



September 2011 Spotlight

ITAG Special Spotlight - Hot Off The Press! New ITAG Conference Highlights....

Just a reminder that it's not too late to register for the ITAG conference Cutting Beyond the Edge: New Realities in Gifted Education, October 17-18, 2011 at the Airport Holiday Inn located at 6111 Fleur Drive in Des Moines, Iowa. Follow this link to the conference brochure to check out all the great offerings this year: <http://www.iowatag.org/HTML/2011conference.html>

Please share the following special event information with all parents who may be interested.
Attention Parents of Gifted Children: FREE special session just for you at the 2011 ITAG (Iowa Talented and Gifted) 39th Annual Conference.

Date: October 17, 2011 Time: 7:00 p.m. Airport Holiday Inn, 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA 50321

I Just Don't Know... (Wise Advice from Parents who have "Been There")

Do you sometimes wonder where to turn as a parent of one or more gifted children? Come meet the experts in the field. We have compiled a panel of parents who understand the challenges of raising our unique children. These parents share the joys and frustrations of meeting the needs of gifted children of all ages. We have specifically selected parents who are prepared to talk about several parental concerns including:

- ❖ sibling rivalries
- ❖ disciplining gifted children
- ❖ the needs of twice exceptional children (gifted children with special needs)
- ❖ opportunities outside the classroom
- ❖ the process of attending an elite college
- ❖ raising creative and talented students
- ❖ raising profoundly gifted children
- ❖ schooling options including acceleration and homeschooling

The evening will begin with a traditional panel discussion with time at the end to allow participants to direct more specific questions to one or more panel participants.

For more information about the ITAG Conference visit www.iowatag.org or email itag@assoc-serv.com. We hope to see you there!

You may also take advantage of this special opportunity from our friends at ITEC, who have some exciting workshops planned for Sunday, October 16. Come a day early to Des Moines for the ITAG Conference, and think about attending one of these stand-alone ITEC workshops!

Members of ITAG,

ITEC would like to invite you to attend our Sunday workshops, October 16, focusing on effective integration in the classroom. We have a variety of workshops available and a few unique opportunities this year. Our keynote speaker, Gary Stager, has offered to do his award winning "Constructivist Celebration" workshop on Sunday. Discovery Ed, a corporate sponsor, is bringing in Joe Brennan to lead the "Digital Storytelling: Getting it Write" workshop. Note the "write" part of the title as the workshop focuses on how high quality digital media requires storyboarding, planning, and high quality writing from students. All of

our workshops are held at the Polk County Convention Center. All day workshops begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m.

We also are offering these workshops that day as well:

Full Day

- ❖ Google Apps for Admins
- ❖ Google Apps for Teachers
- ❖ Google Geo-Earth Workshop

All of the Google workshops are taught by Google Certified Teachers

Half Day

- ❖ iPad in the Elementary Classroom
- ❖ iPad in the MS/HS Classroom (Both iPad workshops are taught by Apple Distinguished Educators)
- ❖ Capturing the Process of Student Learning (Instructor: Russ Goerend)

We have a variety of 2.5 hour workshops in the morning as well.

If you have any questions about ITEC workshops, please contact Andy Crozier (acrozier@gmail.com). The link to registration information is on the flyers. Additional information can be found at: www.itec-ia.org.