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WATG Presents

NAVIGATING THE HIGH Cs OF GIFTEDNESS

WEBINAR SPEAKER

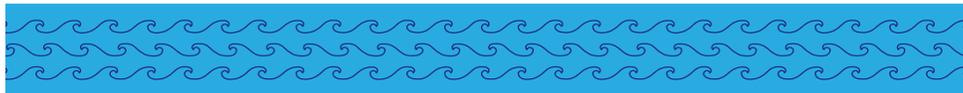
Jackie Drummer



COGNITION CURIOSITY CREATIVITY COMPASSION CONFIDENCE

TUESDAY, MAY 19TH, 8PM-9PM WEBINAR

\$15 FEE GOES TOWARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND



[Click Here to Register](#)

WATG is pleased to present to you its second Webinar. Jackie Drummer has been on all sides of gifted as a mother, a grandmother, an educator, a gifted program coordinator and as a long standing member of the Wisconsin Association for Talented and Gifted Board Member and Past President. She and her husband are also certified facilitators and trainers for the Social and Emotional Needs for the Gifted (SENG). WATG is excited to offer our first webinar to you. Click the link above to go to the registration page. There is just a \$15 fee for this opportunity!

Nothing Can Stop Me!

Share Your Work!

Just because school is closed, people keep on learning and creating because that's what we like to do! On WATG's Facebook page, there is a place where students can post their work-pictures, poems, stories, music, something you invented or even games you created. You can find the projects that have already been posted and maybe get some ideas of what you can create!

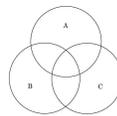
[Nothing Can Stop Me!](#)

*Here's something FUN!
Check out Ian Byrd's website:*

Byrdseed.com

There is something for everyone

Emergency Homeschooling



We have all been forced into a homeschooling situation. Whether you feel this is a good thing or not, it is a change which requires some serious adjustments for families. The Educational Psychology Division of the American Psychological Association has released a 2-page "practice brief" for homeschooling that is based on motivation research (Ryan & Deci). They suggest three areas that support growth, motivation and wellbeing:

Supporting Competence means forming a structure with realistic expectations and with activities that focus on improvement.

Supporting autonomy means incorporating personal interests and providing reasonable and meaningful choice

Supporting relatedness means active and empathic listening, considering needs, accepting negative emotions, and providing social and emotional support.

[Here is the link to the newsbrief](#)

Fun Sites to Explore for Middle and High School Levels

[Summer Institute For the Gifted](#)

This is a website dedicated to providing thought-provoking puzzles for math teachers and students alike. There are no answers provided as there are many different, correct ways of choosing which one doesn't belong. Enjoy!

[Which One Doesn't Belong](#) - see tabs along the top

[What If](#)

[Virtual Field Trips](#)

These are Challenging!

[Krazydad Puzzles](#)

[Battleships](#)

Each puzzle contains a row and column of numbers which indicate the number of squares in each row/column that contain a ship or ship segment. Most squares are empty, for you to fill in, but some will be givens, which indicate water, specific ships, or parts of ships. No ship may touch another ship, even diagonally.

Each collection is ordered by difficulty, with the easiest puzzles in Book 1, and the hardest in Book 100. If you are new to these puzzles, I recommend you start with Book 1. The larger sizes tend to be harder, and the 12x12s in particular can be quite challenging.

The "Surprise Attack" collections contain different fleet arrangements for each puzzle. The rest of the collections use identical ship layouts within each collection.

Each booklet contains a collection of 16 different puzzles, with the answers in the back.

The books are ordered by difficulty. The higher the book number, the harder the puzzles. If you are new to these Battleship puzzles, the creator suggests starting with Book 1.

How to play instructions are included on each puzzle

[Ripple Effect Puzzles](#)

Ripple Effect was originally published in Japan by Nikoli. The puzzle is a sophisticated variation of Suguru, which was invented by Naoki Inaba, a very prolific puzzle designer. These puzzles have very simple instructions, but a very wide spectrum of difficulties, ranging from easy to insanely challenging.

Ripple Effect puzzles are quite different than Sudoku, and a bit different from Suguru, so you'll want to read these rules carefully.

Fun Apps to Explore for Elementary Levels

KenKen

Kakooma - practice level

Set Game

Five-0

Think 3D

Logic City Junior

Lightbot Junior

Highlights Hidden Picture - using the "Directed" option, finding things in order, not randomly finding things.

Symmetry for Kids

Inventions & Inventioneers by Filimundus

Loopimal - patterning, programming and also just silly fun.

CrossFingers

Eat & Move

The Winning Words apps, not complex, but decent vocabulary

Winning Words - Synonym Match

Winning Words- Antonym Match

Winning Words- Verb Match

Winning Words- Compound Word Match

Winning Words- Homophone Match

Winning Words- Double Letter Match

Winning Words- Singular Plural Match

Winning Words- Double Letter Match

Need a Brain Break?

Virtual Learning is just a click away!

Try some Virtual Museums tours:

[British Museum](#), London, England

[Guggenheim Museum](#), New York

[National Gallery of Art](#) Washington DC

[Musée d'Orsay](#), Paris, France

[National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art](#), Seoul, Korea

[Pergamon Museum](#), Berlin, Germany

[Rijksmuseum](#), Amsterdam, Netherlands

[Van Gogh Museum](#), Amsterdam

[The J. Paul Getty Museum](#), Los Angeles

[Uffizi Gallery](#), Florence, Italy

[Museum of Art](#), São Paulo, Brazil

[The Louvre](#), Paris, France

[Google Arts & Culture's collection of museums](#) offers more virtual tours

[Milwaukee Public Museum Collection](#)

[Highlights](#)

[National Museum of Natural History](#)

[Museum of Science and Industry](#)

[A Bird's Eye view of the Shedd Aquarium](#)

You'll see that the grid is subdivided into containers or cages, anywhere from 1 to 9 cells in size. You need to fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-cell cage contains the numbers 1 and 2. A 5-square cage contains all the numbers from 1 to 5. If two identical numbers appear in the same row or column, at least that many cells must separate them. For example, if two 3s appear in the same column, they must be separated by at least three other cells that do not contain 3. This unique adjacency rule gives the puzzles their unique cascading character, hence the name "Ripple Effect." Note that unlike Suguru, diagonal adjacency is always allowed.

Each collection is ordered by difficulty, with the easiest puzzles in Book 1, and the hardest in Book 100. The creator says if you are new to these puzzles, he recommends you start with Easy, Book 1.

*Logic will get you from A to Z;
imagination will get you everywhere*
Albert Einstein



Annual Conference

October 18, 19, & 20

Hands On, Minds On!

Now more than ever!

WATG is going **Virtual** for the Fall Conference. All break-out sessions will still be available. Registration will open soon for this unique opportunity to learn from the experts in the field from the comfort of your own home.

LOTS NEW THIS YEAR!

Sunday October 18: Teen Conference \$60

[Arduino](#) will offer the workshop virtually.

9:00 - 12:00

Parent Sessions in afternoon

Monday October 19: Keynote Marcia Gentry

Tuesday October 20: Keynote Brian Housand

More to Come!

<http://www.watg.org/annual-conference.html>



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Enjoy the Spring!!



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