

Worlds of Wisdom and Wonder

January 15, 22,
29, February 5, 12
Sundays, 2:00-4:30 p.m.

Meridian Middle School
2195 Brandywyn
Buffalo Grove



*A creative, exciting winter
program for bright and
talented students in
grades PreK - 10*



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The Center for Gifted will offer Worlds of Wisdom and Wonder for five Sunday afternoons, January 15-February 12, 2:00-4:30 at Meridian Middle School in Buffalo Grove. Exciting classes with hands-on involvement and new, fresh ideas and activities will give every child a unique learning opportunity. Students will choose two classes or one workshop offered for five Sundays. Classes are filled with motivated children and young people, PreK-grade 10, who enjoy seeing new possibilities for learning. Classes are open to students who will benefit from this creative, challenging kind of program.

Students from Aptakisic-Tripp School District 102 will receive a discount as District 102 is a partner with the Center for Gifted and is hosting the program. Students with financial need can apply for scholarships which range from one half to full. Scholarship forms are available from the Center for Gifted. Parents who have questions can call the Center for Gifted at 847-901-0173 or Joan Smutny at 847-256-1220.

Presidents' Day Weekend - Feb. 17-20, 2012

PROJECT WORKSHOP

72 Hour Student Film Festival



*with
Johnny White*

**It's a mad cap filmmaking weekend adventure inspired by
"The 48 Hour Film Project"**

Detailed information will be forthcoming.

Perspective

Founded in 1983, The Center for Gifted serves children who express capacity for excellent performance in diverse academic, intellectual, and artistic areas of intelligence, by designing and producing programs that advance their unique talents. Creative materials and strategies, and teaching that inspires critical and creative thinking, enable students to solve problems and discover new solutions. Hands-on activities and inventive modes of participation foster originality and imagination. The absence of tests and grades encourages freedom of self-expression and an eagerness to take on new challenges. As E. Paul Torrance, a pioneer in the field of gifted education, has said, "Creativity is the highest form of mental functioning."

Manifesto for Children

E. Paul Torrance

1. Don't be afraid to fall in love with something and pursue it with intensity.
2. Know, understand, take pride in, practice, develop, exploit, and enjoy your greatest strengths.
3. Learn to free yourself from the expectations of others and to walk away from the games they impose on you. Free yourself to play your own game.
4. Find a great teacher or mentor who will help you.
5. Don't waste time trying to be well rounded.
6. Do what you love and can do well.
7. Learn the skills of interdependence.

Founder and Director of The Center for Gifted, Joan Franklin Smutny welcomes thousands of gifted children to her winter and summer programs annually. She teaches creative writing to young students at her programs, as well as gifted education courses to graduate students at the university level. Joan has authored, co-authored, and edited many articles and books on gifted education for teachers and parents, the most recent of which include *Teaching Advanced Learners in the General Education Classroom* (2012), *Parenting Gifted Children* (2011), *Manifesto of the Gifted Girl* (2010), *Differentiating for the Young Gifted Child, 2nd Edition* (2010), *Igniting Creativity in Gifted Learners, K-6* (2009), *Acceleration for Gifted Learners, K-5* (2007), and *Reclaiming the Lives of Gifted Girls and Women* (2007). In 1996, Joan received the NAGC Distinguished Service Award for her outstanding contribution to the field of gifted education.

Overview of Programs

Our five winter 2012 Worlds of Wisdom and Wonder programs meet on Sunday afternoons for five weeks, each. **Program hours for all students at all locations are 2:00 to 4:30.**

For most students, Sunday afternoons consist of two classes, chosen by the students from a variety of exciting topics. For very young students, we have selected courses and themes to be explored in interdisciplinary settings, through literature, art, science, drama, math, and movement. Older students may choose to enroll in a single workshop, which meets for the entire 2½ hours every week.

Application / Placement / Email Notifications

Enrollment for each program location remains open until the program begins. For fast, easy, and secure service, please consider applying online at www.centerforgifted.org. Applications are also accepted by mail, and in person. Forms can be printed from our website, as well. The address for mailing applications is: **The Center for Gifted, Box 364, Wilmette, IL 60091.**

Parents are notified of enrollment status when we have received their complete applications. Applications for students who are new to our programs are not complete until we also have received their teacher recommendations (*see Eligibility section*).

Students are placed in classes on a rolling basis, per application dates. They are generally placed in classes with their age peers, with only two or three grade levels in any one classroom. Exceptions are made based on course content, presentation, and student readiness.

A week or two before programs begin, parents receive enrollment packets which include their children's individual class assignments.

Please note: Notifications (enrollment status, course placement and others) are sent to parents by email from info@centerforgifted.org. Families should enable their email programs to allow emails from this address. Families who do not provide an email address will receive all information by mail.

Tuition / Fees / Financial Aid

Tuition is \$195 for the entire five-Sunday program at each location. It is due in full with the application, as are any applicable lab fees (see course descriptions). We accept payments by check, money order, credit card, and cash. Make checks and money orders payable to The Center for Gifted. **Applications received on or before December 1st, 2011 will receive a 10% early enrollment discount.** This may not be combined with any other discounts.

\$40 of tuition is non-refundable; parents who withdraw their child before the program begins will receive a refund of the balance paid. There are no credits or refunds for withdrawing after a program begins, or for absences or late or partial enrollments for any reason. There are no sibling discounts.

Financial assistance is available based on need. Please contact us for more information.

Parent Seminars

Educating parents about gifted education and parenting is inherent in the purpose and value of our programs. At all winter locations, we shall offer on-site seminars designed specifically for parents of bright, motivated children. Information about seminar topics, dates, and speakers will be included in enrollment packets. Please join us!

PreK-K *Students will enjoy the following three 50-minute classes every Sunday:*

Science Spies: Conduct hands-on lab investigations to uncover hidden principles of sundry motions and potions.

How to Measure an Elephant: Discover the math, science, and fun of calculating sizes, shapes, and volumes of things, from the ordinary to the very weird!

Tall Tales, Small Tales: Imagine, create, construct, and dramatize as you journey through and around wild things and amazing places in literature and in your own imagination.

Grades 1-8 *Students enrolling in two 75-minute courses choose from the following.**

Creative Writing: Compose stories and poetry inspired by posters, paintings, films, books, etc. Be published in your class magazine. **Grades 1-8**

Medieval Times: Investigate the age of castles, knights, and flying unicorns. Build a castle, design your coat of arms, throw a feast . . . and don't forget to feed your dragon! **Grades 1-4**

Lego WeDo Robotics: Build robots, including an alligator robot, with Legos, motors, gears, and sensors. Program your robots using a computer. Explore principles of engineering. (\$10 lab fee) **Grades 1-2**

Lego Mindstorms Robotics: Design and build computerized robots! Discover their capabilities as you experiment with engineering and programming solutions to solve daily challenges. (\$10 lab fee) **Grades 3-8**

Lego Robotics Competition: Join with other advanced Lego robotics students to strategize, design, program, and ultimately race your robots. (Prerequisite: at least one Lego Mindstorms Robotics course.) (\$10 lab fee) **Grades 3-8**

Sculpture Studio: Create, shape, mold, and model your ideas into 3-D masterpieces of such diverse media as clay, fabric, wood, and wire. **Grades 1-8**

Math to Boggle the Brain: Tackle logic puzzles, solve sequencing secrets, ponder math riddles, and create your own mind-bogglers. **Grades 1-4**

Physical Prestidigitations: Imagine becoming Galileo performing the first experiment on gravity or an astronomer calculating the distance to the Moon. Focus on historical physics and astronomy investigations, concluding with scientific messing around in Vito's Block Museum. (This class is for the mathematically inclined.) **Grades 4-8**

Computer Game Design: Intro to Scratch: Learn to program in Scratch as you explore different design options and create your own computer game. **Grades 3-8**

Advanced Programming in Scratch: Build on earlier programming knowledge to create more sophisticated games using Scratch. (Prerequisite: at least one programming class in Scratch.) **Grades 3-8**

Chess Club: Explore exciting strategies, sneaky openings, and skillful end games. All chess enthusiasts welcome! **Grades 1-6**



Drama, Music, and Art: Collaborate to create a play, compose music, and design sets. Allow your creativity to join with others as you act, sing, and paint! **Grades 1-8**

Workshops for Grades 5-10

*Students enrolling in a 2½ hour workshop choose from the following.**

Historic Games of Strategy and Diplomacy: Re-enact history through games of strategy. Expand empires through 4,000 years of *History of the World*; invade *Brittania*; lay iron track across the prairie as an *Empire Builder* or across Europe in *Eurorails*; fight World War II in *Axis and Allies*. Fight past wars to prevent them in the future. **Grades 5-10**

Electronics and Robotics Lab: Explore electronic components and learn basic circuitry while constructing various projects, from sirens to dice to robots! Learn to solder, decipher technical instructions, assemble circuit boards, and read schematic diagrams. (\$60 lab fee) **Grades 5-10**

**Students in 5th-8th grades have the option of enrolling in either two 75-minute courses or a 2½ hour workshop.*

Eligibility

Ideal candidates typically evidence many of the following talents and gifts:

- Express curiosity and creativity
- Enjoy challenges
- Ask thoughtful questions
- Have unique problem-solving abilities
- Are keenly observant
- Have well-developed imaginations
- Demonstrate talent in art, music, writing, or drama
- Act independently and with initiative
- Have extensive vocabularies
- Use complex language skills
- Discuss and elaborate on ideas
- Use learned information in new contexts
- Show ability to place objects in logical sequence
- Enjoy reading
- Create and tell stories
- Exhibit wit and humor
- Have sustained attention spans
- Have good memories

Bright, talented, motivated students, in grades PreK-10th, from any city or educational setting, whether public, private, parochial, or home school, are eligible. They need not be enrolled in school gifted programs. Test scores are requested, but are not the sole criterion.

Enrollees generally rank at or above the 95th percentile in some areas. We recognize and discern the great variety of talents and abilities that students express. Parents may request a conference with the Director regarding their individual child.

New students must submit completed and signed teacher recommendation forms (see form below or print one from our website at www.centerforgifted.org).

Returning students do not require teacher recommendations. They are admitted upon our timely receipt of their applications.

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Winter 2012: Teacher Recommendation Form

Student's full name _____

Name & city of school _____

Current grade level: _____ Is student in your school's gifted program? yes no don't have one

Would you recommend this student for our program(s)? yes no see comments

Please rank:	exceptional	above avg.	avg.	below avg.
general work	4	3	2	1
commitment	4	3	2	1
creativity	4	3	2	1
motivation	4	3	2	1

Teacher's signature _____

Date _____

Comments (special talents, abilities, achievements, etc.): _____

Standardized Achievement Testing:

Name of test: _____

Date administered: _____

Scores:

Reading _____ Language _____

Math _____ Science _____

Total Battery _____ Other _____

Scores are not required of students who have not been tested.

Application for Admission

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Office use only:

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Please print. Complete a separate application for each student. Mail with your deposit (check, money order, or credit or debit card authorization) to: **The Center for Gifted; Box 364; Wilmette, IL 60091.** Call or email with questions: 847-901-0173; info@centerforgifted.org.

Student's full name _____ Birth date (mm/dd/yy) _____

Gender: _____ male _____ female Student's current grade level: PK K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Name of current school _____ Location (city) of current school _____

Has student participated in a previous CFG program? _____ yes _____ no

Recommendation is (check one) _____ enclosed _____ to follow _____ not required

Full name of parent/guardian _____

Address _____ City, state, zip _____

Phones: Home _____ Cell _____ Other _____

Relationship to student _____ Are you interested in carpooling? _____ yes _____ no

Family email address for all program info: _____

I hereby grant The Center for Gifted permission to photograph this student and publish any such images and any of his/her work on its website, in its publications, both digital and print, and in other media controlled or approved by The Center for Gifted. I will make no monetary or other claim against The Center for Gifted for its ethical and appropriate use of these items.

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date _____

Program and Course Selections:

Please check the appropriate blank(s) below to indicate the program location(s) you have chosen. To select courses, review the course offerings for your child's grade level at your program location(s). Course choices do NOT need to be listed below for students in preK and kindergarten. For students in 1st-8th grades who are enrolling in two courses, please list FOUR courses below (two favorites and two alternates) in order of preference. For students in 5th-10th grades enrolling in a workshop, simply write the name of the workshop preferred. **Students are placed with their age peers, usually with two grade levels per classroom. Please note that some programs overlap and dates vary by location.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Buffalo Grove <input type="checkbox"/> Elmhurst <input type="checkbox"/> Oak Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> Burr Ridge	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicago/Lakeview
a. _____	a. _____	a. _____
b. _____	b. _____	b. _____
c. _____	c. _____	c. _____
d. _____	d. _____	d. _____

Payment: Application must include the full tuition of \$195.00. Lab fees (if applicable) are also due at the time of application. **Total enclosed or authorized:** \$ _____

Check one:

_____ My check or money order for the above amount payable to The Center for Gifted is enclosed.

_____ Charge my credit or debit card for the above amount. Card type is: _____ MasterCard _____ Visa

Credit card number _____ Expiration date: _____

Cardholder's name (as printed on card) _____ Cardholder's zip code _____

Authorized signature _____ Today's date _____

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