



Transcript from April 16, 2010 to April 16, 2010

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- 9:24 am **BrendonWalker:** The last 50 tweets about #gtchat have reached 20,086 people - <http://bit.ly/8Yb9gk> (from TweetReach) @DeborahMersino :)
- 10:59 am **getsweetie:** #FF @DeborahMersino A gifted education resource and advocate, bringing all sides of the conversation together at #gtchat Fridays!
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- 11:07 am **soundsuccess:** Looking forward to #gtchat tomorrow. Finally an opportunity to participate...can't wait :)
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- 2:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @FrazzIld #FF @DeborahMersino The queen of #gifted twitter. Thank you so much for bringing us #gtchat <== Wow. TY; it's about community!
- 2:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GetSweetie - Many thanks for the thoughtful #FF today. I've truly appreciated your contributions to #gtchat!
- 2:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @BrendonWalker: The last 50 tweets about #gtchat have reached 20,086 people - <http://bit.ly/8Yb9gk> (from TweetReach) @DeborahMersino :)
- 2:45 pm **DeborahMersino:** @BrendonWalker - Such a cool #gtchat stat! Thank you for posting & for your

- 2:46 pm **DeborahMersino:** @sallywits @DoggieDog - All past #gtchat transcripts can be found here: www.ingeniosus.net/gtchat-transcripts | I typically post same day!
- 2:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** @soundsuccess - Glad you'll be joining us for #gtchat today. We've missed you!
- 2:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** We're just an hour away from our noon/EST #gtchat. Topic: "Discerning Personality Types/Strengths:Why It Matters" #gifted Join us!
- 3:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jeniferfox - I'm going to be referencing your book (i.e. singing its praises) during #gtchat today.
- 3:41 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat: Upcoming subject not a speciality but I'm trying to trendset by confessing I'm Myers Briggs INTJ! Let's survey chat participants!
- 3:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @GiftedPhoenix: #gtchat: Upcoming subject not a speciality but I'm trying to trendset by confessing I'm Myers Briggs INTJ! Let's survey chat participants!
- 3:53 pm **theboysstore:** RT @DeborahMersino The votes are in! Our noon/EST topic for #gtchat on 04.16 will be "Discerning Personality Types/Strengths:Why It Matters"
- 4:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Here we go! It's #gtchat time. Our subject: Discerning Personality Types/Strengths: Why It Matters."
- 4:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat.
- 4:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** Please take a moment to introduce yourself, your role (parent, educator, advocate) & where you reside in the world. #gtchat
- 4:01 pm **pamfr:** #gtchat on now! RT @DeborahMersino: Our subject: Discerning Personality Types/Strengths: Why It Matters."
- 4:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm Deborah Mersino, #gtchat moderator & marketing comm. consultant to GT communities & mother to 2 girls. I live in CO! {& an ENTJ} #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Clinical & School Psychologist, Upstate New York #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **danyelwierson:** #gtchat I'm a parent of three. My teenager is at a GT school and I homeschool my younger two. We live in Reno.
- 4:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** So much research and intriguing information on this topic exists! While you're all introducing yourself, I'll start posting links. #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Good morning. I am Erik, a resource and advocate with the Davidson Institute. I Live in Las Vegas (where it is still morning) #gtchat
- 4:04 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @danyelwierson Hello Danyel! Nice to see you on the #gtchat today.
- 4:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** Compilation of excellent links on Personality Types and the #Gifted from @HoagiesGifted | <http://bit.ly/armo9V> #gtchat
- 4:04 pm **pamfr:** #gtchat Hello! Mom of gifted ds7 ISTP and ds4 ENFJ. Also longtime #mbti & #enneagram practitioner. Passionate about personality & kids
- 4:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** @dayelwierson - Glad you're with us! Love to see new faces. Welcome! #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **danyelwierson:** #gtchat you, too, Erik.
- 4:05 pm **jagkise:** I'm an ed consultant, author, and busy helping teachers use strategies that lift rigor for GT and all students #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** @pamfr - Love the enneagram. Glad you're with us! #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **pamfr:** @jagkise see #gtchat on type & gifted ed. Add your expertise.
- 4:06 pm **jagkise:** Also mom of college age GT INFP and ENTJ, longtime #MBTI practitioner #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** Profiles of the #Gifted & Talented by Betts, G., Neihart M. from Gifted Child Quarterly via @DavidsonGifted | <http://bit.ly/bzpPx8> #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **theboysstore:** I am Suzanne Remington - mother of a gifted child - parent advocate for the GT program in Douglas County NV #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jagkise - Welcome to you also! It's great to have everyone here including

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- 7:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jagkise - welcome to you also! it's great to have everyone here, including @DavidsonGifted! #gtchat
- 4:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** I've got additional resource links, which I'll post in a bit. Let's start by asking, "What are your favorite tests?" #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** Also, what do you like about the various tests out there? Which ones are ideal for helping our #gifted & why? #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **danyelwierson:** #gtchat can personality type actually change, or is in pre-programmed?
- 4:11 pm **pamfr:** #gtchat As ENTP kid, I was glad to advocate for my adv curriculum. Much harder 4my ISTP. But if I help him, schl sees me as helicopt parent.
- 4:11 pm **jagkise:** Aha from #MBTI group--none of us knew an INFP or INTP student who had been successful at college prep HS--no space for individuals #GTchat
- 4:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** @theboysstore @GaryBrannigan - Glad you're both with us! #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **LisaDSB:** #gtchat Former lawyer in Canada, now homeschooling parent to 2 EG+ boys, who are very different personality types.
- 4:12 pm **jagkise:** @DeborahMersino Tests...need to include hands-on or application to find gifted #MBTI sensing students #GTchat
- 4:13 pm **theboysstore:** I agree RT @jagkise: @DeborahMersino Tests...need to include hands-on or application to find gifted #MBTI sensing students #GTchat
- 4:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** Here's a favorite: <http://www.strengthsmovement.com/> via @JeniferFox. It's more focused on strengths than personality. Powerful. #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** My other favorite would be Betts/Neihart's 6 different "types" of gifted. Allows edu. & parents to look at feelings, behav. & needs. #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @danyelwierson I have seen personalities shift over time in young people. It is possible. Once adult, I think change is less likely #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** MBTI practitioners: Can you tell us how/if MBTI can be administered for children/what ages? #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **pamfr:** #gtchat Personality can point toward strengths. Yet many have strengths outside of personality preferences.
- 4:17 pm **jagkise:** Jane Kise jagkise @pamfr They need to read "A Nation of Wimps" to discern between helicoptering (destructive) and advocacy #GTchat
- 4:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: @danyelwierson I have seen personalities shift over time in young people. It is possible. Once adult, I think change is less likely #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** @pamfr - Excellent point. #gtchat
- 4:19 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat - Hello from England where it's late afternoon. The agenda here is dominated by personalisation - we're suspicious of categorising
- 4:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** Personality is a result of life experience and genetic makeup. Betts/Neighart #gtchat
- 4:19 pm **jagkise:** @DeborahMersino There's the MMTIC, #MBTI grades 3-12. Or, use "The Developing Child" (Murphy) to think thru type, tchg, parenting #GTchat
- 4:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - Welcome! So glad you joined us. I appreciate categorizing b/c it can allow us to be more empathetic/understanding. #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **KimMoldofsky:** RT @DeborahMersino: Personality is a result of life experience and genetic makeup. Betts/Neighart #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @jagkise: @DeborahMersino There's the MMTIC, #MBTI grades 3-12. Or, use "The Developing Child" (Murphy) to think thru type, tchg, parenting #GTchat
- 4:21 pm **jagkise:** If type is used properly, all types are great/can be gifted so all categories are positive #GTchat
- 4:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jagkise - Are the MMTIC, MBTI or Murphy tests typically administered via a practitioner or can parents? Just curious. #gtchat

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jagkise: we tell teachers "you use labels all the time. Gifted, slow, ADD, umm...the type labels are positive reframing!!!" #GTchat

4:23 pm

GaryBrannigan: We have built in temperament characteristics that predispose us to behave in particular ways cognitively,- emotionally, socially #gtchat

4:23 pm

DeborahMersino: Question: Have any of you personally benefited from testing your child/students & using results to guide? Please share. #gtchat

4:23 pm

danyelwierson: #gtchat is there a "basic" MMTIC that you can find online like the basic MBTI tests?

4:23 pm

LisaDSB: #gtchat Many gifted are introverts -- does that make them less likely to seek outside help and accommodations in learning environments.

4:23 pm

jagkise: @DeborahMersino Murphy (Developing Child) is a book...descriptions and great tips. MMTIC and #MBTI are practitioner-administered #GTchat

4:24 pm

DeborahMersino: @jagkise - That's why I like @jeniferfox 's "Discover Your Child's Strengths." Talks about fundamental shift for education/parenting #gtchat

4:24 pm

DeborahMersino: @jagkise - Thank you. #gtchat

4:24 pm

jagkise: @LisaDSB #GTchat Depends. As an Introvert, both my son and I ignored dumb assignments, pursued own interests, thrived in college...

4:24 pm

GiftedPhoenix: #gtchat - interesting re MBTI to consider interactions between different parent/child types and teacher/child types. A doctoral thesis!

4:25 pm

DavidsonGifted: A good book (not necessarily gifted specific) to help parents understand child's personality: Nurture by Nature- <http://bit.ly/9Glccc> #gtchat

4:25 pm

jagkise: @danyelwierson There are no validated free type inventories for children. You'd be better off reading "The Developing Child" Murphy #GTchat

4:26 pm

DeborahMersino: From SENG: Research on Personality Types in Gifted Adolescents | <http://bit.ly/bvalHV> #gtchat

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jagkise: @DeborahMersino Undrstg our son as INFP was crucial to guiding him as he disengaged from rote AP classes. Othwise "lazy...???" #GTchat

4:27 pm

GaryBrannigan: There are also lists of Character Strengths that cut across many dimensions - they can be used to describe children & adults #gtchat

4:27 pm

danyelwierson: #gtchat my child went from a serious I to an amazing E when she found the right schooling environment and was with her peers everyday.

4:27 pm

DavidsonGifted: @LisaDSB I think there could be truth to that for some. Also, does anyone know if introverts are more likely to be perfectionists? #gtchat

4:28 pm

DeborahMersino: @GiftedPhoenix - Excellent point. Can't remember which link, but research discusses challenge of contrasting types bw stu/tchr #gtchat

4:28 pm

BreannePH: RT @PamFR #gtchat Personality can point toward strengths. Yet many have strengths outside of personality preferences.

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DeborahMersino: @danyelwierson - Wow. That's powerful. #gtchat

4:29 pm

DavidsonGifted: @jagkise So true. Personality data can be incredibly useful when determining educational options. Mismatch can cause undue stress #gtchat

4:30 pm

DeborahMersino: I think it's worth our while to discuss the 6 profiles of Betts/Neihart. 90 percent of gifted fall into Type I - Successful. #gtchat

4:30 pm

jagkise: Type helps ID more kinds of giftedness and differences in needs of gifted children #GTchat Old studies were paper/pencil and missed Sensing

4:31 pm

DeborahMersino: The reason Type I children succeed is because they have "learned the system." However they often become bored at school. #gtchat

4:31 pm

GiftedPhoenix: #gtchat - I can offer personal testimony that I can also mimic E when the need arises - but it sure drains the batteries!

- 4:32 pm **jagkise**: #GTchat have to go catch a plane--look forward to reviewing this conversation on #MBTI personality and gifted students
- 4:32 pm **DeborahMersino**: Type II is "The Challenging." These children are divergently gifted/many school systems fail to identify. #gtchat
- 4:33 pm **danyelwierson**: #GiftedPhoenix #gtchat ditto on that
- 4:33 pm **DeborahMersino**: @GiftedPhoenix - Interesting point. Fox points out that even though we may have talents, it's not a strength if it's not enjoyable! #gtchat
- 4:33 pm **LisaDSB**: @DavidsonGifted Anecdotaly, only one of 4 GTs in our family who is extravert is only one who is not debilitatingly perfectionistic! #GTchat
- 4:33 pm **DeborahMersino**: @jagkise - TY for joining us! Transcripts will be up later today. #gtchat
- 4:34 pm **GaryBrannigan**: This (Type II) is an interesting group: poorly understood by parents and teachers #gtchat
- 4:34 pm **theboysstore**: So sad! RT @DeborahMersino Type II is "The Challenging." These children are divergently gifted/many school systems fail to identify. #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **DeborahMersino**: Type III "The Underground" - Generally, these are middle school females (although some males) who want to hide giftedness. #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **theboysstore**: The issue I am having with my child :-) @DavidsonGifted Anecdotaly, only 1 of 4 GTs in our family who ... perfectionistic! #GTchat
- 4:35 pm **minikhailovna**: Pretty confusing to me #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **DavidsonGifted**: @LisaDSB Interesting indeed. Thank you for sharing. #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **GaryBrannigan**: When I identified Type IIs to teachers, they we surprised, but began to think differently about them, ask questions about them #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **DeborahMersino**: Type IV - The Dropouts. They are angry w/adults & themselves b/c the system hasn't met their needs & they feel rejected. #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **DeborahMersino**: RT @GaryBrannigan: When I identified Type IIs to teachers, they we surprised, but began to think differently about them, ask questions about them #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **GaryBrannigan**: @DeborahMersino I have also seen Type IIIs who have actively avoided, underachieved, dropped out! #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **theboysstore**: @GaryBrannigan * Would love to hear how you approached/identified these with the teachers #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **DeborahMersino**: Type V - The Double-Labeled - Physically or emotionally handicapped in some way or with LDs. Most are not id-ed by gifted prgms. #gtchat
- 4:38 pm **GaryBrannigan**: @theboysstore Early research & test development on divergent thinking. #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **DeborahMersino**: Type VI - The Autonomous Learner. Few gifted children demonstrate this style at early age. Make system work for them. #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **LisaDSB**: #GTchat My extravert is also extremely divergent thinker -- not linear like the rest. Makes up for it with winning personality.
- 4:40 pm **DeborahMersino**: I bring up these types b/c I have heard Dr. Betts speak & have found the supporting research/tips quite intriguing/helpful. #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **theboysstore**: @GaryBrannigan * Thank you will use that in my county :-) #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **LisaDSB**: #GTchat - don't know lingo - what are Types I-IV? Link?
- 4:41 pm **GiftedPhoenix**: #gtchat - twitter silence while I downloaded the PDF. Have to say I find this 6-fold model a mite simplistic 20 years on...no offence GB!
- 4:41 pm **theboysstore**: Loving all the info so much I still do not know - got to run and meet community group - looking forward to reading recap #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **GaryBrannigan**: Psychologists are not usually trained in tests for GT, other than IQ. #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **DeborahMersino**: @GiftedPhoenix - "Labeling" is an interesting issue, isn't it? While helpful, we also don't want to nineonhole. #gtchat

- 4:43 pm **pamfr:** #gtchat: #Enneagram can help us notice coping strategies. IMO most kids r not 1 spec enn type, but use strategies of sev types.
- 4:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** @LisaDSB - You'll find more info on the 6 types in the article here (posted on @DavidsonGifted) bit.ly/bzpPxB #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** @pamfr - Tell us more. Again, I haven't heard of Enneagrams being used on children? How do you do it? #gtchat
- 4:45 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat - It's just that the students I encounter seem so much more complex! I've always seen G&T as a 'diverse and disparate group'.
- 4:45 pm **DeborahMersino:** @LisaDSB - Sorry, last link didn't look live. Here it is again: <http://bit.ly/bzpPxB> | #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - Certainly, many more intensities/overexcitabilities! #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @GiftedPhoenix Good point about diversity. Even with divergent thinkers, some more fluent, some more original, some more creative #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **DeborahMersino:** I find it comforting to recognize person. similarities/differences (see similarities b/w husband & one dd). Allows for more empathy. #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat - yes but not necessarily in a 'gifted kids have problems' sort of way - just positively complex. @DeborahMersino
- 4:48 pm **pamfr:** #gtchat @DeborahMersino I dont use an Enn assessment w kids. Just notice! eg My 7ds often shows beh of Enn 4(longing, drama), 5(detach).
- 4:49 pm **pamfr:** #gtchat RT @AnnKlein1 @PamFR do what you think is best -- he's lucky ur involved! School teaches to norm; parents excel at refinement...
- 4:49 pm **DeborahMersino:** @pamfr - Got it. My oldest certainly shows signs of a 7 (mine). :-) #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Bottom line for me is that we need to treat children as individuals and try to understand where they are coming from #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - Got it. #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @GaryBrannigan: Bottom line for me is that we need to treat children as individuals and try to understand where they are coming from #gtchat
- 4:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GaryBrannigan - Agreed! What I like about Fox's approach is it encourages more conversations about what energizes kids. #gtchat
- 4:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** Fox also notes that parents often predetermine/prescribe as opposed to truly listening & helping kids discern strengths themselves. #gtchat
- 4:53 pm **LisaDSB:** @DeborahMersino Thanks! #GTchat
- 4:54 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat - key question is how practically we might reasonably expect teachers to respond to these differences in the classroom?
- 4:55 pm **DeborahMersino:** Can be dangerous 2 only note how genius s/he is at math, as opposed to what s/he likes or doesn't like about aspects of subjects. #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - Excellent question. Fox is working to start an edreform strengths-based movement in US. We've got a long road tho. #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat - is there any professional development in this territory offered in the States? Not that much here I'm aware of?
- 4:56 pm **pamfr:** #gtchat Re: #Enneagram, help kids see that those behaviors are verbs/choices. No need to "be" (fixate)(noun) on any set of behaviors.
- 4:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** The more parents know, the more they can share w/teachers & ask teachers for input/observations. More dialogue/listening needed imho #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **OKAtypetalk:** Great conversation going on right now about working with Gifted-Talented students - MBTI being mentioned often. Follow at #GTchat
- 4:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** Just a few minutes left. Final thoughts? Questions. Leams? #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino Good point. Try not to allow "gifted" to become THE defining

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- 4:59 pm **pamfr:** #gtchat ds7 ISTP decided to learn #mbti types. So helpful for him in appreciating differing gifts and choices of his ENFJ little bro!
- 5:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - Check out www.strengthsmovement.com. Also Betts/Neihart article on profiles is exceptional. #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Our Davidson Gifted Database: <http://bit.ly/bBdBkj> has quite a few articles & resources to help understand personality in gifted kids #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **pamfr:** #gtchat Eager to learn more about other models offered here. Thx for great chat!
- 5:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** @pamfr Excellent! The more kids can learn/understand about different strengths/person & observe them in themselves/others, the better #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Thanks for another great chat Deborah. If we can help, please feel free to email us at info@davidsongifted.org. #gtchat
- 5:02 pm **danyelwierson:** #gtchat found this <http://www.similarminds.com/index.html> with all sorts of basic tests. Can't vouch for their accuracy
- 5:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** That's it for our noon/EST #gtchat! TY everyone for your input, poignant questions and dialogue! Transcript will be up soon.
- 5:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Our Davidson Gifted Database: <http://bit.ly/bBdBkj> has quite a few articles & resources to help understand personality in gifted kids #gtchat
- 5:02 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat - Thanks for exposing me to some new material. As an ex policy wonk this was new territory for me! @DeborahMersino
- 5:30 pm **PennyAW:** MBTI practitioners: Can you tell us how/if MBTI can be administered for children/what ages? #gtchat (via @DeborahMersino)
- 5:31 pm **FrockExchange:** RT @PennyAW: MBTI practitioners: Can you tell us how/if MBTI can be administered for children/what ages? #gtchat (via @DeborahMersino)
- 5:33 pm **SeaburySchool:** We haven't been a part of #gtchat before but are definitely looking forward to joining in each week!
- 5:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** @SeaburySchool Will be wonderful to have you join us 4 #gtchat. The more experts, parents, educators we have, the better the collaboration!
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- 8:28 pm **teacherman79:** @DeborahMersino hey...i am sorry it took me so long...but I now believe I understand #gtchat and what it is..very cool..<http://bit.ly/dqydld>
- 8:29 pm **teacherman79:** @DeborahMersino what a fantastic way to use a hashtag and twitter #gtchat
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8:35 pm **teacherman79:** @DeborahMersino that is what is cool about asynchronous communication..I can pretty much join you whenever I want..whenever I see #gtchat :)

8:37 pm **DeborahMersino:** @micheleborba - Our topic for #gtchat at 7 p.m./EST is "Going Crazy? Why Parenting the #Gifted Can Be Challenging." Will cite your book!

8:38 pm **hashtager:** # RT @teacherman79 @DeborahMersino what a fantastic way to use a hashtag & twitter #gtchat {Hope you join us; we need the voice of edu...

8:49 pm **DeborahMersino:** @teacherman79 - Worry not! I post to #gtchat during the week (not just Fridays) if I want the community to see something. :-)

8:51 pm **DeborahMersino:** TY! RT @teacherman79 <http://bit.ly/be1li2> okay #gtchat here are all the links I bookmarked at Montana's #Gifted & Talented annual conference

8:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** @teacherman79 How coincidental that you were listening to George Betts live in MT, while we were chatting about his 6 profiles on #gtchat!

9:40 pm **FrazzIld:** "Going Crazy: Why Parenting the #Gifted Can Be Tough." Discuss at #gtchat midnight GMT tonight

9:41 pm **CathRiordan:** "Going Crazy: Why Parenting the #Gifted Can Be Tough." Discuss at #gtchat midnight GMT tonight

9:43 pm **deangroom:** RT @teacherman79: <http://bit.ly/be1li2> okay #gtchat here are all the links I bookmarked at Montana's Gifted and Talented annual conference...

9:49 pm **BrendonWalker:** @DeborahMersino yeah aint it cool! And to think it's only the last 50 tweets. Maybe 15mins of #gtchat would cover that. Well done & be proud

10:02 pm **LesLinks:** RT @FrazzIld: "Going Crazy: Why Parenting the #Gifted Can Be Tough." Discuss at #gtchat midnight GMT tonight

10:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** Global #gtchat begins in less than an hour! Join us at 7pm/EST as we discuss "Going Crazy? Why Parenting the #Gifted Can Be Challenging."

10:27 pm **DeborahMersino:** @alfiekohn - Don't know if you're around tonight, but wanted to extend an invite to #gtchat at 7 pm/EST. (30 minutes from now).

10:32 pm **DeborahMersino:** @alfiekohn: Sorry it's a last minute invite, but just thought I'd ask. More about #gtchat here: www.ingenious.net/gtchat

10:36 pm **ljconrad:** RT @DeborahMersino: Global #gtchat begins in less than an hour! Join us at 7pm/EST as we discuss "Going Crazy? Why Parenting the #Gifted Can Be Challenging."

10:57 pm **soundsuccess:** Can't wait for #gtchat today. Hope you are all joining us

10:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** @soundsuccess - So glad you'll be with us. Love having our Australian contingency so well represented. :-) #gtchat

10:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat.

11:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Welcome everyone! Our #gtchat topic tonight/this morn (depending on locale): "Going Crazy? Why Parenting the #Gifted Can Be Challenging."

11:00 pm **ljconrad:** Glad to be back! Always enjoy these chats. #gtchat

11:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** Please take a moment to introduce yourself, your role (parent, educator, counselor, advocate) & where you reside. TY! #gtchat

11:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** While you're all introducing yourselves, I'm going to start posting some links to relevant resources. #gtchat

11:02 pm **ljconrad:** parent/paraeducator; Pittsburgh. #gtchat

11:02 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Clinical & School Psychologist, Upstate New York - Hello! #gtchat

11:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** Almost forgot, I'm Deborah Mersino, #gtchat moderator, mother to 2 girls, communications consultant to GT communities & reside in Colorado!

11:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** The art of avoiding power struggles with children by Kathryn Kvols | <http://bit.ly/c7COjn> #gtchat via @DavidsonGifted database {a must read}

11:04 pm **MarieKnudsen:** Parent of 4. child advocate. Portland. Oregon (finally made it to #atchat - stavina

- 11:03 pm **marjieknudsen**: Parent of 4, child advocate, Portland, Oregon (finally made it to #gtchat - staying most of hour 'til son's baseball.) #gtchat
- 11:04 pm **soundsuccess**: Gifted Ed. Consultant/Teacher, mother of 2. Sydney #gtchat
- 11:04 pm **cybraryman1**: Parenting of gifted children sites: <http://www.cybraryman.com/gifted.html> #gtchat My cameo appearance!
- 11:05 pm **DeborahMersino**: Another favorite resource on parenting (not just #gifted): <http://www.micheleborba.com/>. Wise, wise woman. Relevant tips. #gtchat
- 11:05 pm **DeborahMersino**: RT @cybraryman1: Parenting of gifted children sites: <http://www.cybraryman.com/gifted.html> #gtchat My cameo appearance!
- 11:05 pm **Frazzlld**: Parent/advocate Ireland. Hello all. Sorry I missed earlier chat...work & driving mum's taxi got in the way. Looks like it was good #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **LesLinks**: Parent of two gifted and ed. consultant in gifted Ireland, tired tired mom... #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **DeborahMersino**: And Ireland is in the house. Hi @Frazzlld. #gtchat
- 11:07 pm **DeborahMersino**: @LesLinks - Welcome. "tired tired mom" sums it up nicely. I hear you. #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **DeborahMersino**: I have additional links (which I will post), but wanted to begin by asking a simple question, "What drives you crazy?" No judgment. #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **Ijconrad**: When does the craziness end? Spent all week proofing daughter's papers - freshman in college! #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **wredefine**: RT @MarjieKnudsen Parent of 4, child advocate, Portland, Oregon (finally made it to #gtchat - staying most of hour... <http://bit.ly/9Erxxz>
- 11:09 pm **lissmiss**: Parenting of gifted children sites: <http://www.cybraryman.com/gifted.html> #gtchat FAO @Giftedkidsie
- 11:09 pm **heywho**: #FF @cybraryman1: Parenting of gifted children sites: <http://bit.ly/cwrlYt> #gtchat My cameo appearance! #edchat
- 11:09 pm **GaryBrannigan**: Strong-willed children, especially when they are wrong! #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **Frazzlld**: The little lawyer syndrome <http://bit.ly/cVJz6l> #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **MarjieKnudsen**: Overexcitabilities are difficult - <http://www.giftedservices.com.au/StartingPoints/Excitabilities.html> #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **DeborahMersino**: @wredefine - Welcome! So glad you joined us! We're talking about what drives us crazy as parents. (No judgment) #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **DeborahMersino**: NAGC (US) has an incredible publication "Parenting High Potential" (comes w/ membership). Highly recommend it. <http://bit.ly/b1xMdc> #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **LesLinks**: We have a bright eyed, as we speak, major night owl who races around the house, mind and mouth running at mega speed... #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **DeborahMersino**: {Do I ever relate/appreciate} RT @Frazzlld The little lawyer syndrome <http://bit.ly/cVJz6l> #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **DeborahMersino**: @LesLinks - You mean our houses resembled each other's last night? #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **LesLinks**: @Frazzlld ya... I know that one... #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **soundsuccess**: @GaryBrannigan I hear you! #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **BrendonWalker**: Dad of 2 GT kids & annoying husband of @soundsuccess joining the #gtchat from Sydney, Australia.
- 11:12 pm **soundsuccess**: RT @soundsuccess: Arguing! Mr 9 often has a perceived injustice to argue. #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **MarjieKnudsen**: @GaryBrannigan although they are often right, they seem to have no memory of times when wrong -- strong will remains #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **DavidsonGifted**: Hello! I apologize for being tardy. My name is Rebecca and I am with the Davidson Institute. #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **Ijconrad**: When their arguments are better than mine! ;-) #gtchat

- 11:13 pm **Splinteredones:** RT @MarjieKnudsen: Overexcitabilities are difficult - <http://www.giftedservices.com.au/StartingPoints/Excitabilities.html> #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** Thank you everyone for sharing (keep it up!) re what drives you crazy. Next question: How does the craziness impact you/your family? #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **FrazzIld:** I had to negotiate with a 13 yr old little lawyer to get on my own laptop for this chat. Grrr...But I am a grown up little lawyer! #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** LOL RT @Ijconrad When their arguments are better than mine! ;-) #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - It's a privilege having you here, Rebecca. Thank you! #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **LesLinks:** What do you mean 'last night'..for me it has been every night since he was born.. and he is almost 18. so I am tired. just a little. #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **FrazzIld:** @Ijconrad LOL! #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** @LesLinks I have friend w/a profoundly gifted child. Dr. diagnosed sleep disorder by saying, "You know Einstein didn't sleep much." #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **mbteach:** RT @MarjieKnudsen: Overexcitabilities are difficult - <http://www.giftedservices.com.au/StartingPoints/Excitabilities.html> #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat Thank you Deborah.
- 11:15 pm **BrendonWalker:** The arguing and defiance drives me nuts #gtchat ...especially from Mr. 9
- 11:15 pm **LesLinks:** @FrazzIld When you know you have a good reason, but they have so convoluted the discussion, you can't find it any more... #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **soundsuccess:** Craziness upsets the flow of the day. Heightens anxiety in all of us and takes our precious happy family time #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **GaryBrannigan:** I expect issues as children develop socially/emotionally to match their minds! #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @LesLinks: @FrazzIld When you know you have a good reason, but they have so convoluted the discussion, you can't find it any more... #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **BrendonWalker:** But...even more frustrating is my inability to handle the situation better than I could have #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **MarjieKnudsen:** @BrendonWalker yes, I would agree with you there... probably the hardest part for us. #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GaryBrannigan - As opposed to honoring the asynchronous development. Ah, you are not alone! #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **FrazzIld:** Oh, yes. Me too! RT @BrendonWalker: The arguing and defiance drives me nuts #gtchat #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **MarjieKnudsen:** @BrendonWalker the consistently remaining 'calm' is a difficult feat. #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **GaryBrannigan:** I also focus on social, emotional, & physical development to help them lead a more balanced life #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **Ijconrad:** @LesLinks Exactly!!! #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino Ye. I have come to accept it. only wish I was as much of an owl. he really is at his best at 3am.. a grump daytime #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **FrazzIld:** !! RT @LesLinks: When you know you have a good reason, but they have so convoluted the discussion, you cant find it any more... #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** And me! I found "The Art of Avoiding Power Struggles" article (via @DavidsonGifted database) powerful! Link posted earlier. #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **LesLinks:** @MarjieKnudsen this can be a problem.... breath one two three, breath one two three...;-) #gtchat
- 11:19 pm **DavidsonGifted:** We have an great section on our database called Tips for Parents <http://bit.ly/9fF0qG> written by experts on many different topics. #gtchat
- 11:19 pm **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino could be useful #gtchat

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- 11:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** Kvols talks about difference b/w authentic power and coercive power. Very similar to @alfiekohn 's disc. of unconditional parenting. #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **soundsuccess:** @MarjieKnudsen: @BrendonWalker add to that the need to be on the same page. They will find a gap if there is one #gtchat
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- 11:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** So true about being on same page. #gtchat
- 11:21 pm **Ijconrad:** with a 16 y.o. and 18 y.o. - I've given up - they are now smarter than me and I have accepted my fate. No more power struggles. #gtchat
- 11:21 pm **MarjieKnudsen:** @soundsuccess yes, understanding where they are coming frm emotionally really helps. Like book from Elaine Aron on highly sensitive. #gtchat
- 11:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** Here's a link to @alfiekohn 's site: He wrote, Unconditional Parenting - <http://bit.ly/c6wR9G> #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **LesLinks:** Have major hyperventilating (excuse spelling) exam angst with dd at moment... panicks... #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **soundsuccess:** Easier to manage behaviour on my own but better for our kids to learn socially when we are both at home #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **FrazzIId:** RT @DeborahMersino: Heres a link to @alfiekohn s site: He wrote, Unconditional Parenting - <http://bit.ly/c6wR9G> #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **BrendonWalker:** @DeborahMersino power struggle indeed! Shouldn't our focus be harmony as opposed to power? #gtchat (yeah...easy to say :P)
- 11:23 pm **LesLinks:** @Ijconrad very similar... 15 and 17 ... I know nothing... #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** My aha moment reading these articles was distinction re approach. Most of us were raised w/ conditional parenting & coercive power. #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @MarjieKnudsen: @soundsuccess yes, understanding where they are coming frm emotionally really helps. Like book from Elaine Aron on highly sensitive. #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @LesLinks I have 2 recent posts on reducing anxiety on my site <http://reading2008> #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **BrendonWalker:** All the parents here with 16 & 18 yo kids are scaring me. I thought 8 & 9 was hard!!! #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** 15 and 17...mine are just 7 and 9 and I feel the struggle. Looking to examine how I "control" or don't. #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @GaryBrannigan That's <http://reading2008.com> #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** Loved this from Kvols: We make over 2,000 compliance request daily to our children, "pick up your clothes," "brush your teeth..." #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **soundsuccess:** When we won't argue they argue with each other. Refusing 2 get involved and giving safe "discussion" place works well- less argueing #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **LesLinks:** @GaryBrannigan Will defo look at those... has issues re comparing self with older sibling.. and also a 2E issue.. #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** @BrendonWalker - My thoughts exactly! #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **MarjieKnudsen:** have learned 'not' to control... oldest is 24 (gifted - law school) #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **Ijconrad:** I can unequivocally say that in the end, it is SO worth it when they grow up! Nurture & advocate for them every step of the way. #gtchat

- 11:27 pm **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino I used to.... now.... I think I'll leave that up to their future partners...;-> ;->.... #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **DeborahMersino:** Kvols offers 17 ways to avoid power struggles, including using one word, "teeth" and remember "no" is a one-word sentence. #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @ljconrad: I can unequivocally say that in the end, it is SO worth it when they grow up! Nurture & advocate for them every step of the way. #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **FrazzIld:** My 15 yr old boy is no problem...yet, maybe! My 13 yr old girl has me pulling my hair out! Is arguing and defiance a girl thing? #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **MarjieKnudsen:** youngest (11) gifted is a 2E, oldest (24) -not 2E, has a hard time grasping that he doesn't just 'get with the program' #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** Kvols - Authentic power does not judge child as "wrong" or "bad," but works to solve problems through understanding. #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **LesLinks:** @ljconrad You are right really.. watching them evolve into fine young things is amazing.. #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **ljconrad:** All 13 year old girls argue and are defiant ... lol #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @LesLinks Sorry the site on the anxiety reduction posts is: <http://reading2008.com> #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **MarjieKnudsen:** @DeborahMersino It is SO worth it... the patience and consistency is gold in the end... no hurrying. #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **DeborahMersino:** Kvols - Coercive power is very seductive b/c it often works in the short-term (i.e. threats), but seldom brings lasting results. #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **FrazzIld:** @DeborahMersino 2,000 requests per day? Ever watched the mom's song on youtube?: <http://bit.ly/Fz20R> Hilarious! #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **soundsuccess:** RT @LesLinks: @ljconrad You are right really.. watching them evolve into fine young things is amazing. Can't wait :) #gtchat
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- 11:31 pm **BrendonWalker:** to quote @soundsuccess ... "things are easier to manage when you're not here". (1 person directing) Dads...ya hearing me? #gtchat
- 11:31 pm **DeborahMersino:** Next question: How many of you blame yourself when your child/teen/young adlt isn't "behaving" by societal standards in public/home? #gtchat
- 11:31 pm **MarjieKnudsen:** @FrazzIld Yes, I've seen mom's song - love it! #gtchat
- 11:31 pm **LesLinks:** @FrazzIld It is. and to the nth degree in gifted. black is white, and visa versa.. even rejecting offers of what they love. #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Power is a dangerous strategy. When we model it for children, they can use it on us #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **BrendonWalker:** @DeborahMersino *raises hand* #gtchat
- 11:33 pm **DeborahMersino:** @FrazzIld - Will totally check it out. I personally can guesstimate that I say, "Flush!" dozens of times per day. #gtchat LOL
- 11:33 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @GaryBrannigan: Power is a dangerous strategy. When we model it for children, they can use it on us #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **ljconrad:** No way should you blame yourself! They didn't come with an instruction manual! :-) #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **FrazzIld:** I prefer to blame DH!! RT @DeborahMersino: How many of you blame yourself when your child/teen/young adlt isnt "behaving" ? #gtchat
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- 11:35 pm **soundsuccess:** Blame self- Not anymore. Refuse 2 let people's judgement control my life. Also try not 2 judge others by thr child'n. Not always so. #gtchat
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- 11:38 pm **MarjieKnudsen:** Thank you so much! Running older son to baseball. Wonderful night to you all!! :) #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **DeborahMersino:** Question: I know it depends a bit on age, but how much time do we spend listening (really) to our kids per day? #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **LesLinks:** @GaryBrannigan Hear hear.... often remind myself of this... especially now .. teens exploring *relationship issues*... AHHHHHHHHH #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **GaryBrannigan:** When we have strong-willed kids, there are many teaching moments. They'll learn if we teach with respect and model what we expect. #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **wredefine:** RT @MarjieKnudsen Thank you so much! Running older son to baseball. Wonderful night to you all!! :) #gtchat: <http://bit.ly/aZsa01>
- 11:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** Also from Kvols: In a Univ. of Iowa study, it was found that children get 432 negative comments per day vs. 32 positive ones. #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **jofrei:** Hi! Jo Freitag from Gifted Resources Melbourne Aus joining #gtchat Sorry I am late
- 11:39 pm **soundsuccess:** Listeing to kids- often but never enough! #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** @MarjieKnudsen - Grateful you were with us. Thank you! Happy baseball evening! #gtchat
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FrazzId: @DeborahMersino nowhere near enough, I must admit. Always in the middle of something". DD made appt to talk to me yesterday : (#gtchat

11:41 pm

DeborahMersino: @jofrei - Welcome!! We're talking about "listening" to kids. How much per day do we realistically/truly listen to them. #gtchat

11:41 pm

soundsuccess: RT @ljconrad: carving out time to eat together provides an excellent time for listening, and sharing, and teaching! Yes, Yes! #gtchat

11:41 pm

LesLinks: @DeborahMersino VERY important.. I will drop anything I am doing and listen.. as it is never good timing, but.. they know I am there #gtchat

11:42 pm

GaryBrannigan: @DeborahMersino Good point. And parents probably think they more positive than they actually are #gtchat

11:42 pm

DeborahMersino: Kvoles: Average American child receives approx 13 min a day in actual communication w/ parents. 9 min = parents critical feedback #gtchat

11:43 pm

DeborahMersino: @LesLinks - Good for you. A model for us all! #gtchat

11:44 pm

DeborahMersino: According to @alfiekohn - "Unconditional parenting isn't a fancy term for letting kids do whatever they want..." #gtchat

11:44 pm

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LesLinks: @soundsuccess eating together is very good even if it is once a day, or if not possible once a week... EVERY week... #gtchat

11:44 pm

jofrei: @DeborahMersino Just before bed was always a talkfest in our household (delaying bedtime tactics as well catching up!) Still is! #gtchat

11:45 pm

DeborahMersino: (cont. from @alfiekohn) "...It's very important (once the storm has passed) to teach, to reflect together..." #gtchat

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LesLinks: @DeborahMersino That is true too... limits even in liberal families are important... #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: RT @GaryBrannigan @DeborahMersino It would be good for parents to actually hear the way they talk to their kids. #gtchat <== Agree!

11:46 pm

BrendonWalker: Re: listening to kids (or anyone really) - you will hear more when your mouth is closed. I need 2 remember this #gtchat

11:46 pm

GaryBrannigan: @LesLinks I call that Family Dinner Therapy: reconnecting with light, supportive conversation over a good meal! #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: @jofrei - I so agree. Bedtime discussions/reflection can be so poignant. #gtchat

11:46 pm

FrazzId: @jofrei Funny how there is always something vitally important to chat about just after I announce that it's bedtime! #gtchat

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soundsuccess: @LesLinks We try to eat together daily. Also discuss the best part of day & what we learnt as part of dinnertime #gtchat

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LesLinks: @jofrei Just before bedtime, sitting on dd's bed, is 'her' time... the time in which she is most comfortable sharing.... good time. #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: @BrendonWalker You are not alone re listening! In our wired/24/7/hamster-wheel world, it's hard to remember the true priorities. #gtchat

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LesLinks: @BrendonWalker So do I.... #gtchat

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GaryBrannigan: @DeborahMersino Children often let down their defenses when they are tired, and talk about what's on their minds #gtchat

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DavidsonGifted: Some parents may find How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk <http://bit.ly/bGJXFb> helpful #gtchat.

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DeborahMersino: Wow. Time is flying by tonight! Last question: How can we take better care of ourselves, so that we can be "there" for them? #gtchat

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- 11:49 pm **LesLinks:** @soundsuccess I used to... but as older teens it is difficult... so I try to slip it in whenever I can on weekend... #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **ljconrad:** I also read to my kids at bedtime till 4th gr. (above their reading level) Some of my best memories. #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **BrendonWalker:** I also think that when I "think" I'm doing it right, that's when I need to stop & reassess #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Some parents may find How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk <http://bit.ly/bGJXFb> helpful #gtchat.
- 11:50 pm **FrazzIId:** @GaryBrannigan True. I generally get a run down on what's been on dd's mind all day. She likes help to process it at bedtime #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** I, for one, am excited to read more about parenting approach (conditional vs. unconditional). #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **DeborahMersino:** @ljconrad - love that... #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **soundsuccess:** Taking care of me is something I do very poorly! I know how important it is but just don't do it. Eating lunch is my goal this week #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **LesLinks:** Be kind to yourself, take pleasure in small things, an early morning walk in birdsong, kept telling yourself that your a good mom #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **jofrei:** RT @LesLinks: Be kind to yourself, take pleasure in small things, an early morning walk in birdsong, kept telling yourself that your a good mom #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** While I affirm often, I must ask myself more about how I try to "control" (authentic vs. coercive) & the implications. #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **jprevatte:** For me it's getting enough sleep so in not grumpy the next day #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @LesLinks: Be kind to yourself, take pleasure in small things, an early morning walk in birdsong, kept telling yourself that your a good mom #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **DeborahMersino:** How often do we give ourselves permission to say we're good parents? #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **jofrei:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Some parents may find How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk <http://bit.ly/bGJXFb> helpful #gtchat.
- 11:53 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jprevatte - Makes such a difference! #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **ljconrad:** Stop watching tv, go to bed, it's worth the investment. You need all the sleep you can get to parent a gifted child. #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **kbphotos:** Sorry to see I missed most of the chat. #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **BrendonWalker:** Just a quick note to the Aussie #gtchat peeps...the 2nd timeslot is now 9am, not 11am due to recent time changes.
- 11:53 pm **FrazzIId:** I love going to work and switching out of Mom mode for a while. Being me for a few hours a week. #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **LesLinks:** @ljconrad It is only recently I stopped reading to them... and my dd last week reminded me of a story I used to tell her... sweet... #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **soundsuccess:** RT @ljconrad: Stop watching tv, go to bed, it's worth the investment. You need all the sleep you can get to parent a gifted child. #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm working most of the time to be good-enough. Interesting implications regarding how I hold parenting... #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **LesLinks:** @jprevatte Hear hear... #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @ljconrad: Stop watching tv, go to bed, it's worth the investment. You need all the sleep you can get to parent a gifted child. #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @BrendonWalker: Just a quick note to the Aussie #gtchat peeps...the 2nd timeslot is now 9am, not 11am due to recent time changes.
- 11:55 pm **kbphotos:** @ljconrad - and close the laptop ;) #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **DeborahMersino:** @kbphotos - I hope you're able to join us again next time. I will post transcripts following the chat. Glad you stopped by though! #gtchat

- 11:55 pm **soundsuccess:** RT @kbphotos: @ljconrad - and close the laptop ;) #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **LesLinks:** @FrazzIld Hear hear, when I have work to go too!! #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **FrazzIld:** @DeborahMersino Well I'm not going to stop tweeting at midnight on Fridays! #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** Final thoughts everyone? #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **ljconrad:** @kbphotos so true! #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **jprevatte:** @LesLinks I'll be so sad when mine font want me to read to then any more. #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **FrazzIld:** RT @BrendonWalker: Just a quick note to the Aussie #gtchat peeps...the 2nd timeslot is now 9am, not 11am due to recent time changes. #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @FrazzIld @DeborahMersino Well I'm not going to stop tweeting at midnight on Fridays! #gtchat {Thank goodness!!}
- 11:57 pm **kbphotos:** guilty here with work and blogging until late at night #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **BrendonWalker:** and the PDA RT @soundsuccess: RT @kbphotos: @ljconrad - and close the laptop ;) #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **FrazzIld:** I must remember to slow down and listen more. #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **jofrei:** RT @ljconrad: Stop watching tv, go to bed, it's worth the investment. You need all the sleep you can get to parent a gifted child. #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Live healthy, love often, and think happy. You can only do what you can do! #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **soundsuccess:** RT @GaryBrannigan: Live healthy, love often, and think happy. You can only do what you can do! #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **ljconrad:** Best advice - don't miss these chats! I learn so much. :-) #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Thank you Deborah for hosting such a positive forum for parents utilize #gtchat.
- 11:59 pm **FrazzIld:** I must read the earlier links and learn how not to get drawn onto argument with dd. Its so stressful. #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **LesLinks:** @jprevatte ohhhh read newspaper articles, then share books with them, also then you can share passages in books with them.as you go #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **soundsuccess:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Thank you Deborah for hosting such a positive forum for parents utilize #gtchat.
- 11:59 pm **kbphotos:** when you're spending time with your children; focus on them - they do notice #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** I appreciate the authentic dialogue tonight/this morning, my global tweeps. I'm privileged to be with you all! #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **jprevatte:** Any good resources for improving your kids gt school program #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **BrendonWalker:** Yeah! RT @DavidsonGifted: Thank you Deborah for hosting such a positive forum for parents utilize #gtchat.