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Upcoming Events

- February Program
Mon. 2/11
Dan Gutman Virtual Author visit
7-8 pm at Rotolo Middle School.
Parents will gather for discussion while the children visit with the author.
- 3rd Annual Educational Resource Fair - **Tues. 2/26** 7-8:30 pm at Rotolo Middle School.

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Attention Challenge Students: Dan Gutman Virtual Author Visit

Have you ever wondered how a book gets published? Are you a fan of Dan Gutman's Million Dollar series or the Baseball Card Adventures? We invite you to join us for a Dan Gutman Virtual Author Visit on Monday, February 11th from 7-8 pm at Rotolo Middle School.

Mr. Gutman lives in New Jersey and cannot join us in person, so he created a special DVD for us! Join us as we meet this award-winning author, Dan Gutman, in a virtual setting. We'll watch "A Day in the Life of an Author" and he'll talk about the process of getting a book published. You won't want to miss hearing the story of how his famous Baseball Card Adven-

ture series was rejected by a publisher or two or three! Mr. Gutman has also sent us a list of questions/answers and we'll have an opportunity to send any additional questions that we have that evening!

Snacks will be provided and each Challenge student will receive a raffle ticket to win one of three autographed books by Dan Gutman.

Parents - join us for a CANDO coffee at Rotolo while your children are participating in the Virtual Author Visit - we'll have the latest and greatest update on the future of Challenge as well as the Math Competition details, etc.

This program was funded by a grant from the Batavia Foundation for Educational Excellence.

Mark Your Calendar for the 3rd Annual



Educational Resource Fair

Tuesday, February 26, 7-8:30 @ RMS

This FREE event will allow families to learn about summer and after-school enrichment activities for K-12 students.

The following organizations will be there with information about their programs:

- Aurora University
- Fast Track Kids
- Fox Valley Children's Chorus
- Career Vision
- Elgin Community College Arts Center
- Inspirare School of Music & Expressive Arts
- Fermilab Lederman Science Center
- Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra
- Noble Fool Theatricals
- Discovery Center Museum
- Sylvan Learning Center
- Da Vinci Academy
- Northern Illinois University - College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Little Linguists Academy
- State Street Dance Studio
- Learning Ascents In-Home Tutoring
- The Fox Valley Academy of Music Performance
- Language Stars
- National-Louis University, Center for Gifted
- Steel Beam Theater
- St. Charles Kumon Center
- IMSA
- IAGC
- Center for Talent Development
- Elgin Children's Chorus
- Conserve School
- The College Advisor

From the Illinois Association for Gifted Children (IAGC)

Mark Your Calendar: April 17, 2008

Please, Don't Leave Our Children Behind Day in Springfield

Parents, parent organizations, and school groups - thanks to everyone's efforts in Please Don't Leave Our Children Behind Day 2007, \$5 million for Gifted Education has been added to the State Board of Education budget!

We must keep advocating for Gifted Funding and needs of our children. \$5 million just gets us started in beginning to reinstate few of the programs such as Professional Development for teachers, Online distance courses for teachers, and Start-up grants for underserved children. We need the full \$19 million we had four years ago to adequately fund Gifted Education in Illinois! Join us!! It will be a day you and your children will never forget!

Why Participate in Springfield Day?

- ◆ Share with your legislators the needs of gifted and talented children and our need for funding. Gifted funding helps children, their teachers, school districts, and our State. We are the best advocates for our children!
- ◆ Meet with your local legislators – Meeting in person leaves a lasting memory for both legislators and children & parents! We get greater appreciation for what legislators do!

- ◆ See how laws are made and see our Capitol in action – It's a real eye-opening day!! The Capitol is a very busy place!! See first hand our competition for Funding!!
- ◆ Show children they can impact future of their education and help other children in our state!
- ◆ Show children ALL THIS, plus visit museums and see the history of our great state.

Resources: Contact Jill Ko or Henry Treftz, organizers for Springfield Day, for more information and any questions. Springfield.day@sbcglobal.net or HenryT@gmail.com.

More information can be found on the IAGC website: www.iagcgifted.org

An IAGC representative will be at the upcoming 3rd Annual Educational Resource Fair, February 26th at Rotolo Middle School from 7-8:30 pm. Stop by if you are interested in more information!

2nd Annual 5th Grade District Math Competition

The Second Annual 5th Grade District Math Competition is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 20th at 12:45 pm.

The competition will be held at the Batavia Library and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Students have begun to practice for the upcoming event.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help with the practice sessions!

Congratulations to Spelling Bee Participants!

All of the students who participated in the classroom bees and their school bees have not only demonstrated their top-notch spelling capabilities, but also their ability to perform under pressure. Congratulations to the following students who have won the Spelling Bee competition at their school:

Hoover Wood: Sam Heffter (5)

Louise White: Martha Rhodes (5)

Alice Gustafson: Olivia Girardi (5)

Congratulations to the winners and kudos to all who participated!

These students will represent Batavia and their respective schools at the Kane County Regional Spelling Bee in February. The winner of the Kane County Regional Spelling Bee will go on to compete in Washington, DC! Again, congratulations to all of the competitors and good luck as you move on to the next round of competition -- we'll be cheering you on!