

# October 2009 Gifted Education News

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## Needs Based Classes (NBC) Information

### Week(s) of:

- Sept. 28-Oct. 2 NBC #1, session 1
- Oct. 5-9 NBC #1, session 2 (Friday workshop day)
- Oct. 12-16 NBC #1, session 3 (MEA weekend)
- Oct. 19-23 NBC #1, session 4
- Oct. 26-30 NBC #1, session 5

### Acronyms and abbreviations:

GE= Gifted Education

NBC= Needs Based Classes

CBS=Cluster Based Service

## Collaboration in the Classroom (CBS) Information

- Sept. 7 - 11 GE and Classroom Collaboration, K-6
- Sept. 21 - 25 GE and Classroom Collaboration, K-6

Grades KDG and 1: Collaborative enrichment

During these sessions, the GE teacher goes in to each classroom to teach an enrichment lesson. The focus in KDG is on thinking skills and in Grade 1 the focus is on word use.

Grades 2 - 6: Cluster collaboration

During this session, the GE teacher goes in to each cluster classroom to survey students to guide the students in learning about themselves.

### NBC #1:

Grades 2-6: Affective

During this class, students will learn about the brain, test taking strategies, creativity and psychology.

### Changes in GE services:

Many changes have occurred for the 2009-2010 school year. Here are a few of the changes:

- NBC pull-out classes have replaced ExCEL classes
- CML is not a part of the GE curriculum and services
- More services in the regular classroom provided by the gifted education teacher
- GE services now include Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade

### Thank you:

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the Informational Parent Meeting at Edinbrook Elementary on September 17<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to seeing you at fall conferences.

## GE Identification Information:

### Sixth Grade—Junior High Classes:

\* The first trimester grades earned by sixth graders are a critical factor in determining placement in seventh grade classes. \* Math acceleration from sixth grade to junior high also includes the RIT testing results from the NWEA/MAP assessment.

For more information about GE Services, please access our web site:

<http://www.district279.org/services/TalentedGifted/GeneralInformation/>