

McFarland School District Advanced Learner Services Newsletter

Winter, 2020

WATG Webinar

Living With Gifted Kids: The Good, the Bad, and the Awesome

Tuesday, February 18th, 2020, 8pm

Register Today!

Webinar Speaker
Jacquelyn Drummer



[Click Here to Register](#)

WATG is pleased to present to you its very first 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 no fee for this opportunity!



Local Tournaments Grades 4-8

3 Teams selected Grades 4,5,6

2 Teams selected Grades 7 & 8

Regional Tournaments March 16 @ Union South

Grades 4& 5 AM; Grades 6,7&8 PM

Grade 4: Double Digits

Grade 5: Variables

Grade 6: Positive/Negative Integers

Grade 7: Fractions/Decimals

Grade 8: Algebra/Exponents



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School District?](#) Check out our website
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Did you Know?

- Gifted kids are not counted in our state
- Pre-service teachers and school counselors have no requirement for GT understanding prior to classroom experience
- \$237,000 is given to GT kids in the form of competitive grants- That is equal to approx \$.25 per gt kid
- Incarceration \$\$\$
- Talent loss
- Gifted students may make up to 20% of our dropout population
- Prison system is approximately 20% gifted
- Rural schools are at a disadvantage in that it is difficult to provide programming and find cognitive peers !

Write to your legislator to advocate for the need for gifted education! <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/>



**WATG Annual Conference
October 18, 19, & 20**

Hands On, Minds On!

Glacier Canyon Conference Center
Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells

NEW THIS YEAR!

Sunday October 18: Teen Conference \$60
[Arduino](#) will offer the workshop. 9:00 - 12:00
You do not need to purchase the kit to participate.

Parent Sessions \$60 Both for \$100
Monday October 19: Keynote Marcia Gentry
Tuesday October 20: Keynote Brian Housand

More to Come!

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

Be part of the conference. Enter the Logo Contest and "image" the theme.

The design should:

Convey the conference theme: "Hands On, Minds On"

Be no larger than 4" x 4"

Be created in black and white

Be reproducible in different sizes

Be original ideas free-hand or electronically produced.

Submit jpg file to watg@watg.org



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*Call the coordinator first if you have questions. Kitty has returned as the interim coordinator for the remainder of the school year. She will be in the district one day/week but is available to answer questions.