



The Joys and Challenges of Brilliance: Helping Your Gifted Child Shine!

Co-sponsored by Talent Development Institute (TDI), Davis Studio and Community School, and Vermont Commons School

We hope you will join us for the second annual March event for families of gifted children! This year the conference will be held at the Vermont Commons School in South Burlington. We have activities for children ages five and up, including a Middle School Meet-up Room. So, we welcome your children to this conference. They may enjoy and benefit from the opportunity to spend time with other gifted students.

- What:** An educational and networking program for gifted children and their parents
- Where:** Vermont Commons School, 75 Green Mountain Drive, South Burlington, VT, 05403. Parking available.
- When:** Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 1:00-5:00pm. Check-in begins at 12:45 pm.
- Cost:** \$25 per adult individual (co-parent may attend for free). \$10 per child (grades K-6) for Activity Rooms, and \$10 per child (grades 6-9) for Middle School Meet-Up Room. After March 11th, cost increases to \$30 per adult and \$15 per child, if there is room. Limited scholarships available. Contact us.
- Registration:** Registration form, on last page, needs to be filled out, signed, and sent in with payment. Deadline for registration is March 11, 2019. Register early; space is limited!
- Contact:** lucy@tdivermont.org

NEW this year! Middle School Meet-Up Room, grades 6-9

We will provide a room for kids in grades 6 - 9 whose parents will be attending the parent sessions. A chill place to hang out for the afternoon, listen to music, socialize, do some art, writing, or other activities, play games, and have a snack.

Children's Activities, grades K-6

Children's activities will run concurrently to parent sessions, and will be designed for children in grades K-6 whose parents will be attending the parent sessions. (Other arrangements should be made for younger children.) A light snack will be provided. We also encourage you to provide a nut-free snack for your child if needed. There will be two rooms with different themed activities for children—Amazing Animals for grades K-3, and Art of India for grades 4-6:

Amazing Animals (gr. K-4): Did you know that bats always turn left when leaving a cave? Did you know that a snail can sleep for three years? Learn more amazing animal facts and share facts you know. Create a mixed media piece of artwork inspired by one of your favorite animals.

Art of India (gr. 3-6): Explore the mystical and colorful world of India. Learn some surprising facts about this interesting country. Explore a wide variety of symbols and designs along with art techniques unique to this part of the world. You will walk away with a richly detailed piece of art you'll be proud to display in your home.

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Parent Schedule:

12:45-1:15	Check-in for both parents and children
1:15-1:30	Welcome by Carol Story, PhD
1:30-2:30	First block. Two choices for parents (see below for strand descriptions): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creative Foundations for Success, with Teresa Davis• Ask the Experts, with Carol Story, PhD and Lucy Gage Bogue, MA
2:30-2:45	Break and transition
2:45-3:45	Second block. Two choices for parents (see below for strand descriptions): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding Twice-Exceptional (2E) Learners, with Melissa King, M.Ed.• Patching Your Child's Educational "Quilt" Together, with Lucy Bogue, MA and panel of parents, educators and teens
3:45-4:00	Break and transition
4:00-4:30	Third block. A series of 5-minute "Ted Talks" about local educational & enrichment opportunities, including <i>Davis Studio</i> , <i>Generator</i> , <i>Governors Institutes of Vermont</i> , <i>Open Path Homeschooling</i> , <i>Tech for Tomorrow</i> , <i>Vermont Commons School</i>
4:30-5:00	Pick up kids from Children's Activities. Time for informal Q&A for all sessions, and for connecting with local educational & enrichment program folks at their info tables.
5:00	Program ends.

Beverages will be provided at break times for parents. We hope you can join us... come meet other families with gifted children, and learn how to help your gifted child shine!

Descriptions of Parent Strands:

Creative Foundations for Success

Teresa Davis

Employers around the world say the number one thing they are seeking is a more creative workforce. How can you support your child's creativity and encourage design-thinking strategies to lay a foundation for a future full of possibilities? Creativity goes far beyond just art, music or play time. It encompasses a whole range of essential skills and learned traits such as self-confidence, collaboration, critical thinking and the ability to challenge conventional ideas. In this workshop we will explore the current educational environment, and then discuss dozens of practical tips for creating environments at home and in school in which children flourish creatively.

Ask the Experts

Carol Story, PhD and Lucy Gage Bogue, MA

What are you wondering when you think about your gifted child(ren)? Now is the time to ask those unanswered questions. Join us in an informal discussion about the nature and needs of these special young people. Responses will relate to both parent and educational concerns and perspectives.

Understanding Twice-Exceptional (2E) Learners

Melissa King, M.Ed.

Some students not only experience the challenge of being gifted and talented, they simultaneously have difficulty learning in a particular area, such as reading, writing or math. Some may have attentional, social, and/or emotional differences that influence success in and out of the classroom. In this session, the characteristics of 2E students, along with strategies to support and advocate for, will be shared.

Patching Your Child's Educational "Quilt" Together

Lucy Gage Bogue, MA and panel of teachers, parents, and teens

Educating your gifted child in Vermont is often very much like patching a quilt together. Come hear the stories of several who have tested out various local educational options, and gain from their experiences. Even when there are no perfect solutions, there are good solutions. Knowing your options can help give you the confidence to turn what seems like a hodgepodge of educational opportunities into the most beautiful educational "quilt" possible for your gifted child!



REGISTRATION FORM

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TDI, P.O. Box 568, Colchester, VT 05446, by March 11th

Name of Parent(s) attending _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Adults _____ # Children _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Check # _____

Please put a 0, 1 or 2 next to each session title to indicate how many adults will attend each session:

1:30-2:15 First block (how many adults per session?):

_____ **Creative Foundations for Success**, with Teresa Davis

_____ **Ask the Experts**, with Carol Story, PhD, and Lucy Gage Bogue, MA

2:30-3:15 Second block (how many adults per session?):

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_____ **Patching Your Child's Educational "Quilt" Together**, with Lucy Bogue, MA, and panel of parents, educators, and teens

Child #1 Name _____ Grade _____ Age _____ Serious Allergies? _____

Put a 1 next to first choice of activity room: _____ Amazing Animals (K-4) _____ Art of India (gr. 3-6)
_____ M.S. Meet-up (gr. 6-9)

Child #2 Name _____ Grade _____ Age _____ Serious Allergies? _____

Put a 1 next to first choice of activity room: _____ Amazing Animals (K-4) _____ Art of India (gr. 3-6)
_____ M.S. Meet-up (gr. 6-9)

Child #3 Name _____ Grade _____ Age _____ Serious Allergies? _____

Put a 1 next to first choice of activity room: _____ Amazing Animals (K-4) _____ Art of India (gr. 3-6)
_____ M.S. Meet-up (gr. 6-9)

MEDIA PERMISSION (we will likely have someone taking pictures):

I give my permission for TDI, Davis Studio, and Vermont Commons staff to photograph and/or video my son/daughter(s), _____ [child(ren)'s name(s)]. These photographs and videos may be used in professional publications and future publications for these organizations, including broadcast, print or online media. Children's personal information will remain confidential. _____ [Parent/Guardian signature]

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