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# CHALLENGE NEWSLETTER

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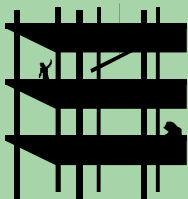
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## FROM THE COORDINATOR

DEAR CHALLENGE PARENTS  
AND FRIENDS:

WELCOME TO THE 2003-  
2004 SCHOOL YEAR. WE'RE  
OFF TO A WONDERFUL START.  
WE'VE FINISHED ISTEP TESTING  
AND ARE ONLY A FEW WEEKS  
AWAY FROM THE END OF THE  
FIRST 9 WEEK GRADING PERIOD.

I AM SO EXCITED TO TELL  
YOU ABOUT AN OUTSTANDING  
OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS OF  
GIFTED STUDENTS. THE  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR  
GIFTED CHILDREN ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN  
INDIANAPOLIS ON NOVEMBER  
14-16<sup>TH</sup>. A SPECIAL DAY FOR  
PARENTS WILL BE HELD ON THE  
15<sup>TH</sup>. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE  
AND HEAR SOME OF THE  
FOREMOST AUTHORITIES IN THE  
FIELD OF GIFTED EDUCATION.  
THE COST OF THE DAY IS \$60  
AND THIS INCLUDES LUNCH AND

A YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE  
INDIANA ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
GIFTED. I HAVE INCLUDED THE  
INFORMATION FOR YOU TO REGISTER  
IN THIS NEWSLETTER. I WOULD LOVE  
TO SEE A BUS OF LAFAYETTE  
PARENTS ATTEND THIS MEETING,  
WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. AND  
CONCLUDE AT 5:00 P.M. ATTENDEES  
WILL ALSO RECEIVE A CD-ROM WITH  
ALL SPEAKER HANDOUTS, MANY  
ARTICLES, AND A GLOSSARY OF  
GIFTED EDUCATION TERMS. YOU  
WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO VISIT AND  
PURCHASE MATERIALS FROM OVER  
100 EXHIBITORS. I HOPE TO SEE  
MANY OF YOU THERE!

BEST WISHES,

VICKI VAUGHN

## FYI

### BROAD BASED PLANNING TEAM - 2003-2004

- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER  
29, 7:00 P.M., AT THE  
HIATT ADMINISTRATION  
CENTER IN THE  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
CONFERENCE ROOM
- THURSDAY, JANUARY  
22, 6:30 P.M., AT THE  
HIATT ADMINISTRATION  
CENTER IN THE BOARD  
ROOM

- TUESDAY, MARCH 23,  
4:15 P.M., AT THE HIATT  
ADMINISTRATION  
CENTER IN THE  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
CONFERENCE ROOM

**PARENTS, TEACHERS,  
COUNSELORS,  
ADMINISTRATORS AND  
INTERESTED COMMUNITY  
MEMBERS ARE INVITED  
TO ATTEND.**

Dear Challenge Parents:

I hope the new school year is off to a good start for you and your children. As you know, budgets this year are tight. The Challenge program grants have been cut by 15%, leaving no room for the administration to provide the kinds of training and resources for the teachers they would like to. Last year the parents' group decided they did not want to have a fundraiser that would have the kids selling items, but would rather just donate money. I'm going to follow that model again this year and ask for your donation to the Challenge program. The money will again be used to buy resources for the classrooms and to help send teachers to the National Gifted Education Conference, which will be held in Indianapolis this October.

I believe there is no better investment we can make than to give the Challenge program teachers the resources and information they need to make the program the best it can be. Considering the warm thanks I got from teachers for last years contributions, I know these gifts are appreciated.

Please make your check payable to "Edgelea TPA – Challenge Fund" and send them to

*Dr. Vicki Vaughn, Challenge Program Coordinator*  
*Edgelea Elementary School*  
[2910 South 18th Street](#)  
*Lafayette, IN 47905*

Please send in your contribution by October 20<sup>th</sup>, it will enhance your child's educational experience and show your support for this valuable program.

If you would like to be on our email list, sign up by simply sending me an email at [andy@purdue.edu](mailto:andy@purdue.edu) This is the fastest, and least expensive ways I have to keep in touch with you.

Sincerely,

Andy Hughes  
Challenge Parents' Group Chair

**IMPORTANT TESTING DATES:****HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS:****SAT:** SITE IS JEFF H.S.Test Date:      Reg. Deadline:

November 1      September 26

December 6      October 30

January 21      December 22

March 27      February 20

May 1      March 25

Register at your school with your

Guidance Counselor or register

Online at: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)**ACT:** SITE IS JEFF H.S.Test Date:      Reg. Deadline:

February 7      January 2

June 12      May 7

Register at your school

with your Guidance

Counselor or register

Online at: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

The **PSAT**, the National Merit Scholarship qualifying test will be offered to Juniors and interested Sophomores on Tuesday, **October 21**. Information is available in the Guidance Department at Jeff High School.

The Indiana Association for the Gifted presents

## Parent Day

# National Association for Gifted Children's 50th Anniversary Convention

**Saturday, November 15, 2003**

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM (registration begins at 7:15 AM), Indianapolis Convention Center;

Registration deadline: November 1<sup>st</sup>

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**The Pressures Gifted Children Feel and How Parents Can Help**  
**How Parents Can Help Themselves and Their Schools**  
**The Joys and Concerns of Raising a Gifted Child**  
**Current Research about Gifted and Talented Students:**  
**What Do We Know and How Do We Use this Information?**  
**Options for Families Beyond the Schools**

**Dr. Sylvia Rimm**  
**Panel of Experts**  
**Dr. Bertie Kingore**  
**Dr. Sally Reis**

**Dr. Tracy Cross**

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**Join a national expert at lunch to discuss a topic of choice**  
**Meet other Indiana parents of gifted children.**

**Receive a free one -year membership** in the Indiana Association for the Gifted,  
which includes timely information on G/T issues and opportunities in Indiana.

### Receive a CD -ROM with:

Speaker handouts - articles of interest - a complete glossary of gifted education terms - Indiana law related to gifted education - how to advocate for improvements in your child's education - information on Ball State, Purdue, and Indiana University resources for gifted education - The Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics, and Humanities - Center for Talent Development at Northwestern University - other regional resources - web- based sites of interest - how to get IAG support for forming parent groups - and more.

**Visit more than 100 exhibitors** with books, games, materials and  
programs of special interest to gifted students.

**Learn about NAGC:** Online parent specialist - Parenting for High Potential magazine - a national project on social and emotional needs of gifted children - other resources for gifted children.

Registration: \$60 per person, covers everything listed above, morning coffee and rolls, and lunch.  
Registrations received after November 1<sup>st</sup> may not be able to receive lunch or participate in lunch talks.

**Space is limited; register now.**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

School Corporation \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Grades of your gifted children: Pre K \_\_\_\_\_ K- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ 6- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ 9- 12 \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

If you are willing to become involved in IAG, indicate your preference:

contacting other parents  organizing a local event  organizing a regional event

Send check for \$60, made payable to "IAG", to Sally Henson, 9229 Birch Avenue, Munster, IN 46321.

Notice of confirmation will be sent via email.

Questions? Visit the IAG website [www.iag-online.org](http://www.iag-online.org)

email Carol Bainbridge at [cbainbridge@alumni.indiana.edu](mailto:cbainbridge@alumni.indiana.edu) or call Diana Kalbac at 219- 365- 2471