

# CONNECTIONS

*A symposium for  
parents of gifted*

*Parents of gifted rarely have the opportunity to get information about the specific academic, emotional and social needs of their gifted children. They have even less opportunity to talk with other adults candidly about the delights and the challenges of raising truly bright children.*

## Keynote speakers:

**Steve Curtis, PhD.** “Appropriate Parent Expectations of Their Gifted Child’s School Experience” Goal is to help attendees get a grasp on what the school experience can be and what expectations are too ambitious. Attendees will be given ideas on how to find other activities that can fill in gaps left by the realistic school experience.

**Nancy Hertzog, PhD.** “Enhancing Creativity and Inspiring Curiosity at Home” Practical suggestions will be shared for designing the home environment to foster children’s creativity and curiosity. Presenter will share ideas for redesigning the learning environment as the “Third Teacher.” Participants will collaboratively think about ways they can provoke curiosity at home by purposefully creating intriguing aesthetical spaces for their children.

**Saturday, January 29, 2011**  
**Redmond High School**  
**Performance Center**  
**17272 NE 104th Street**  
**Redmond, WA 98052**  
**8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

NWGCA members Pre-Register \$24

Non members Pre-Register \$59\*

Pre-Registration Closes January 25th

At the door, \$30/\$65\*

Additional family members pay only \$5

\*Non member rate includes one-year membership in Northwest Gifted Child Association

Choose 2 options for small group discussions:

### Session 1:

“**What your Gifted Kids Want You to Know**” *Jane Hesslein*  
Discuss what gifted kids wish their parents knew about them.

“**Perfectionism: The Gift and the Rock**” *Sandy Malone-Long*,  
Learn to help gifted children reduce stress and enjoy success.

“**Twice Exceptional Learners**” *Steve Curtis, PhD.* Strategize ways to work effectively with your child’s school.

### Session 2:

“**Tweens**” *Lisa Kreiger, gifted education middle school teacher*,  
Discover the young teens’ world and how to help them navigate it.

“**Advocacy from Classrooms to the Capitol**” *Marcia Holland Risch*  
Acquire skills for effective school based advocacy and legislative savvy.

“**BrainSports**” *LWGEAC parents* Gather resources on how to develop academic competitions in your own school.

- Do you have **questions** about your child’s exceptional abilities and differences?
- How often can you **talk with educators** and other parents who understand about the joys and challenges of raising a high-ability child?
- Will you invest half a day **reminding yourself of the joys of giftedness**?

Register via PayPal at [www.nwgca.org](http://www.nwgca.org)

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