



**GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER
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Gifted Resources News

A GOOD-LOOKING DATE 1.1.11!

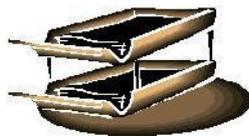
Welcome to the first Gifted Resources newsletter for 2011. On the Gifted Resources home page you will find a bonus December newsletter which I posted on the website but did not email out. It was a Christmas / New Year issue.

As I am currently working from home there will not be a 2011 Springboard Days or Summer Selections type expo but I am very happy to help teachers with their planning and resource gathering by phone consultation, email and post after 6 January 2011. I have put a new year planner mind map on Gifted Resources homepage. www.giftedresources.org

Also be sure to look at Holiday Programs newsletter posted on the home page.

Sprite's Site blog draws attention to free webinars, chats and online conferences which will be held this month – see <http://www.giftedresources.org/fo/blog/?p=1521> I have included the post in this newsletter.

WHAT'S IN THE IN TRAY?



These items have been received recently and can be found in the In Tray which is located on the Home page of Gifted Resources Website www.giftedresources.org The links in the newsletter are **not live** – please go to the In Tray to access them.

If you would like information included in the newsletter and/or the In Tray please send to contributions@giftedresources.org

Born Storytellers Holiday Program - Discovering the writer within Workshops 4-7 January 2011 [WEBSITE](#)

Born Storytellers Holiday Program – Discovering the artist within 4-7 January 2011 [WEBSITE](#)

CHIP Swinging through CHIP on TIME Summer holiday programs 17-21 January 2011 [PDF BROCHURE](#)

THINKING AHEAD Holiday programs 18-21 January 2011 [WEBSITE](#)

GERRIC Junior Scientia and Scientia Challenge: 19-21 January 2011 [WEBSITE](#)

GERRIC Parent weekend workshops Adelaide 12-13 March 2011 [WEBSITE](#)

Association for the Education of Gifted Underachieving Students Turning the Tide of Underachievement conference Honolulu March 26- 28 2011.

Howard Gardner The Disciplined Mind: Educational Visions for the Future Perth Monday 23rd May 2011 [WEBSITE](#)

GERRIC Parent weekend workshops Sydney 27- 28 August 2011 [WEBSITE](#)

GLOBAL VIRTUAL MEETING in secondlife January 29, 2011 at 9pm CEST, 8pm UK.

Invited speakers are Dr. Deborah Ruf from USA, Mary St George from New Zealand.

Topic: "UNDERACHIEVER" [WEBSITE](#)

19th WORLD CONFERENCE FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN 8-12 August 2011

VAGTC Inc. Biennial Conference 2011 8-9 September 2011 [FLYER](#)

11th International Conference of The Mathematics Education into the 21st Century Project

Turning Dreams into Reality: Transformations and Paradigm Shifts in Mathematics Education

Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa September 10– 16, 2011 Preliminary Announcement and Call for Papers [FLYER](#)

PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK

(Formerly Bayside Young Active Minds - BYAMS)

Active network in Melbourne's south eastern region offering the following services to families with gifted children:

- * "Mini Minds" - activities for preschoolers
- * "Primary Minds" - activities for primary school aged children and their parents
- * "Teens & Tweens" - activities for teenagers and their parents each term
- * Information evenings with expert speakers covering issues relating to the gifted
- * Daytime and evening social events for parents to share their experience of parenting the gifted child
- * Comprehensive members' library
- * Quarterly newsletter containing professional articles

For further information visit www.giftedsupport.org

or phone Carolyn (9576 5137)

P.O. Box 2808 Cheltenham, 3192

Email address is admin@giftedsupport.org

For the full program of Gifted Support Network activities see the excellent calendar of events at <http://www.giftedsupport.org>

'THE BIG BANG COFFEE CLUB'

The Big Bang Coffee Club meets on the first Monday of the month at 9.30am (School and Public Holidays excepted) at:

The Coffee Club

Shop 49-50

Moonee Ponds Central

14-16 Hall Street

Moonee Ponds

3 hours of free undercover parking is available in the Moonee Ponds Central car park

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MAROONDAH GIFTED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOC.

Morning Coffee at MacDonald's, Maroondah Hwy. Croydon Vic. at 10.30 am on the first Wednesday of the month

Postal address:

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Ringwood East Vic 3135

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CHIP GEELONG

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong

Contact

Meg Kinsley email Kingsleys@optusnet.com.au

Bass Coast/South Gippsland shire, Phillip Island, Wonthaggi area

Megan Leigh would like to connect with other parents of gifted children in the Bass Coast/South Gippsland shire. Phillip Island, Wonthaggi area who would be interested in getting together for a network

Contact Megan Leigh

PO Box 906

Cowes, 3922

Phone (03) 5672 3336

Mobile 0411 469 759

email indigo2crystal@yahoo.com.au

Casterton and district area

Catriona Hill would like to connect with other parents of gifted children in the Casterton and District area

Contact : Catriona Hill

Phone (03)55812529

Mobile 0419008734

Email: antrim@netspace.net.au

Web: <http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/tallpoppysyndrome/>

GIFTED RESOURCE AND INFORMATION GROUP - CASEY/CARDINIA

For families with gifted children in Casey/Cardinia

Meets at Maranatha Christian School Rix Rd, Officer.

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VICTORIA / NEW SOUTH WALES

[NSW ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED & TALENTED CHILDREN ALBURY/WODONGA SUPPORT GROUP](#)

Meets bi-monthly in Wodonga, Victoria, and welcomes parents & teachers of gifted children

For information contact

Secretary, Cathy Baillie (02) 6021 5913

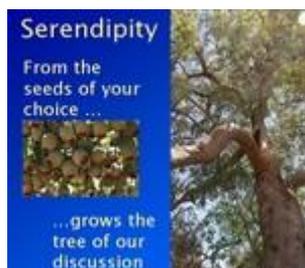
Phone: 02 60215913

Assistant Secretary, Jeannie Bowen (02) 6021 2073

website link <http://www.nswagtc.org.au/albury-wodonga>

Sprite's Site: Global Gatherings, Wonderful Worlds and Webinars

January 2nd, 2011



SerendipEd will be back in 2011 with an Edublogs "Serendipity" session on **Thursday Jan 6th** at 23:00 GMT/UTC (6pm USA EST, Midnight BST) or **Friday Jan 7th** at 1am CEST, 7am West Aus, 10am NSW, depending on your time zone – in the usual Illuminate room. This is one of the fortnightly unconference sessions where you bring along your "hot topics" and "burning issues" for the poll on the topic of the day. If you want to propose a topic in advance then visit the Serendipity Wallwisher at <http://www.wallwisher.com/wall/EdublogsSerendipity> For full details visit Jo Hart's blog at <http://johart1.edublogs.org/>



#gtchat recommences after the Christmas/New year break this week. For Melbourne and Sydney chatters the times are 4.00am and 11.00am Saturday.

For full details see Deborah Mersino's Ingeniosus website <http://www.ingeniosus.net/gtchat>

Transcripts of past #gtchat sessions can be read at <http://www.ingeniosus.net/gtchat-transcripts> The **#gtstooxies** will again hold creative virtual feasts with general chatter and much laughter after **#gtchat**



This worldwide education conference will take place on January 8 (and 9th depending on your location), 2011. The conference is free to attend from the comfort of your home or anywhere you have Internet access! The Reform Symposium offers the opportunity to connect and learn with educators and professionals in the field of education worldwide. *Over 2,400 educators from 59 countries attended the last conference in July 2010.*

I enjoyed attending last year – see <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=748>

and <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=763>

This year the conference will focus on interactive presentations that help teachers with creating engaging classrooms and lessons, building relationships with students, improving literacy, working with interactive whiteboards, and much more! We look forward to 2 keynote speakers, 18 presentations, an open discussion on classroom management, a panel discussion on parental engagement, a mentor program, and an open lab for

hands-on support in helping you continue your professional development in online educator communities. For full details see <http://reformsymposium.com/>



**Next Global virtual meeting in secondlife will be held on Saturday January 29, 2011 at 9pm CEST, 8pm UK.
BAVARIAN CENTRE FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN
VIRTUAL GIFTED CONFERENCES IN SECOND LIFE**

Invited speakers are Dr. Deborah Ruf from USA, Mary St George from New Zealand.

Topic: "UNDERACHIEVER"

Here is some information on how to join:

1. Create an avatar in secondlife

(<http://secondlife.com/whatis/avatar/?lang=en-US>)

2. Send your avatar's name to info@begabungszentrum-bayern.de

3. To participate in this meeting you need a headset.

4. The meeting will take place in

(<http://slurl.com/secondlife/Degar/229/86/59>)

You can view the 3rd Global Virtual Meeting in Gifted Education in Secondlife with!

Invited speaker: Dr. Monita Leavitt from USA.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zh7POgkS5U>

For further information contact

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FROM TAISIR YAMIN of World Council for Gifted & Talented Children

The unforeseen political circumstances which have arisen in South Korea have necessitated the Executive Committee of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children (WCGTC) to make a very difficult decision. In consideration of the safety of our conference participants, it has become necessary to find a new location for the 19th World Conference.

We are extremely pleased to announce that the conference has been moved to Prague, the Czech Republic, a beautiful, historic city in Eastern Europe.

The 19th World Conference will take place in Prague (August 8-12, 2011). More details about the conference will be announced soon.

We are very sorry for any inconvenience this causes you. Please contact our new headquarters in Bowling Green, in January with any problems. Also, please watch our web-site for more information.

WCGTC <https://world-gifted.org/>

From Bill Zimmerman

Creator, MakeBeliefsComix, and author, "Your Life in Comics"

MakeBeliefsComix.com Adds 100-plus free printables to help ESL, Literacy students write, read and tell Stories

Dear colleague

As an author of interactive books to help young people find their writers' voices, I often am asked by educators and parents for help in reaching reluctant writers. With this goal in mind, I have added more than 100 free PRINTABLES on my online comic strip site, MakeBeliefsComix.com. Now you can print out, at no cost, interactive pages from my comic books to use for writing, reading, drawing and telling stories.

This enhanced MakeBeliefs PRINTABLES feature is the latest addition to the four year-old online educational comics site where educators and students from 180 countries come to build their own comic strips and practice language, writing and reading skills. The new printable pages are taken from my popular Make Beliefs books and drawn by cartoonist Tom Bloom, who illustrated the best-selling Children's Letters to God.

Google and UNESCO selected MakeBeliefsComix.com as one of the world's most innovative web sites fostering literacy and reading -- <http://www.google.com/literacy/projects.html>.

Users of MakeBeliefsComix.com make comics strips by selecting from 20 fun characters with different moods -- happy, sad, angry, worried -- and write words for blank talk and thought balloons to make characters talk and think. This site is used by educators to teach language, reading and writing skills, and also for students in ESL programs to facilitate self-expression and storytelling, as well as computer literacy. Some educational therapists use the online comics with deaf and autistic people to help them understand concepts and communicate. Parents and children can create stories together, print them to create comic books or email them to friends.

For copies of the printables go to <http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/Printables>

Bill Zimmerman

Creator, MakeBeliefsComix, and author, "Your Life in Comics"

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

What is gifted education?

<http://www.authorstream.com/Presentation/48.cowens-707280-what-is-gifted-education/>

World Council for Gifted & Talented Children

<https://world-gifted.org/>

World Council for Gifted & Talented Children moves to WKU

<http://wkunews.wordpress.com/2010/11/16/gifted-worldcouncil/>

Free clip art by Phillip Martin
<http://www.phillipmartin.info/clipart/homepage.htm>

SimpleK12 Free photo sites
<http://blog.simplek12.com/education/4-free-photo-sites/>

everystockphoto
<http://everystockphoto.com/>

Wonderville
<http://www.wonderville.ca/>

The world of mismatched socks
<http://www.theworldofmismatchedsocks.blogspot.com/>
The thinking person's guide to autism blog
<http://thinkingautismguide.blogspot.com/2010/12/raising-aspergers-kids-generalizing.html>

Edtechworkshop blog
<http://www.edtechworkshop.blogspot.com/>

Les Links Innreach blog post
<http://innreach.wordpress.com/2010/11/06/on-giftedness-and-motion-emotion-and-motivation-the-three-stooges/>

Washington Coalition for Gifted
<http://wcge.wordpress.com/>

Just Margaret
<http://networkedblogs.com/bVWo6>

Cybraryman's PLN builder
<http://www.cybraryman.com/plnstars.html>

Change entry of Victorian Ed Dept to
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/studentlearning/programs/gifted/>

Thiagi Training games
<http://www.thiagi.com/games.html>

Echuca Learning E-books
<http://echucalearning.wikispaces.com/E+Books>

Douglas Eby
<http://personalgrowthinformation.com/psychologist-michael-britt-on-self-esteem-the-incredibles-and-american-idol/>

Profoundly gifted homeschooler
<http://www.daytondailynews.com/lifestyle/gifted-child-uses-talents-globally-1025341.html>

Using praise with your gifted child
<http://www.relaxkids.com/library-article.aspx?article=31>

Fascinating list of blogs
<http://dougpete.wordpress.com/2010/12/20/fascinating-list-of-blogs/>

Learnitin5 blog Embedit

<http://learnitin5.editme.com/Web-20-Lesson-Plans>

Learnitin5 blog Slide Rocket

<http://learnitin5.editme.com/Slide-Rocket>

TED talks YouTube and copyright

<http://learnitin5.editme.com/YouTube-and-copyright>

Exquisite minds

<http://www.exquisite-minds.com/>

100 Incredible Open lectures for math geeks

<http://www.onlinecollege.org/2009/10/19/100-incredible-open-lectures-for-math-geeks/>

PISA results and their implications for gifted education

<http://giftedparentingsupport.blogspot.com/2010/12/pisa-results-and-their-implications-for.html>

Byrdseed gifted A dozen gifted ed resources

<http://www.byrdseed.com/a-dozen-gifted-ed-resources/>

Co-operative catalyst Action steps

<http://coopcatalyst.wordpress.com/2010/12/20/action-steps/>

Wizard of Ed Four Action Steps

<http://azjd.wordpress.com/2010/12/29/the-wizard-of-ed-four-action-steps/>

Action step for change Quote Einstein more often

<http://beckyfisher73.posterous.com/action-step-for-change-quote-einstein-more-of>

Belin Blank Centre webinars

<http://www.education.uiowa.edu/belinblank/programs/educators/webinar/Registration.aspx>

UC Irvine Extension Free events

<http://unex.uci.edu/services/events/>

Previous UC Irvine Extension Free events webinars

<http://unex.uci.edu/services/events/recorded.asp>

Connected Principals blog – A Baker's dozen to follow

<http://www.connectedprincipals.com/archives/2070>

What did you do in 2010?

Seth Godin http://sethgodin.typepad.com/seths_blog/2010/12/yearinreview.html

Tom Barrett <http://edte.ch/blog/2011/01/01/my-2010/>

Dazzled and Frazzled's End of Year Review

<http://www.dazzledandfrazzled.com/2010/12/dazzled-and-frazzleds-end-of-year.html?sref=tw>

365 projects

<http://365project.org/>

Flickr 365 photos projects

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/366photos/>

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You may also access back issues of the newsletter (from January 2005), or change your subscription options, from this address.

If you have news of events, conferences, lectures, workshops, children's programmes, etc. that you would like included in our newsletter please email contributions@giftedresources.org

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