# East Central BOCES Gifted Education

# Challenger Update

January- March, 2013

## Calendar

- GT Networking Meeting—Jan. 17th 9-3pm, ECBOCES West Room
- Beyond Giftedness 20th Annual Conference—Feb. 22, 2013 8:30-3:30, Arvada Center for the Arts, Cost $99
- Ultimate Celebration Regional Event - 3rd-6th Graders, Feb. 23, 2013, 9:30-4pm, NJC Sterling, CO
- GT Networking Meeting—April 11th— 9-3pm, ECBOCES West Room
- Gifted Director's Meeting, April 25-26, 2013, Doubletree Hotel, Aurora, CO
- Ultimate Scavenger Hunt Regional Event–7-12th Graders, May 28-30, 2013 -Ponderosa Retreat, Larkspur, CO

## Professional Development

- **Differentiating for Gifted Learners: Feb. 4-Mar. 22nd.** Facilitated by Shannon Eckert.

This online course is offered to teachers in the East Central BOCES region. To register, please contact Pam Pekarek at pamp@ecboces.org.

- **Khan Academy** – Prepare to Integrate Khan into Your Classroom Curriculum; **Feb. 7 and March 7th** over VNETS 4:30-6:30 pm. Facilitated by Pam Pekarek and Emma Richardson.

*Gifted students' learning and growth ensured by needed provisions and advocacy*

## Highlights

**NAGC Convention, Nov. 2013:**

- ECBOCES had twenty-two GT coordinators, teachers, and administrators from our region attend the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) Convention in Denver. This three-day convention proved to be highly informative as participants learned about the latest programs, strategies, and resources available to educators to better support the needs of advanced students.
- **January, 2013 Network Meeting:** GT Coordinators were introduced to the new ECBOCES Body of Evidence Form. This form was created to assist GT Coordinators with compiling student data and analyzing that data to determine GT identification. Coordinators also shared ideas learned at NAGC and worked on their GT Handbook revisions.
- **2013 Ultimate Scavenger Hunt:** This year students will travel to Ponderosa Retreat in Larkspur and The Challenger Learning Center in Colorado Springs. During this event, students will work as a team to overcome emergencies during their Voyage to Mars mission, push their limits in the physical Challenge Course, experiment with the world of robotics, and engage in a culminating activity where they put the world as we know it on trial.

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