

Calendar:

July 5 & 6 Pre-AP Science

July 14 AGS Educator’s Day

July 26 & 27 Scoring Torrance Test

July 28 & 29 Pre-AP Math

Aug. 1 & 2 Pre-AP Eng / SS

Aug. 8 Teachers return

Aug. 15 Students return

Aug. 26 GT Coordinators’ webinar

Sept. 1 ACE Coaches meeting

Sept. 14 NWA Secondary Content

Sept. 29 New GT Coordinator Training

Sept. 30 AAGEA Fall Conference

Oct. 14 NWA GT monthly meeting

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Highlights:

*I had as a personal GT Specialist goal for 2015-2016 year to visit each local school district’s campus in order to stay connected with its GT Program. As it turned out, I was able to travel to 13 of the districts: Decatur, Elkins, Farmington, Gentry, Gravette, Greenland, Huntsville, Lincoln, Pea Ridge, Prairie Grove, Rogers, Springdale, and Siloam Springs. Each visit was unique. I witnessed TAV preparation, observed classroom instruction, saw student products, made a presentation, and enjoyed a face-to-face talk about gifted education. I hope to make it a standard practice of to see each school annually in hopes of providing on-going support and service for gifted programs in Northwest Arkansas.*

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 Providing academic competitions and opportunities for students beyond the classroom continues to be an important aspect of the GT Specialist Job. Here is the 2015-2016 summary:

~3 Chess Tournaments – fall, winter, & spring - well over 250 students competed

~Math Day – 200 students attended

~2 Quiz Bowl Tournaments – over 300 students attended

~2 Science Olympiad Tournaments – over 300 students attended

~ACE Games & Championship Tournament – 100 students participated

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*Advocating Opportunities for Gifted and Talented Students to grow and shine,*

**ARKANSAS GEMS**