

Parent Meeting

Atwater Elementary School District

April 8, 2008

AESD Network for Gifted Education

6:30 –8:30 PM

AESD District Office Boardroom

Gifted Education Roundtable

Our first Gifted Roundtable was a success. Please join us for our second parent meeting. Our guest speaker is Maureen Olsen, who has been involved in Gifted Education for many years. She will share information about the characteristics of GATE students and provide some tips for parents. Some of the issues she will address include, underachievement, perfectionism, depression, and social issues. You won't want to miss this presentation!



MYTH: Being gifted guarantees straight A's in school.

FACT: Being smart doesn't always lead to high grades. Some highly gifted children don't do well in school at all. Then again, there are gifted kids who get A's but aren't learning anything because they already know all or most of what's being covered.

Special Note: The Atwater Elementary School District Boardroom entrance is located behind the AESD District Office, on Cedar Avenue.

MYTH: Perfectionism can sometimes be a good thing.

FACT: Perfectionism is never a good thing. What's good is the pursuit of excellence, which is not the same. Perfectionism means that you can never fail, you always need approval, and if you come in second, you're a loser.

MYTH: Gifted kids are social misfits.

FACT: Some gifted kids find it hard to get along with children their own age. Their vocabularies are more advanced, and their interests are more sophisticated, intense, and diverse. But they are not social misfits. Gifted kids can form close friendships and lasting relationships. They may need adult help developing those social skills.

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Door Prizes will be given.

