

MINDS IN MOTION COLCHESTER

**SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010
JACK JACKTER INERMEDIATE SCHOOL
215 HALLS HILL ROAD, COLCHESTER, CT 06415**



12:30 Check-in; Workshops 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.

FAST-PACED, HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS
FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K – 8
FREE PARENT & TEACHER KEYNOTE ADDRESS & WORKSHOPS
FREE LITERATURE, EXHIBITORS, VENDORS AND MORE

**REGISTER BY MAIL USING ATTACHED FORM or
REGISTER ONLINE AT CAG WEBSITE, www.ctgifted.org
REGISTRATION DEADLINE – Saturday, March 13, 2010
REGISTER EARLY – FIRST COME FIRST SERVED! NO REFUNDS.**

WHAT TO DO?

Any child interested in participating in these workshops is encouraged to attend. Please choose workshops from your grade group. The workshops are assigned on a first come, first served basis.* *You must list at least 4 choices.* Every effort will be made to give students their preference. **WE DO NOT ACKNOWLEDGE REGISTRATION.** You will be notified if there is a problem, and your enrollment will be refunded if there is no space. Registrations can be mailed to the address listed on the form or completed online at www.ctgifted.org. **Priority registration for children of parents who volunteer!*

CHECK IN BY 12:45 or risk forfeiting your child's workshop assignment.

***KEYNOTE ADDRESS & WORKSHOPS OPEN TO ALL PARENTS AND TEACHERS EVEN IF YOUR CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND PROGRAM
(Please pre-register online or using attached form)***

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CAG is a nonprofit, volunteer organization that has been supporting the needs of gifted and talented children in the State of Connecticut since 1969. CAG sponsors *Minds In Motion* and *Minds on Location* enrichment programs, the *CAG Advocate* newsletter, conferences and speakers, teacher and parent support groups, and works with both the Connecticut state legislature and the State Department of Education. For more information, and to become a member online, visit www.ctgifted.org.

STUDENT SCHEDULE

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| 12:30 – 12:45 | CHECK IN |
| Grades K-1 | |
| 1:00 – 2:00 | 1 ST WORKSHOP |
| 2:00 – 3:00 | BREAKOUT/SNACK |
| 3:00 – 4:00 | 2 ND WORKSHOP |
| Grades 2-5 | |
| 1:00 – 2:25 | 1 ST WORKSHOP |
| 2:30 – 4:00 | 2 ND WORKSHOP |
| Grades 6-8 | |
| 1:00 – 4:00 | ONE WORKSHOP |

PARENT/TEACHER SCHEDULE

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| 12:45 | CHILDREN TO WORKSHOP |
| 1:00-2:30 | KEYNOTE ADDRESS (Must pre-register on form or website) |
| 2:30-2:55 | VENDOR SHOPPING (Resources, Books and Exhibitors) |
| 2:55-3:55 | CHOICE OF WORKSHOPS (Please indicate choice on form or website) |
| 4:00 | PICK UP CHILDREN |

GRADES K-1

(Students take two one-hour workshops – All K-1 children participate in one-hour breakout session between classes)

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Ready, Set, Dance!</p> <p>An action-packed, fun-filled interactive dance class utilizing props and creative movement activities specifically designed for this age group. As students are led through this dance class they will also learn about each integral part of a professional dance class. Taught by certified instructors with age appropriate music.</p> <p><i>Doreen's Dance Center, Colchester</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Making Useful Objects out of Recycled Materials</p> <p>Students will make birdhouses, bracelets, and paper from recycled materials.</p> <p><i>Jill Levasseur and the Bacon Academy Environmental Club, Colchester</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Bubble-ology</p> <p>Captivating, colorful and fun to make, they are also excellent demonstrations of scientific phenomena. Bubble-ology is a motivating and powerful introduction to the process and substance of science...and besides it's good, clean, fun!</p> <p><i>Karen Rubin, CT Science Center</i></p> |
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GRADES 2-3

(Students take two ninety-minute workshops)

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Rockets, Worms, and Other Cool Science</p> <p>Examine the science behind, and have fun making, alka seltzer rockets, instant worms, and other really cool things.</p> <p><i>Thomas Tyler, Environmental Engineer, Colchester</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Crazy Chemistry</p> <p>Mix up a few reactive ingredients for sensational results. Create and explore with your own mad science putty. This is Mad Science program will put your mind in motion!</p> <p><i>Chris Cotter, Mad Science of Southeastern CT</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Origami</p> <p>Origami is the art of paper folding. It is also a unique fun mathematical activity because one can take a sheet of paper and transform it into a three-dimensional object. Please join us for the fun moment!</p> <p><i>Annie Cao, Southeastern CT Chinese School</i></p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Scratch!-A Programming Language for All Ages</p> <p>If your child can put puzzle pieces together or build things with Lego blocks, then he or she can create his/her own animation and program his/her own robotic creation. The secret: Scratch! Scratch, a creation from the great minds at MIT, makes creating animation and other forms of computer programming a cinch. In this workshop, participants will learn the basics of Scratch and will create their own short animation.</p> <p><i>Melissa Mitchell, University of Connecticut</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Introduction to Moving Mouth Puppetry</p> <p>Participants will learn the basics of manipulation of moving mouth hand puppetry. We will get to use practice eyes and socks to make individualized puppet characters to use for the length of the workshop. Lip-sync will be practiced to music by various artists. At the end of the session, participants will try their puppet skills on a t.v. monitor.</p> <p><i>Sharon Boski, Puppeteer, Colchester</i></p> | |

GRADES 4-5

(Students take two ninety-minute workshops)

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Zooming Engineering Adventures</p> <p>Are you excited about math and science? Do you enjoy building with legos, knex, and similar tools? Zome Tools are incredibly versatile and fun modeling tools used by mathematicians and NASA scientists. In this class, we will build DNA strands, compete to see who can build the tallest tower, and explore concepts such as symmetry and proportion. Come enjoy the wonderful world of Zome!</p> <p><i>Lorel Shea, Pomfret</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Solving a History Mystery</p> <p>Learn how an archeologist and Colchester volunteers used bones, coffins, shovels and history books to reveal fascinating facts about an old Colchester family. By piecing together clues from the past to discover facts about history you will learn interesting stories about the town and get a first-hand look at why it's important to preserve our old cemeteries, buildings, family letters, and diaries.</p> <p><i>Sally Whipple, Colchester Historical Society</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Hands-On Chinese Calligraphy</p> <p>Students will be seeing the calligraphy instructor to demonstrate the Chinese calligraphy technique and skill demonstration. Students will then given instruction to start their hands-on fun practice. In the end, the calligraphy instructor will translate the students' names into Chinese. The students get to keep the name translation as a workshop souvenir.</p> <p><i>James Huang, Southeastern Connecticut Chinese School</i></p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Stories With Holes</p> <p>Have fun stretching your mind while solving logic stories. Figure out problems even your parents can't.</p> <p><i>Scott Hobson, Elite Educational Resources, New Jersey</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">The Science of Magic</p> <p>When a magician "wows" you, is it magic, or cleverly disguised science? Why does so much technology look so magical? Are you a wizard? We'll use math and science to make some impressive "tricks."</p> <p><i>John Pellino, Talcott Mountain Science Center</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Eric Carle Color Cutouts</p> <p>Have you heard of Eric Carle author and illustrator of the Very Hungry Caterpillar? Create cut-out art like Carle's with an area artist.</p> <p><i>Julianna Cameron, Artist, Colchester</i></p> |

GRADES 6-8

(Students participate in one three-hour workshop with a break in the middle)

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Beware the Jabberwocky, My Sons and Daughters</p> <p>Participants will have the opportunity to explore and create the world of Lewis Carroll's "Jabberwocky." Students will bring this poem alive by creating a backdrop and masks, selecting appropriate background music and dramatizing the poem's contents. Leave your inhibitions at the door and become one with a frumious bandersnatch!</p> <p><i>Jen DelSesto, Colchester Public Schools Educator</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Introduction to Foil Fencing</p> <p>Join this workshop to have a demonstration of foil fencing but most important to have a hands-on introduction from experienced fencing coach and students.</p> <p><i>David Comas Diaz, Advisor, and the Bacon Academy Fencing Club, Colchester</i></p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">The Art of Growing Fractal Geome-Trees</p> <p>Did you ever lie beneath a tree, gazing up through its tangled branches, marveling at its wild beauty? Discover the amazing patterns of nature and the new and exciting branch of mathematics called Fractal Geometry as we conduct scientific observations and craft colorful "trees" that are somehow quite orderly while still displaying striking individuality!!!</p> <p><i>Laura Messinger, Colchester Public Schools Enrichment Specialist</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Building a Unit Dog</p> <p>Students participating in this engaging, hands-on workshop will experience a lesson from Laying the Foundations, a series of lessons connected to the concepts and skills needed for success in Advanced Placement mathematics classes. Students will be challenged to work in teams to build scale models of a dog made from units and investigate the resulting effects on surface area and volume when the dog's dimensions are changed proportionally.</p> <p><i>Janet Kelly, Colchester Public Schools Enrichment Specialist</i></p> |

ADULT PROGRAM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS, 1:00-2:30 PM; WORKSHOPS, 2:55-3:55 PM. SELECT ONE WORKSHOP TO ATTEND.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Powerful Strategies to Help Children be Better Learners and Thinkers

Sharing his knowledge as an educator and dynamic public speaker, Nathan Levy will share his popular Stories with Holes and Not Just Schoolwork activities. Bring your thinking caps and funny bones to this unique presentation what will inspire you as a parent to help your children become better thinkers and learners.

Nathan Levy has over thirty years of experience as a teacher, principal, and consultant and is the author and publisher of dynamic educational books for parents, educators, and students.

WORKSHOP #1 – What You Need to Know About Saving for College

Hear about strategies on saving for college and higher education from a professional financial planner.

Cheryl Hinze is a financial planner with Retirement Visions, LLC in West Hartford, CT.

WORKSHOP #2 – Parenting Gifted and Twice Exceptional Children

Susan Berry, Ph.D., a psychologist who specializes in gifted and twice exceptional children, will facilitate a discussion with parents who have questions and concerns about parenting their children. Resources will be explored as well.

Dr. Susan Berry is a clinical psychologist from Glastonbury, CT, who specializes in supporting the emotional and educational needs of gifted children and adults. She frequently writes for, and speaks at, state and regional conferences on the gifted and talented, and writes for the Connecticut Association for the Gifted's CAG Advocate.

WORKSHOP #3 – Internet Safety for Parents

How can you as a parent keep your kids safe on the Internet? Gain an understanding of what your kids do online, who has access to their information, and learn how to keep them safe in cyberspace.

Barbara Johnson is a Technology Resource Specialist in Colchester Public Schools.

WORKSHOP #4 – Discussing the Holocaust and Contemporary Genocide

The Holocaust is an unprecedented event in history with universally important lessons. Among them are the importance of challenging prejudices, understanding how choices and actions shape identity, and how to learn from both events and the experiences of others. From Memory to Action, a brand-new "interactive installation" at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, asks us to transform what we have learned about the Holocaust into action and respond to events in our world today. Investigate responsible methods for teaching about this complex content.

Kate English is an English teacher in Colchester Public Schools, genocide scholar, and Teacher Fellow from the US Holocaust Memorial Museum.

WORKSHOP #5 – Bridging the Instructional Technology Gap

Do you ever have a conversation with your child and wonder, "What is a Smart Board and how does it work?" or "What is a Wiki?" The days of overhead projectors and slide rules are gone. Technology in the classroom is rapidly changing! This hands-on, informative workshop is designed to bridge the gap between generations by introducing participants to the technology being used to deliver instruction in today's classrooms.

Janet Lachmann is Vice-Principal at William Johnston Middle School in Colchester.

REGISTRATION FORM

Classes will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Every child K-5 will participate in 2 workshops. Students must remain for both workshops, unless prior arrangements have been made. Grades 6-8 children will take one 3-hour workshop. You must make at least 4 choices, and up to 6. (For Grades 6-8, please list at least three choices.) **Please print clearly.**

Please complete ENTIRE Registration Form and mail to: **Minds in Motion Registrar c/o Colchester Learning Foundation, Box 215, Colchester, CT 06415**
Or you may register online by visiting the CAG website: www.ctgifted.org.

Child's Name _____ **Age** _____ **Grade** _____

Student Workshop Choices:

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Child's Name _____ **Age** _____ **Grade** _____

Student Workshop Choices:

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Student Workshop Choices:

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| 2) _____ | 5) _____ |
| 3) _____ | 6) _____ |

NOTE: Children of parents/guardians who volunteer receive priority registration.

Will you commit to be an adult volunteer? _____ Grade preference _____
YOU WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE ASSIGNED TO YOUR CHILD'S WORKSHOP.

Adult Volunteer Name: _____

Email address (if different from below): _____

REGISTRATION FEES

Non-CAG Member Registration:

\$30. Per child: \$ _____
Each Additional Sibling
\$15. Per child \$ _____

CAG Member Registration:

\$25. Per child: \$ _____
Each Additional Sibling
\$15 Per child \$ _____

CAG Annual Membership:

\$35. Per family \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Membership registration rates may be used if already a CAG member, or if new or renewed CAG membership is paid with registration.

Please make checks payable to CAG.

YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE COURSE CONFIRMATION.

No child will be turned away due to financial need. Contact us via email at MIMcholchester@ctgifted.org for scholarship information.

Registration online or by mail

Deadline:

Sat. March 13, 2010

Register Early!

Workshops fill quickly!

First come, first served!

ADULT PROGRAMS FREE

All adults/community are welcome!

Parent/ Guardian Name _____ **Email address:** _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (Home) _____ - _____ - _____ Cell _____ - _____ - _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____ - _____ - _____

Keynote Address & Adult Workshops are free; pre-registration required. (Circle what you will attend.)

Adult #1: Keynote Y N Workshop # 1 2 3 4 5 Adult #2: Keynote Y N Workshop # 1 2 3 4 5

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NEXT MINDS IN MOTION EVENT:

Stonington – April 10

Questions or for more Information

Phone: (860) 537-1889 or (860) 537-6274

Email: colchestermim@snet.net

Directions to Jack Jackter Intermediate School

From Hartford

Route 2 East to Exit 18

Right at end of exit onto Route 16

Right at light onto South Main Street

Left at light onto Norwich Avenue

Right onto Halls Hill Road*

From Norwich

Route 2 West to Exit 21

Left at end of exit onto Norwich Avenue

Left onto Halls Hill Road*

From Middletown

Route 91 N to Route 66 E in Meriden (exit 18)

Route 66E through Middletown & Portland

Right off Route 66E onto Route 16

Drive all the way down 16 to a light at end of road

Right onto South Main Street

Left at light onto Norwich Avenue

Right onto Halls Hill Road*

*** Once on Halls Hill Road, Jack Jackter Intermediate School is the second school on the right**