Books RULE!

We have been doing a lot of exploring in the Young Scientist program. The microscopes were brought out and put into action. The students learned how to operate the microscope, the parts of the microscope, and the function of the parts. They were able to view many single celled organisms and other prepared slides of the world beyond the naked eye. Another fun fact the students learned was what happened when they combined vinegar with milk. They were able to produce plastic from this scientific reaction. Predictions were made and tested to see if the plastic would vary based on the type of milk used. The results were quite surprising, not to mention the smell!

Peer tutoring is continuing to be a positive experience for all involved. The students also completed their books and sent them off to the publisher. The nonfiction books were all about animals. Some of the species chosen were: arachnids, different mammals, and everything you would want to know about llamas. Each book covered five different animals and had illustrations. All of them are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the finished products.

Lincoln Elementary’s Publishes 1st Newspaper!

Lincoln just "published" the first edition of the Language of Lincoln Newspaper. We have enough news to publish our second edition next week. We completed nearly all of our new ALP’s last week.

It’s often times difficult to determine how to supplement your gifted and talented child’s needs; our next Parent meeting is Monday, March 31, at 6pm, at the District Office. We hope you can join us so that we can update you, provide insight, and support you and your child.

Additional GT Resources:

Western Colorado Assoc. for Gifted & Talented http://www.gifted51.org/
Colorado Assoc. for Gifted & Talented http://www.coloradogifted.org/
National Assoc. for Gifted & Talented http://www.nagc.org/
The Davidson Institute http://www.davidsongifted.org
DMS GT Activities

Upcoming events for the DMS G/T club are below; if parents would like to attend field trips, please contact Mr. Holmes at: kholmes@deltaschools.com

March 13  Presentation on Drones
March 19  Geocaching
March 27  Tentative Date for Tour of St. Mary’s Helipad
April 1   Mythology lesson with Mr. Atchley
April 16  Tour of Delta with Mr. Carlquist

Reilly Quist signs University of Colorado School of Medicine Letter of Intent

Reilly Quist, daughter of Paul and Tracey Quist, and senior with Vision Charter Academy, is one of 10 high school students in Colorado to be accepted into the CU Denver BA/BS-MD program. Completion of the program guarantees Reilly a reserved spot in medical school. She must first complete undergraduate work at CU Denver, along with required summer internships and research projects. The eight-year program provides rigorous academic preparation, exposure to the profession of medicine, research, and strong personal development. Reilly went through a long application process, including personal interviews in Denver. Applicants from all over the world apply for this prestigious program. Of the thousands that apply, only 40 are invited for a personal interview. Reilly was one of the outstanding top 10 selected from 40 potential students who were interviewed. Expectations are high for these select students, “But you were chosen for this program because we believe you have the skills and tenacity to succeed,” Reilly was told in her letter of acceptance. Reilly has wanted to become a doctor for many years, and she volunteers many hours in the office of Dr. Eric Schmidt, an oncologist at Delta County Memorial Hospital. For Reilly, this opportunity is “a dream come true”. Reilly was recently named a finalist for both the Boettcher and Daniels Fund scholarships.

Reilly with her parents, Paul and Tracey Quist, and Dr. Eric Schmidt signing letter of intent.
Summer Enrichment Opportunities

**Camp Rocky** Rolling Admission, limited to 65 students

A summer camp near Divide, CO hosted for kids between 14-19 by the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts in July focusing on activities to learn about recreation management, forest management, soil and water conservation, rangeland science, and fish/wildlife management. Cost is $300; scholarships are available. Applications and complete information available at: [http://coloradoacd.org/Registration](http://coloradoacd.org/Registration)

**Magic Circle Drama Camp** at the Magic Circle Theatre in Montrose - Registration April 26

9:30 am - Elementary Drama Camp – Week 1 – June 16-20
10:00am – Middle School Drama Camp – Week 1 – June 16-20
10:30am – Elementary Drama Camp – Week 2 – June 23-27
11:00am – Middle School Drama Camp – Week 2 – June 23-27

Tuition is $40 plus $3 for a Drama Camp T-shirt. Discounts available for more than 1 child. Registration MUST be done in person only, on April 26. Contact Nancy Ballantyne 249-1346 to for more information.

**Partners** in Delta, Montrose, and Ouray Counties Teen Advisory Board

This is an ongoing program available to energetic and creative 14-17 year olds willing to meet monthly with other board members and participate in some of the following activities: assisting case managers in activities for their partnerships, creating a recruitment campaign for youth, creating media campaigns for teen issues such as underage drinking, or serve as a speaker for programs and teen issues.

**Summer Computer Camp** at Western State Colorado University (WSCU), Gunnison

Computer Camp 2014 is for students in 8th grade and up who are interested in math and or computer science. We’re looking for young people who will appreciate both the academic and recreational aspects of this camp. Dates will run from Sunday, June 22 to Saturday, June 28. Cost is $800 and this covers classes, recreation, lodging, and meals. Day campers may attend for $400. Registration is open. Contact jpeterson@western.edu to register. Go to Western State College University website for full details.

**Mathematics Enrichment Day Camp 2014** at Western State Colorado University (WSCU), Gunnison

July 21 – July 27, 2014. Cost is $350 for classes, recreation, lunch and snacks. This is a day camp for 7th – 9th graders to explore the exciting world of mathematics by challenging themselves with topics such as; the mathematics of card tricks, cryptography, geometry and fractals. Campers will also be able to take advantage of daily outdoor activities lead by the Wilderness Pursuits program on campus, including hiking, biking, rafting and climbing. Contact Dr. Jeremy Muskat, jmuskat@western.edu to register. Go to [www.western.edu](http://www.western.edu) for more information.
**Environmental Leadership Camp** at Western State College University (WSCU)

This camp is aimed at high school students and is designed to develop leadership skills in environmental issues of the 21st Century. Dates are June 23-28. Housing on campus, meals and all outdoor activities are provided. Cost is $750 and possibilities for scholarships are available. Contact mebott@western.edu for more information.

**Extreme Brass Experience Boston Music Camp** at Western State College University (WSCU) Open to brass players of all ages. June 29-July 5, 2014. Western State College University and the Crested Butte Music Festival in collaboration with Boston Brass are offering a week-long brass music camp. Cost is $795 and it includes private lessons, food and double occupancy lodging. Campers will also be able to participate in daily outdoor activities lead by the Wilderness Pursuits program, including hiking, biking, rafting and climbing. Credit is available for this camp. For more information contact jwacker@western.edu or www.western.edu/music. You may also call 800.876.5309.

**University of Northern Colorado** provides a motivating and challenging gifted, talented and creative high-ability learning program for students July 7-July 20. Designed for students entering 5th through 10th grade, this residential program offer high interest, hands-on, brains-on courses developed by specialist in gifted education and/or in specialized content areas. Students select courses for their two week session. Courses meet daily during four 75 minute periods. There are over 30 course topics to choose from, for example: Survival, Ingenious Inventions, Ecology, Creative Thinking, Leadership Skills, Green Building Movement, Egyptian Culture, Improvisation Drama, Economics, Poetry, Applied Art, Alternative Energy, Cabaret, Music-Electronic Composition, Forensics, Creative Writing, Dance, and more. After classes the students choose a variety of active sports and recreation or craft activities. Cost $1745. For information or registration go to www.unco.edu/sep or call 970.351.2683.

**Colorado State University Youth Programs**

Please refer to their website at www.summer.colostate.edu for information on camps. Ages vary by camp.

- Sci-Trek: Summer Program for Future Scientists
- Summer Vet
- Landscape Architecture Career Exploration
- Music and Theatre: Youth Programs and Camps
- iD Tech Camps
- Summer Horsemanship Camp
- Various Youth Sports Camps

**Colorado School of Mines: Engineering Design Summer Camp**

High school students attend a weeklong summer camp on the Mines campus in Golden. The objective of the camp is to guide participants through a fun and rewarding hands-on experience of authentic engineering design practices. Students will be challenged to invent, to create, to design and to build.

Refer to www.epics.mines.edu/Engineering-Design-Summer-Camp or email Kristi Hall at khall@mines.edu
Art Partners of Delta County

This program is ongoing. The Art Partner program matches students between 12 and 17 with a screened volunteer artist in their county who has committed to spend 3 hours a week for three months to teach and support young artists.

Colorado Mesa University M*A*S*H Camp

Camp for middle school students created to interest young students in health careers and build basic skills common to all health careers (CPR, First Aid, Infection Control, etc.). This week-long day camp provides hands-on learning, and includes a tour of the CMU campus to expose students to college life. Refer to www.coloradomesa.edu/healthsciences/mash

Girls State/Boys State Leadership Camps

High School Juniors are invited to apply for the American Legion Colorado Boys State, (held on the CSU-Pueblo Campus June 8-14, 2014), and

Girls State (held on the Western State Colorado University campus in Gunnison June 8-13, 2014).

Delegates are exposed to a variety of speakers, coached in life lessons, learn to work in teams, and get hands-on experience creating their own state government. Tuition is paid by local American Legion Posts.

Participants earn college credits and can apply for future college scholarships.

Boys refer to www.CoLegionBoysState.org

Girls refer to www.ColoradoColumbineGirlsState.com

Crow Canyon Archeology Camp Cortez  At Crow Canyon’s summer programs for middle school and high school students, you won’t just learn about archaeology—you’ll do it! You’ll work with other students, alongside professional archaeologists, searching for clues to Colorado’s ancient past. For 30 years, Crow Canyon has been a leader in archaeological education and academic enrichment programs. The Crow Canyon experience exposes students to scientific research, American Indian cultures, and unique Southwestern places. Our current excavation is an ancestral Pueblo Indian community that dates from the seventh century A.D. Middle School Camp June 22-28, 2014. High School Camp July 20-26, 2014. Cost $1625, with scholarships available.