



## Transcript from May 28, 2010 to May 28, 2010

All times are Pacific Time

### May 28, 2010

- 12:26 am **ljconrad:** @GiftedPhoenix oops! are you referring to gifted label or corporate takeover of education? #gtchat
- 12:31 am **ljconrad:** #gtchat I WIN!!!! Hope to see you ALL there (inclgd. @teachagiftedchild)! =8-)
- 5:55 am **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino What are the topics for the next two #gtchat sessions?
- 7:55 am **Begabung:** RT @DeborahMersino: Connecticut school district wrestles w/ cutting G/T program budget in half: <http://bit.ly/9xKt4V> #gtchat
- 8:40 am **Dazzlld:** Looks like 2 really hot topics in #gtchat today.....not to be missed! See you all later....
- 11:38 am **jofrei:** @Dazzlld re Looks like 2 really hot topics in #gtchat today What are the topics?
- 12:16 pm **Boz23:** @cfertig1 #gtchat is only on Friday in some parts of the world. Saturday mornings are hard to find the time - or remember it's on.
- 12:21 pm **jofrei:** @Dazzlld thanks looking forward to it #gtchat
- 1:12 pm **mygiftedgirl:** RT @DeborahMersino: Connecticut school district wrestles w/ cutting G/T program budget in half: <http://bit.ly/9xKt4V> #gtchat
- 1:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** "GT Advocacy Polarities: Digging Deep into Divisions" will be our noon/EST #gtchat topic for 05.28 (today). Join us! #gifted
- 1:53 pm **DeborahMersino:** "Taking #gtchat to Next Level: A Global Movement" will be our 7pm/EST #gtchat topic for 05.28 (today). Join us! #gifted
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- 2:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jofrei - Just posted the topics! Hope you can join us. You're our devoted and sage AU #gtchat tweep!
- 2:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** @cfertig1 - Thank you for the blog post today! Here's to growing our #gtchat sessions to serve #gifted students worldwide.
- 2:18 pm **jofrei:** Aussies reset your clocks for #gtchat times  
<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=553>
- 2:52 pm **mygiftedgirl:** "GT Advocacy Polarities: Digging Deep into Divisions" will be our noon/EST #gtchat topic for 05.28 (today). Join... <http://bit.ly/cPBrH7>
- 2:56 pm **LesLinks:** RT @DeborahMersino: @jofrei - Just posted the topics! Hope you can join us. You're our devoted and sage AU #gtchat tweep!
- 3:05 pm **LesLinks:** RT @mygiftedgirl: "GT Advocacy Polarities: Digging Deep into Divisions" will be our noon/EST #gtchat topic for 05.28 (today). Join... <http://bit.ly/cPBrH7>
- 3:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** Less than an hour to our first #gtchat session. Thank you to everyone who voted. We'll undoubtedly have some lively chats today! #gifted
- 3:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @jofrei: Aussies reset your clocks for #gtchat times

- 3:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - Thank you for inspiring today's noon #gtchat session topic on GT advocacy polarities!
- 3:33 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @jofrei: RT @DeborahMersino: "GT Advocacy Polarities: Digging Deep into Divisions" noon/EST #gtchat topic for 05.28 (today). Join us!
- 3:50 pm **SeaburySchool:** RT @DeborahMersino: "GT Advocacy Polarities: Digging Deep into Divisions" noon/EST #gtchat topic for 05.28 (today). Join us!
- 3:55 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @DeborahMersino Pleasure! #gtchat
- 3:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat. It's going to be a heavy stream...feel free to unfollow for a bit. #gifted
- 3:58 pm **halleyrebecca:** @GiftedPhoenix @DeborahMersino Would one of you mind giving a little translation of the topic? Thanks! #gtchat
- 3:58 pm **halleyrebecca:** Attn: Rest of Twitter. Please excuse the next hour's worth of #gtchat related tweets. It'll all be over soon. :)
- 3:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** @halleyrebecca Advocacy has it's challenges, in part b/c of differing opinions, myths, approaches, etc. We'll discuss the landscape. #gtchat
- 4:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Welcome to #gtchat! Our topic today: GT Advocacy Polarities: Digging Deep into Divisions." Join us!
- 4:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** Please take a moment to introduce yourself, your role (parent, educator, student, psychologist, advocate) & where you reside. #gtchat
- 4:01 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @halleyrebecca #gtchat my original blog post is here <http://bit.ly/diAVCH>
- 4:01 pm **jofrei:** Hi Jo Freitag from Gifted Resources an Information service in Melbourne Aus joining #gtchat
- 4:01 pm **cybraryman1:** ?We must believe that we are gifted for something, and that this thing, at whatever cost, must be attained? Marie Curie #gtchat
- 4:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm Deborah Mersino, moderator of #gtchat, parent to 2 girls, communications consultant to GT communities (via Ingeniosus). I'm in Colorado.
- 4:02 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat Rebecca, Family Consultant, from The Davidson Institute in Reno NV.
- 4:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** From @GiftedPhoenix on the Polarities existing w/i GT Advocacy: <http://bit.ly/9huSFe> #gtchat #gifted
- 4:02 pm **gsacademy:** Hi, I'm Matt, founder of Gifted Students Academy, youth trainer and educator #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Hello form England. It's the end of the first half of summer term here - all the kids are very loud and very happy!
- 4:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** Hello everyone! And thank you again to @GiftedPhoenix for inspiring our chat today. Here's to a lively debate! #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **FrazzIId:** Catherine from Ireland. Mother and advocate. Hi everybody. #gtchat
- 4:04 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Clinical & School Psychologist w/ a focus on education, especially reading #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** For those who haven't yet read @GiftedPhoenix 's blog post, I'll try to cover the main polarities throughout today's conversation. #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat So all I was trying to do in the blog was to provide some reference points for discussion of different approaches to G&T worldwide
- 4:06 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @GiftedPhoenix: @halleyrebecca #gtchat my original blog post is here <http://bit.ly/diAVCH>
- 4:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** In addition, tho, I think advocacy challenges also stem from 1) lack of definition agreement 2) label issues 3) myths 4) disparities #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **gsacademy:** The discussions in @giftedphoenix 's blog is the basis of discussions that happen in schools on how best to approach #gifted edu #gtchat

- 4:06 pm **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: From @GiftedPhoenix on the Polarities existing w/ GT Advocacy: <http://bit.ly/9huSFe> #gtchat #gifted
- 4:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - I think you did a good job identifying possible "big" themes. I don't necessarily agree w/ how each is depicted. #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **DazzlId:** Hi from Karen from Dublin Ireland, parent advocate #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **halleyrebecca:** @GiftedPhoenix Awesome, thank you! #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **SeaburySchool:** Seabury School, independent school for gifted children in Tacoma, WA. Participating as an entire faculty on the projector today. #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** Let's start with Nature vs. Nurture. You hit the nail on the head with one of the biggest debates. #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **SeaburySchool:** (Before you ask where the children are, it's teacher in-service day :) ) #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat @gsacademy Yes - I think a lot of discussion that leads up to development of school policy statements goes over this ground.
- 4:09 pm **FrazzId:** RT @GiftedPhoenix: my original blog post is here <http://bit.ly/diAVCH> #gtchat
- 4:09 pm **gsacademy:** Many schools aren't really aware of the sophisticated debate & make decisions based on instinct and intuition along similar lines #gtchat
- 4:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** Is giftedness predominantly inherited? Somewhat, but wouldn't say it's based on academic ability. Would say we need ID standards. #gtchat
- 4:09 pm **halleyrebecca:** Staff and alum of @seaburyschool for gifted students in Tacoma, WA. Participating with full faculty as @seaburyschool today. #gtchat
- 4:09 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @DeborahMersino - Happy to have your suggestions on how you would frame the polarities - and whether you see them as such! #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **cybraryman1:** @GiftedPhoenix So much to digest in that wonderful blog post. We should take GT learning out of traditional school setting. #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat Nature v Nurture is at the core of much of the debate around giftedness and gifted education
- 4:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** For those who haven't read, @GiftedPhoenix says the opposite end of the spectrum believes giftedness can be achieved thru effort. #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** What do you all think? {seems #twitter feed is a bit slow today} #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **SeaburySchool:** We have very, very few families where one sibling will qualify and the other will not. #gtchat @DeborahMersino Is giftedness inherited?
- 4:11 pm **cybraryman1:** I see relevant points on both ends of the spectrum #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino Nature vS Nurture sure nurture helps but baby tortoise reared by cheetah is just a faster tortoise #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **FrazzId:** I believe you need a leel of ability in order to achieve, but effort also needed. Without the ability, effort alone will not suffice #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **DazzlId:** I think excellence can be achieved through effort, certainly. #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **gsacademy:** @SeaburySchool but surely siblings will have both similar genetics and environment #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **FrazzId:** RT @jofrei: @DeborahMersino Nature vS Nurture sure nurture helps but baby tortoise reared by cheetah is just a faster tortoise #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @DeborahMersino Feed is good today in UK - much better than last week when there was a 7 minute delay #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** Part of the problem: too often focus gets placed on "achievement/effort" and inherent GT learners' needs go unmet. Myths promulgate #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat Some food for thought...Genetics and Intelligence [http://www.davidsongifted.org/db/Articles\\_id\\_10032.aspx](http://www.davidsongifted.org/db/Articles_id_10032.aspx)

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- 4:13 pm **SeaburySchool:** Agreed. [@gsacademy](#) but surely siblings will have both similar genetics and environment [#gtchat](#)
- 4:14 pm **cybraryman1:** You can have the ability and talent but don't work to bring it out more. [#gtchat](#)
- 4:14 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** [@SeaburySchool](#) have you seen the studies that follow twins separated and brought up in different environments? [#gtchat](#)
- 4:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** I fall on the predominantly inherited camp, b/c I think it best serves IDED gifted student better in short/long-run. [#gtchat](#)
- 4:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** Having said that I fall into nature camp, I still believe we need to support effort in all. [#gtchat](#)
- 4:15 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** [#gtchat](#) If you'll excuse me for saying, I do get the impression that Dweck is a bit of a lone voice at the nurture polarity extreme in US?
- 4:15 pm **jofrei:** Nature vs nurture problem with the ones who say only nurture and accuse parents of hot housing [#gtchat](#)
- 4:15 pm **gsacademy:** I work with many young people from challenging environment, with little to no academic encouragement, but they are clearly v [#gifted](#) [#gtchat](#)
- 4:16 pm **GaryBrannigan:** [@DeborahMersino](#) Can you have it both ways? [#gtchat](#)
- 4:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** However, when we go down the nurture route, we often lose all ability to truly serve high IQ students appropriately. [#gtchat](#)
- 4:16 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** [@DeborahMersino](#) - That's where I'd placed you (sorry) Have you read Carol Dweck and what do you think of that perspective? [#gtchat](#)
- 4:16 pm **DazzlId:** Nurturing every learner will see them reach their potential, but each one's potential is NOT the same [#gtchat](#)
- 4:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** Effort/nurturing needs to be a part of education. It's vital! Too often this leads 2 elimination of deemed "elitist" GT programs. [#gtchat](#)
- 4:17 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT [@DazzlId](#): Nurturing every learner will see them reach their potential, but each ones potential is NOT the same [#gtchat](#)
- 4:18 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** RT [@DazzlId](#): Nurturing every learner will see them reach potential, but each one's potential is NOT the same. That's about where I am [#gtchat](#)
- 4:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** I love Dweck's Mindset, etc. However, in U.S., the focus has been on NCLB & achievement & nurturing of all. [#gtchat](#)
- 4:18 pm **gsacademy:** I come down on the 'bit of both' side, maybe nature for some & nurture for others. How we acknowledge & address need of both is key [#gtchat](#)
- 4:19 pm **FrazzId:** I think it's a mixture of both nature and nurture. You need both elements. Agree with [@DazzlId](#), everyone's potential not the same [#gtchat](#)
- 4:19 pm **jofrei:** [@DazzlId](#) Well said!!! Nurturing every learner will see them reach their potential, but each one's potential is NOT the same [#gtchat](#)
- 4:19 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** [#gtchat](#) I think we're agreed that the 'gifted is 100% inherited' position is much less tenable now than it was in the past?
- 4:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'll state it again. Advocacy fails b/c of strong nurture focus. It's not wrong, but doesn't serve our highest-potential students. [#gtchat](#)
- 4:20 pm **gsacademy:** [@GiftedPhoenix](#) yes [#gtchat](#)
- 4:20 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** [#gtchat](#) - mixture of both is right - the blog argues that everyone positions between the two poles on each of the three issues
- 4:21 pm **GaryBrannigan:** [@DeborahMersino](#) I think the point about HIGHEST potential kids is critical to the discussion [#gtchat](#)
- 4:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** I want ALL students 2 achieve/Believe in power of nurture!! We've become afraid, tho, to stand up for those whose needs go unmet [#gtchat](#)
- 4:21 pm **EdConti:** RT [@DazzlId](#): Nurturing every learner will see them reach their potential, but each one's potential is NOT the same [#gtchat](#)

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- 4:21 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat @DeborahMersino Takes us on to the argument whether to focus on G&T learners or G&T education...
- 4:21 pm **gsacademy:** It's a continuum and everyone is somewhere along on that line #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **GaryBrannigan:** How do we define highest potential kids? #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **halleyrebecca:** @GiftedPhoenix Definitely. IQ is just potential. There has to be something else in the equation helping to achieve that potential. #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - Question: So what do you do with the 2-year-old who taught herself to read? Doesn't she need/deserve diff. support? #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Where do we draw the line for highest potential kids #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **cybraryman1:** We cannot hold back & we must enable each GT student to reach his/her fullest potential #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** RT @gsacademy: It's a continuum and everyone is somewhere along on that line #gtchat
- 4:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix: Disagree. I believe focus has to be on GT education. BUT you can't have GT ed w/o knowing WHO you're serving. #gtchat
- 4:23 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat The Davidson Institute defines profoundly gifted by using test score criteria <http://bit.ly/c0zMB4>. We also look at portfolio work.
- 4:23 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @DeborahMersino Yes- not arguing against provision to meet needs - just defining where people stand philosophically on G&T education #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** Cart before horse...causes all sorts of issues. I'm highly focused on GT education. Problem - who gets it/not enough individuals. #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **FrazzIId:** I am not an educator, but I like the idea behind the Whole School Cluster Grouping method in this book: <http://ht.ly/1Re8v> #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat @DeborahMersino aahhh I think that maybe the main philosophical difference between us - but we're still fighting for the same thing!
- 4:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'd argue tho that too often people get sidetracked in trying to serve all/nurture & wind up not serving individual needs of gifted. #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: #gtchat The Davidson Institute defines profoundly gifted by using test score criteria <http://bit.ly/c0zMB4>. We also look at portfolio work.
- 4:25 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @DeborahMersino Reading may not be good example. Some nongifted read early; some gifted struggle #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **FrazzIId:** With more learner centred, discovery based learning, I think many GT kids would do well in mainstream. But not all #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** It goes back to the "Every child is gifted" argument. Yes, effort can be nurtured. However, not all children have same needs. #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Critical point is that G&T advocates are a broad church and we must accept the differences as we fight for a common cause...
- 4:27 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GaryBrannigan - My point is the 2-yo reader will likely be bored to tears in K, just as the 3-yo doing addition/sub. Still stands. #gtchat
- 4:27 pm **gsacademy:** Effective G&T education must be built into wider education infra-structure & designed to identify & meet the individual needs of all #gtchat
- 4:27 pm **jofrei:** RT @GiftedPhoenix: #gtchat Critical point is that G&T advocates are a broad church and we must accept the differences as we fight for a common cause...
- 4:27 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @DeborahMersino Another good point: not all children have the same needs #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** Common cause though is getting so watered down because of disparities. We can't even agree upon definitions. Part of BIG problem #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat @DeborahMersino I know where you're coming from and I agree, but I think needs are better served by focus on learning not individual

- 4:28 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @DeborahMersino A lot of kids are bored to tears in K. Often lowest common denominator rules! #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **FrazzIld:** There are some needs/issues specific to GT, so teacher training/awareness important regardless of provision in classrooms #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **DeborahMersino:** We're so far off from Edreform in US. Still focused on NCLB tests. If we truly want #gifted learners to thrive, we must align. #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **tecteach:** RT @cybraryman1: ?We must believe that we are gifted for something, and that this thing, at whatever cost, must be attained? Marie Curie #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** RT @gsacademy: Effective G&T education must be built into wider education & designed to identify & meet the individual needs of all #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **DeborahMersino:** We can't and won't get funding until we know who will be served. Can't fund EPGY or CTY if can't identify properly. #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **jofrei:** Even within gifted there is wide variety of level and needs Miraca Gross links level of giftedness to appropriate provisions #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat First polarity has stirred some deeply-held views - just wait till we get on to the second!
- 4:31 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix Nice in theory, but it's what we've been trying 2 do 4 decades in US/NOT working. High-ability students needs = unmet #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @jofrei - absolutely - I do think it is important to see level of G&T as a key variable in all of this. Have much time for Miraca! #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **DeborahMersino:** GT funding has been cut in every state this year...will continue until we can properly align/state the cause w/conviction. #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino re "Every child is gifted" argument. Columbus Cheetah says All cheetahs are animals; not all animals are cheetahs #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **GaryBrannigan:** I don't think we have to feel we are gifted to lead a meaningful life. We do the best we can thru hard work and character #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **FrazzIld:** RT @jofrei: Within gifted there is wide variety of level and needs Miraca Gross links level of giftedness to appropriate provisions #gtchat
- 4:33 pm **DeborahMersino:** Moreover, often the only gifted student needs being met are at private schools and/or in certain zipcodes. #gtchat
- 4:34 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GaryBrannigan - That's not my point - AT ALL. Of course, everyone can lead powerful lives. Again, I'm talking offering a proper ed. #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **DeborahMersino:** Has anyone studied the research, know the loneliness/existential dread, the boredom, the wasted talent? Why not serve them? #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **gsacademy:** Sounds to me that we have a more universal acceptance of need for #gifted edu in UK, but still not sure what it should look like #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @DeborahMersino I don't think I said it was your point. It's my point. #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm a big lover of @JeniferFox "Discover Your Child's Strengths?" Still have so many ppl thinking "gifted" = "achievement"/So wrong. #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat @DeborahMersino I hear you and I empathise, but I still think a focus on education is the best way forward, especially with Democrat
- 4:37 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GaryBrannigan - Sorry. I get impassioned. Too often, we hear this from school boards as they're wiping out critical GT programming. #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **mommyperks:** RT @DeborahMersino: @GaryBrannigan - Sorry. I get impassioned. Too often, we hear this from school boards as they're wiping out critical GT programming. #gtchat
- 4:38 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - Explain how you can focus on ed, when you aren't able to differentiate for GT (which you can't do w/o IDing?). #gtchat
- 4:38 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Do you want to go for Excellence versus Equity now? Maybe we need

- 4:39 pm **gsacademy:** @GiftedPhoenix I was going to say that #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @DeborahMersino - absolutely agree the focus is ability not achievement #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - I think we need an hour on each! #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @DeborahMersino Think there's a misunderstanding here. I support identification, but I put education before identification #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Ed systems will probably always struggle to individualize ed . Even gt aside, there is great diversity in ability in reg ed classes #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** Do you believe that "All learners are potentially GT?" B/c if so, we wouldn't need GT programs at all. Just achievement-based ed. #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **gsacademy:** Often, in busy schools, ability isn't acknowledged or even recognised until there is achievement #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat I knew I might be stirring up a hornet's nest - but it's kind of cathartic to debate this!
- 4:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** Problem is - not all #gifted learners are "achievers" - common misunderstanding. Social-emotional needs go unmet. #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **Frazzlld:** Too true RT @gsacademy: Often, in busy schools, ability isnt acknowledged or even recognised until there is achievement #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @gsacademy: Often, in busy schools, ability isn't acknowledged or even recognised until there is achievement #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino Child's Strengths - like Multiple Intelligences - all have strengths but using MI is not a gifted program by itself #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **Frazzlld:** RT @DeborahMersino: Problem is, not all #gifted learners are "achievers" - common misunderstanding. Social-emotional needs go unmet. #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **Dazzlld:** RT @gsacademy: Often, in busy schools, ability isnt acknowledged or even recognised until there is achievement / in Ireland too #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat Genius Denied <http://www.geniusdenied.com/> is a website with resources as well as an enlightening, powerful book.
- 4:42 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @DeborahMersino No that's not my position - I don't support the Dweck position. I'm in the middle but more towards her than you #gtchat
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- 4:43 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Society dictates and reinforces what it acknowledges as important #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **Frazzlld:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Genius Denied <http://www.geniusdenied.com/> is a website with resources as well as enlightening, powerful book. #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - Agree on Dweck...my challenge is how to get buy-in for GT programming in US when achievement myths continue. #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **gsacademy:** I think we all agree that all learners can achieve (of course), but only some have potential to 'highly' achieve #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @GiftedPhoenix: @DeborahMersino - Yes. critical for G&T identification to

- dig below achievement, otherwise G&T are all white middle class! #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat I can tell you're frustrated Deborah and I don't mean to give you a hard time - really!
- 4:45 pm **DeborahMersino:** I wish I could pull up Delisle article that talks about how our lack of universal definition to support programming causes problems #gtchat
- 4:45 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @gsacademy I think we still need to define achieve. #gtchat
- 4:45 pm **gsacademy:** @GiftedPhoenix :- ) I thought you said it was cathartic #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix No, I like debate and appreciate your dialogue - truly! I simply read our news daily & see the realities/disparities. #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **gsacademy:** RT @GiftedPhoenix: @DeborahMersino - Yes, critical for G&T identification to dig below achievement, otherwise G&T are all white middle class! #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat @DeborahMersino Buy-in critical and I don't know the US position clearly, but would advise climbing aboard other policy imperatives
- 4:46 pm **SeaburySchool:** Interesting #gifted debate in Tacoma, WA public schools right now. Realizing gifted qual needs to dig deeper than test scores #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **SeaburySchool:** Link to article about Tacoma, WA public schools gifted program problems right now: <http://tinyurl.com/2w8t2zt> #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **DeborahMersino:** I support both ends. From Special Ed &ESL students to to Profoundly gifted. My focus is ensuring high-ability students get right ed. #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **gsacademy:** @GaryBrannigan Achievement is relative to an individuals peers, i.e. others in their year at their school #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat ...so in US, what are the policy priorities currently that could give you some purchase - teacher quality, innovation, standards?
- 4:48 pm **FrazzIld:** More to being gifted than just academic ability, which is why support needs to meet these needs too. Is a distinct SEN #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **SeaburySchool:** It's exciting for us as gifted advocates to see our public schools taking a deeper look at this issue #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **DeborahMersino:** My particular passion is GT ed; it's close to my heart & I see it disintegrating right&left b/c of everyone's desires to nurture all #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat - and I SO wanted to get stuck into excellence v equity - that's even more controversial territory!
- 4:49 pm **SeaburySchool:** We are up against a huge anti-intellectual bias in our culture. To say some kids are smarter than others is to be "elitist" #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat I think treating G&T as a special need has both advantages and disadvantages - you kinda need to argue both sides....
- 4:49 pm **gsacademy:** @DeborahMersino what about social mobility, isn't that a hot policy topic in US? Which would bring us to the next polarity #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - We know how to serve #gifted, have the curriculum, prof GT educators, research...not enough FUNDING/buy-in. #gtchat
- 4:51 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat - It cannot only be a matter of money - I would argue the only solution is to make G&T integral to daily practice in schools
- 4:51 pm **DeborahMersino:** We do need to continue to work on closing GT achievement gaps. Again, funding needed to do so. #gtchat
- 4:52 pm **FrazzIld:** @GiftedPhoenix What are the disadvantages of seeing GT as a special educational need? Surely not outweighed by advantages? #gtchat
- 4:52 pm **SeaburySchool:** Could be losing a large group of future leaders because of cultural need to hide/downplay intelligence. #gtchat
- 4:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** Feel like I'm dominating to much...what do the rest of you think. We've got 8 minutes left...I want to hear! #gtchat

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- 4:52 pm **SeaburySchool:** Why we need to look at potential vs. achievement. #gtchat
- 4:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @SeaburySchool: Could be losing a large group of future leaders because of cultural need to hide/downplay intelligence. #gtchat
- 4:53 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat @gsacademy Have seen studies recently showing we and US share poor social mobility - especially progression to best universities
- 4:53 pm **GaryBrannigan:** I think we have moved away from tracking, but when I was in sch, there were many levels. #gtchat
- 4:53 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat I'm going to stay quiet for the last 5 minutes to let others have their say...
- 4:53 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @GiftedPhoenix #gtchat - solution is to make G&T integral to daily practice in schools {this takes \$ - training & major change}
- 4:54 pm **KTVee:** @GiftedPhoenix I agree gifted is not about programs, it's about changing everyday curriculum to meet kids needs #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **gsacademy:** @GiftedPhoenix agree, but demanding curriculum & under-resourced schools, curriculum choices are made everyday. Funding is crucial #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **KTVee:** I will focus on one thing next year: Is every kid challenged every day? If I can't say yes, I'm not doing my job. #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **gsacademy:** RT @SeaburySchool: Could be losing a large group of future leaders because of cultural need to hide/downplay intelligence. #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @gsacademy: @GiftedPhoenix agree, but demanding curriculum & under-resourced schools, curriculum choices are made everyday. Funding is crucial #gtchat
- 4:55 pm **DeborahMersino:** You can't offer William & Mary literature courses (geared to GT learners), EPGY, etc. w/o funding. #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **SeaburySchool:** We're signing out for today -- back to work at teacher in-service day! Good #gtchat everybody.
- 4:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** Final thoughts everyone? #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **SeaburySchool:** @DeborahMersino Do you have links to all past #gtchat transcripts that we can access?
- 4:57 pm **Frazzld:** Recognition of needs of gifted learners, basic training for all teachers with some specialists would be a good start in Ireland. #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **jofrei:** @KTVee re every kid challenged every day our youngest's best teacher had that philosophy -she was wonderful! #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** My final thought: We have to look at it from a strategy perspective if we're going to serve these learners/meet their potential. #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **KTVee:** @DeborahMersino yes, so we gotta raise awareness to get funding; do u think lack of awareness is why funding gets cut so much? #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** @SeaburySchool - Yes, all past #gtchat transcripts can be accessed at [www.ingeniosus.net/gtchat-transcripts](http://www.ingeniosus.net/gtchat-transcripts). #gifted
- 4:58 pm **gsacademy:** Masterclasses, progression skills, outside trips, specialist support, advanced learning skills, etc, all take time and money #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - We may not agree on all fronts, but I applaud your zeal & willingness to take a stand. TY for your input/thoughts! #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **gsacademy:** I know it's off topic & i've said it before, but corporate sector needs to step up and take more of a role supporting GT education #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **KTVee:** final thought: it's difficult 2 b sure every kid gets what they need, but it's really ONLY option for grt school #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **Dazzld:** Identification is key, then full-time gifted ed schools with specialist teachers #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** @KTVee - Yes, lack of awareness, proliferation of myths, fears of "elitism"

when in fact it's simply a matter of meeting the needs. #gtchat

- 5:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @gsacademy: I know it's off topic & i've said it before, but corporate sector needs to step up and take more of a role supporting GT education #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat - Phew. I enjoyed that discussion but it sure highlights Twitter's limitations. My post was almost term 1 of a Masters in miniature.
- 5:00 pm **FrazzIId:** Dream on! RT @DazzIId: Identification is key, then full-time gifted ed schools with specialist teachers #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **KTVee:** @jofrei I want that saying on a tshirt or banner... everyday is a new challenge...embrace it! #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **gsacademy:** Thanks @DeborahMersino Do you think we'll get to Excellence versus Equity next time? #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** That's it folks...I'll have our #gtchat transcript up shortly! Thank you to everyone. You all are meaningful to future progress!
- 5:01 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Maybe acad courses is not the way to go. Not trying to develop exceptional students, but students who can be highly productive #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino interesting debate tonight! thank you and @GiftedPhoenix to #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **gsacademy:** A move towards international means of identification and criteria #gtchat
- 5:02 pm **FrazzIId:** @DeborahMersino TY Deborah for another lively one. Can't wait for midnight! #gtchat
- 5:02 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat As ever I've learned so much from this 'full and frank exchange of views'. Thanks for your patience. See you again next week! Bye!
- 5:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** @gsacademy - Yes, I'll be sure to have the other polarities as #gtchat topics in future Twtpolls. Critical discussions taking place. TY!
- 5:02 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat Thank you everyoe for your thoughts.
- 5:03 pm **gsacademy:** Thanks all for contributions, that was great #gtchat
- 5:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GaryBrannigan We don't need all 2 be "productive" we need them 2 think critical & be able to solve solutions in revolutionary ways. #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **FrazzIId:** Looking forward to discussing "Taking #gtchat to Next Level: A Global Movement" at midnight GMT/7pm EST tonight. 7pm/EST #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **jofrei:** Good night all - I will endeavour to be back for the next #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** Transcript from #gtchat session on GT Advocacy Polarities: Digging Deep into Divisions <http://bit.ly/a6Hx0H> #gifted
- 5:13 pm **swisscritter:** RT @DavidsonGifted: #gtchat Genius Denied <http://www.geniusdenied.com/> is a website with resources as well as an enlightening, powerful book.
- 5:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** is.opinionated.for.sure.but.still.loves.to.grow. #gtchat
- 5:20 pm **wilostar3d:** YES! RT @DeborahMersino @GaryBrannigan Don't need all 2 be productive - need them 2 think critical & be able to solve problems #gtchat
- 5:29 pm **educguess:** RT @SeaburySchool: Could be losing a large group of future leaders because of cultural need to hide/downplay intelligence. #gtchat
- 5:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** Join us at 7pm/EST for #gtchat. Our topic: "Taking #gtchat to Next Level: A Global Movement." The more input, the better! #gifted
- 7:16 pm **jprevatte:** @DeborahMersino can/how do I find past #gtchat transcripts?
- 7:19 pm **Begabungs:** RT @DeborahMersino: Join us at 7pm/EST for #gtchat. Our topic: "Taking #gtchat to Next Level: A Global Movement." The more input, the better! #gifted
- 7:22 pm **Begabungs:** @DeborahMersino I will try to join #gtchat at 7pm/EST. The Topic sounds good: "Taking #gtchat to Next Level: A Global Movement."
- 7:24 pm **Begabungs:** RT @DavidsonGifted: #gtchat The Davidson Institute defines profoundly gifted

work.

- 7:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jprevatte: All past #gtchat transcripts can be found here: [www.ingeniosus.net/gtchat-transcripts](http://www.ingeniosus.net/gtchat-transcripts) #gifted
- 7:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Jprevatte It takes me a few days to load trscrpts to site. If ur interested in today's, you'll find it here: <http://bit.ly/a6Hx0H> #gtchat
- 8:33 pm **Giftedkidsie:** Great! RT @DeborahMersino: @jprevatte: All past #gtchat transcripts can be found here: [www.ingeniosus.net/gtchat-transcripts](http://www.ingeniosus.net/gtchat-transcripts) #gifted
- 8:35 pm **Giftedkidsie:** RT @DeborahMersino: Transcript from #gtchat session on GT Advocacy Polarities: Digging Deep into Divisions <http://bit.ly/a6Hx0H> #gifted
- 8:36 pm **Giftedkidsie:** RT @DavidsonGifted: #gtchat Genius Denied <http://www.geniusdenied.com/> is a website with resources as well as an enlightening, powerful...
- 9:30 pm **LesLinks:** RT @DeborahMersino: @jprevatte: All past #gtchat transcripts can be found here: [www.ingeniosus.net/gtchat-transcripts](http://www.ingeniosus.net/gtchat-transcripts) #gifted
- 9:30 pm **LesLinks:** RT @DeborahMersino: Join us at 7pm/EST for #gtchat. Our topic: "Taking #gtchat to Next Level: A Global Movement." The more input, the better! #gifted
- 9:47 pm **DeborahMersino:** What's the most thought-provoking/fascinating book you've read this year and why? #gtchat #gifted #fiction #inspirational #poetry #younameit
- 10:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Less than an hour until #gtchat. Topic: "Taking #gtchat to the Next Level: A Global Movement." #gtchat belongs to us all; join us! #gifted
- 10:09 pm **Ijconrad:** RT @azcentral PV district introduces program for highly gifted <http://azc.cc/52dFnR> - NO Cost gifted ed #gifted #gtchat
- 10:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Ijconrad: RT @azcentral PV district introduces program for highly gifted <http://azc.cc/52dFnR> - NO Cost gifted ed #gifted #gtchat
- 10:34 pm **Ijconrad:** Pre-#gtchat chatter: Why we need to unite on a global front - 1. bring together best approaches
- 10:34 pm **Ijconrad:** Pre-#gtchat chatter: 2. learn from each other
- 10:35 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @Ijconrad: Pre-#gtchat chatter: Why we need to unite on a global front - 1. bring together best approaches
- 10:35 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @Ijconrad: Pre-#gtchat chatter: 2. learn from each other
- 10:36 pm **Ijconrad:** Pre-#gtchat chatter: 3. extend the philosophy of education - big differences betwn U.S. vs UK/Oz
- 10:37 pm **Ijconrad:** Pre-#gtchat chatter: 4. develop 'world' view of gifted
- 10:37 pm **Ijconrad:** Pre-#gtchat chatter: 5. bring 'gifted children' together
- 10:38 pm **Ijconrad:** Pre-#gtchat chatter: 6. propose innovative problem solving in approach to gtedu
- 10:39 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @Ijconrad: Pre-#gtchat chatter: 4. develop 'world' view of gifted
- 10:39 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @Ijconrad: Pre-#gtchat chatter: 5. bring 'gifted children' together
- 10:39 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @Ijconrad: Pre-#gtchat chatter: 6. propose innovative problem solving in approach to gtedu
- 10:45 pm **Ijconrad:** @DeborahMersino Hothouse Kids The Dilemma of the Gifted Child by Alissa Quart #gtchat #gifted
- 10:50 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @DeborahMersino: Ten minutes to #gtchat"Taking #gtchat to the Next Level: A Global Movement." #gtchat belongs to us all; join us!
- 10:50 pm **Ijconrad:** <--- gets gifted daughter to bring home food so I don't miss --->#gtchat I knew she was 'highly abled'!
- 10:51 pm **LesLinks:** RT @cybraryman1: RT @DeborahMersino: Ten minutes to #gtchat"Taking #gtchat to the Next Level: A Global Movement." #gtchat belongs to us all; join us!

- 10:56 pm **BmoreSchools:** RT @cybraryman1: RT @DeborahMersino: Ten minutes to #gtchat"Taking #gtchat to the Next Level: A Global Movement." #gtchat belongs to us all; join us!
- 10:57 pm **sharon007:** RT @ljconrad: RT @azcentral PV district introduces program for highly gifted <http://azc.cc/52dFnR> - NO Cost gifted ed #gifted #gtchat
- 10:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat. I apologize for the heavy stream. Feel free to unfollow if need be! #gifted
- 10:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** Welcome to #gtchat. So glad you're here. We're going to discuss: Taking #gtchat to the Next Level: A Global Movement. Join us!
- 11:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Please take a moment to introduce yourself, your role (parent, educator, student, advocate, counselor) & where you reside! #gtchat
- 11:00 pm **ljconrad:** #gtchat Good evening from Pittsburgh! Gifted advocate, mother to 2 gifted young adults, and paraeducator in emotional support.
- 11:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm Deborah Mersino, founder/moderator of #gtchat, mom to 2 girls and consultant to #gifted communities. Colorado is home.
- 11:01 pm **DazzlId:** Evening all from Karen, Dublin Ireland. Parent and advocate for gifted ed #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **FrazzId:** Hello from Ireland. Parent to 2 teens, advocate and support group coordinator. Looking forward to this one! #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** Hello Pittsburgh! Glad you're here @ljconrad. #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** And Ireland! Welcome @DazzlId. Good to have you here. #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **blairteach:** Nancy Blair from Atlanta, GA; former tchr of gifted; currently an sch improvement consultant. #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **chrstinef:** Hi everyone! I'm Christine - School Psych, Author and lover of all things gifted! #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Frazzled - So glad you're here too! #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Hi from USA. Lisa, Chief Sanity Officer to Gifted Grownups & Parents of Gifted Children, parent to 2 gifted kids, one who is 2e. #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **chrstinef:** Not sure how long I can stay....but yeah.... #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **cybraryman1:** Hello from Florida. I am a Twitterbrarian parent to 2 bright children & 4 grandchildren. Retired teacher. Writer #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Clinical & School Psychologist from upstate New York, w/ special interest in children's reading development #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** @blairteach - Glad you joined us! Hi @chrstinef...happy you're with us too! #gtchat
- 11:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DeepWatersCoach - Another sage mind is in the house. Welcome! #gtchat
- 11:04 pm **LesLinks:** Hello folks, Les is Ireland, Parent two teens, advocate, lecturer and ed. consultant in gifted. World Council person #gtchat
- 11:04 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @DeborahMersino You are so kind! #gtchat
- 11:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** Welcome @cybraryman1 and @GaryBrannigan - So grateful for your continued support. #gtchat
- 11:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'd like to start out by asking the question, what's the best part of #gtchat? What draws you here?
- 11:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** @LesLinks - So happy you're with us...appreciate your input. #gtchat
- 11:05 pm **jofrei:** Hi! Jo Freitag from Gifted Resources in Melbourne Aus joining #gtchat
- 11:05 pm **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino thanks! I love hearing everyones POV on the topics #gtchat

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- 11:06 pm **asynschlrsfnd:** Marlow Schmauder, Asynchronous Scholars Fund & parent of 2. Glad to see you all here. #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **Frazzlld:** @DeborahMersino the freedom to discuss gifted without qualification or apology #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **deepwaterscoach:** I'm drawn to #gtchat to meet ppl w/ my same passion, feel the pulse of #gifted around the world, learn new things... #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** #gtchat is now 5 months old! What's been the most beneficial aspect of our discussions to you?
- 11:06 pm **Dazzlld:** I really appreciate the links, I save and go through them the next day or so. #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jofrei @AsynchSchlrsFnd - Welcome!! #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **ljconrad:** #gtchat Realization that gted around the world shares so many of the same concerns. We are not alone - not anymore! Thx to #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **deepwaterscoach:** YES!!! & be understood! RT @Frazzlld: @DeborahMersino the freedom to discuss gifted without qualification or apology #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **LesLinks:** Interaction, food for thought, different perspectives and the tread of we-want-to-do-the-best-by-these-kidsness that is found here #gtchat
- 11:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @deepwaterscoach: YES!!! & be understood! RT @Frazzlld: @DeborahMersino the freedom to discuss gifted without qualification or apology #gtchat
- 11:07 pm **GaryBrannigan:** I enjoy learning about gt thru the experiences people share. #gtchat
- 11:07 pm **blairteach:** I'm always interested in sharing information w/ppl in the Twitterverse. I'm interested in meeting needs of gifted learners. #gtchat
- 11:07 pm **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino REALLY?? time flies.... #gtchat
- 11:07 pm **Frazzlld:** The passion is energising. Takes away the feeling of isolation and keeps me going for another week! #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Dazzlld Is it a pain to sort through the transcripts? Would you prefer I compile the links into a blog post (used to do this more)? #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **blairteach:** I haven't participated in #gtchat yet, but always enjoy #edchat.
- 11:08 pm **chrstinef:** @GaryBrannigan me too #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **LesLinks:** RT @Frazzlld: The passion is energising. Takes away the feeling of isolation and keeps me going for another week! me two/ or three #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **asynschlrsfnd:** @DeborahMersino most beneficial is a) connecting with global group and b) the incredible creativity, ideas, novel solutions. #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **Dazzlld:** @DeborahMersino No, not a pain, I like seeing the path of the chat, the links tie that together really well #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **Frazzlld:** @DeborahMersino A blog post would be nice, but the transcripts are interesting too #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** When I started #gtchat, my goal was to create a safe place to dialogue, share resources & advocacy ideas in real-time - globally.
- 11:09 pm **ljconrad:** RT @Dazzlld: @DeborahMersino No, not a pain, I like seeing the path of the chat, the links tie that together really well #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino Wow! Five months! Most beneficial for me has been discussion with great gt experts from around the globe! #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **asynschlrsfnd:** @DeborahMersino Transcripts are usable fine; but I'll have to take a look back to your blog archives. #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** Next question: What about topic choices? Enough breadth? Are you seeing interesting choices? What would you all like to see more? #gtchat

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**cybraryman1:** I am a life-long learner and want to know the latest especially since my oldest granddaughter is gifted. #gtchat

11:11 pm

**chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino I would say you have succeeded! #gtchat

11:11 pm

**FrazzIId:** Absolutely! RT @chrstinef: @DeborahMersino I would say you have succeeded! #gtchat

11:12 pm

**asynschlrfrnd:** @DeborahMersino IMHO your #gtchat goals have been met (and continue to be so every week). Thank you!

11:12 pm

**DeborahMersino:** @chrstinef - Thank you. I'm just the moderator. YOU all have made it possible, workable and intriguing! #gtchat

11:12 pm

**LesLinks:** Global perspectives are helpful and break down barriers, it is good to experience cultural inputs from different locations #gtchat

11:12 pm

**DazzIId:** Well said! RT @asynschlrfrnd: @DeborahMersino IMHO your #gtchat goals have been met (and continue to be so every week). Thank you! #gtchat

11:12 pm

**deepwaterscoach:** I would like to chat about our own giftedness & how that impacts our lives in general & our interactions w/ others in ed realm. #gtchat

11:12 pm

**Ijconrad:** I'd like to be able to communicate throughout the week w/o bugging people. What's the best way to accomplish this? #gtchat

11:12 pm

**blairteach:** Since I haven't participated before, is there someplace online I should check to "catch up" w/what has gone on before? #gtchat

11:12 pm

**jofrei:** As @doctorjeff would say Twitter is the Watercooler for the 21C <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=540> #gtchat

11:13 pm

**FrazzIId:** Some great topic choices recently. I love the slightly controversial ones! #gtchat

11:13 pm

**DeborahMersino:** For a while, I tended to focus on parenting issues, then tried to include more advocacy topics. What do you enjoy/like best? #gtchat

11:13 pm

**deepwaterscoach:** Ditto! RT @asynschlrfrnd: @DeborahMersino IMHO your #gtchat goals have been met (and continue to be so every week). Thank you! #gtchat

11:13 pm

**asynschlrfrnd:** I've only been participating a few weeks, but so far the choices are very interesting. Do you draw from others' ideas? #gtchat

11:13 pm

**DeborahMersino:** RT @deepwaterscoach: I would like to chat about our own giftedness & how that impacts our lives in general & our interactions w/ others in ed realm. #gtchat

11:13 pm

**chrstinef:** @deepwaterscoach I know for me, my intensity related to giftedness is a gift and a curse - ultimately it is why I help #gtchat

11:14 pm

**DazzIId:** Me too! RT @FrazzIId: Some great topic choices recently. I love the slightly controversial ones! #gtchat

11:14 pm

**DeborahMersino:** @blairteach - Sorry we're looking back. We're glad you're here! More info. on #gtchat can be found here: [www.ingeniosus.net/gtchat](http://www.ingeniosus.net/gtchat)

11:14 pm

**LesLinks:** For example: some communities have no 'individual' giftedness but a group of talented folk, working together become communily gifted #gtchat

11:14 pm

**blairteach:** It's OK. I'll just "eavesdrop" tonight & interject when I can. #gtchat

11:15 pm

**DeborahMersino:** @Ijconrad - I think using the #gtchat hashtag during week is just fine! You're not bugging others; you're inviting collaboration/sharing!

11:16 pm

**DeborahMersino:** Let's talk about our targets. So far, we've attracted parents, teachers, counselors and advocates. Who seems most active/interested? #gtchat

11:17 pm

**DeborahMersino:** I value the collective input from these different targets/sources. Hope we can continue to draw more educators in2 the conversation. #gtchat

11:17 pm

**Ijconrad:** So many diff approaches to gifted ed around the world - Us --> charters, magnets; UK --> private/corp collaboration #gtchat

11:17 pm

**DeborahMersino:** I like the parental focus on occasion too! Offers a sanity check! #gtchat

- 11:18 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @DeborahMersino: I like the parental focus on occasion too! Offers a sanity check! #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino ha! It sure does... #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @ljconrad: So many diff approaches to gifted ed around the world - Us --> charters, magnets; UK --> private/corp collaboration #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **Frazzlld:** @DeborahMersino I would love to see more teachers taking part #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **LesLinks:** @ljconrad ya I know, however it does lend richness to the discussion #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** And decision-makers and administrators. #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **deepwaterscoach:** this is true w/ so many gifted attributes! RT @chrstinef: I know for me, my intensity related to giftedness is a gift and a curse #gtchat
- 11:19 pm **jofrei:** I have loved the variety of topics we have covered so far on #gtchat and would love to see variety continue
- 11:19 pm **ljconrad:** RT @Frazzlld: @DeborahMersino I would love to see more teachers taking part #gtchat
- 11:19 pm **asynschlrshnd:** @DeborahMersino Seems like many of us have multiple roles; I also homeschool so that makes me advocate, educator, parent. #gtchat
- 11:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Frazzlld @DeborahMersino I would love to see more teachers taking part #gtchat <== Me too!
- 11:19 pm **chrstinef:** RT @DeborahMersino: RT @Frazzlld @DeborahMersino I would love to see more teachers taking part #gtchat <== Me too! #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **asynschlrshnd:** @DeborahMersino Yes indeed --> RT And decision-makers and administrators. #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **LesLinks:** @asynschlrshnd Many hats.... me too... #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **cybraryman1:** I also enjoy the parental perspective. Many parents need support & assistance in handling their gifted children. #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Yes! RT @asynschlrshnd: @DeborahMersino Seems like many of us have multiple roles: advocate, educator, parent. #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** @AsynchSchlrshnd - True! Many of us wear many hats. #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **ljconrad:** @LesLinks agree 100%! It has made me think. I find it enlightening. #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @cybraryman1: I also enjoy the parental perspective. Many parents need support & assistance in handling their gifted children. #gtchat
- 11:21 pm **Sharon\_Drummond:** Hi all! I rarely get a chance to pop into #gtchat Teacher of gifted for a school board in Ontario, Canada.
- 11:21 pm **Jesilea:** Taught creative writing to GT middle school for a couple yrs. It was a blast! #gtchat
- 11:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** Let's now talk about growth and impact! IMHO, you are all the best #gtchat Ambassadors. You are the best ones to spread the word. Agree?
- 11:21 pm **LesLinks:** @cybraryman1 parents bring huge contributions, and huge amount of wise knowledge and perspectives #gtchat
- 11:21 pm **asynschlrshnd:** @LesLinks RT @asynschlrshnd Many hats.... me too... <-- Seems ALL of us here have multiple roles? #gtchat
- 11:21 pm **LesLinks:** @Sharon\_Drummond Hi Sharon and welcome!! #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **chrstinef:** RT @LesLinks: @cybraryman1 parents bring huge contributions, and huge amount of wise knowledge and perspectives - totally agree #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **Frazzlld:** Parental part is good. it's easy to forget what it's like when you first discover giftedness. The support/ advice of others is vital #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @LesLinks: @cybraryman1 parents bring huge contributions, and huge amount of wise knowledge and perspectives #gtchat

- 11:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Sharon\_Drummond - So glad you're here. We were just discussing how much we want more individuals (teachers!) to join us. #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Sometimes they need to understand themselves 1st! RT @cybraryman1: Parents need support & assistance in handling gifted children. #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **chrstinef:** RT @asynschlrfsnd: @LesLinks RT @asynschlrfsnd Many hats.... me too... <-- Seems ALL of us here have multiple roles? YES!!! #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **LesLinks:** @Jesilea Great to see you here... educators are really important in this discussion.. #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **cybraryman1:** It is wonderful to have a good mix of parents, support services, teachers and leaders in the GT world (Davidson, Hoagies et al ) #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Jesilia - Glad you're here! We're discussing #gtchat. More info here: www.ingeniosus.net/gtchat.
- 11:22 pm **DazzlId:** @DeborahMersino @FrazzId has been instrumental in getting the Irish chapter tweeting! #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @deepwaterscoach: Sometimes they need to understand themselves 1st! RT @cybraryman1: Parents need support & assistance in handling gifted children. #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @DeborahMersino re: #gtchat Ambassadors, works for those who use Twitter, but many of my contacts don't.
- 11:23 pm **Ijconrad:** RT @cybraryman1: It is wonderful to have a good mix of parents, support services, teachers and leaders in the GT world (Davidson, Hoagies et al ) #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **cybraryman1:** Parents are definitely the best people to start with as they deal with GT 24/7. I definitely know that role as well #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **jofrei:** @LesLinks yes many hats and many De Bono Action shoes for me too! #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** @FrazzId - Agreed! Well done - our Irish #gtchat Ambassador! #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **GaryBrannigan:** I like to hang out w/ Irish folks! #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **LesLinks:** I often say that Parents are often more in need or support than their children.. keep parents on even keel, helps kids remain steady #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @cybraryman1 Re: good mix, don't know what I would have done without that mix! Many families of asynchronous scholars feel the same. #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** @AsynchSchlrsFnd I've written blogs, articles, features on "How to Use Twitter and #gtchat." Feel free to share with non-tweeting friends.
- 11:24 pm **LesLinks:** @jofrei You got it... story of my life... #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @LesLinks: I often say that Parents are often more in need or support than their children.. keep parents on even keel, helps kids remain steady #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino @LesLinks - absolutely! #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @LesLinks: Parents are often more in need or support than their children.. keep parents on even keel, helps kids remain steady #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **FrazzId:** @DeborahMersino I think you'll find we work as a pair, me and @DazzlId! #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** Plug for @DeepWatersCoach (she didn't ask me). She's a life coach to #gifted grown-ups. Knows her stuff - how to stay steady/sane. #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **Sharon\_Drummond:** I suspect my son may end up in my program, but he's turning into underachiever... Hard to be parent&tchr in same district. #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **Ijconrad:** Everyone who knows me - knows where to find me at 7PM on Friday night! lol #gtchat

- 11:26 pm **asynschlrshnd:** @DeborahMersino will do, thanks for resources! #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Frazzld: @DeborahMersino I think you'll find we work as a pair, me and @Dazzld! #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **asynschlrshnd:** @LesLinks So true - families need support, not just individuals. #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** #gtchat has gotten fab coverage on blogs and in pubs for #gifted. I want to do more though!
- 11:27 pm **LesLinks:** @asynschlrshnd asynch here too.... #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @asynschlrshnd: @LesLinks So true - families need support, not just individuals. #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **deepwaterscoach:** I've been curious abt the connection...RT @Frazzld: @DeborahMersino I think you'll find we work as a pair, me and @Dazzld! #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **jofrei:** It is hard to tell how much influence #gtchat has in Aus- possibly stats of reading the transcripts would show that? #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @DeborahMersino Aww...you make me blush! #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **DeborahMersino:** B/c it takes time (including offering Twitter & #gtchat training sessions, feature writing, blogs, etc.), I've tinkered w/sponsorship idea.
- 11:27 pm **chrstinef:** @DeepWatersCoach Yep! Which is why I focus on it in my books #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **ljconrad:** I'd like to see a more formal group (#gtchat) -eventually!
- 11:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jofrei - Transcript page gets hits from nearly 20 countries! #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @chrstinef I need to know more about your books then! Pls send me info! #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **Dazzld:** @deepwaterscoach - put our avatars together and take a look ;-) #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** @ljconrad - Say more regarding more formal group. #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **jofrei:** RT @deepwaterscoach: RT @LesLinks: Parents are often more in need or support than their children.. keep parents on even keel, helps kids remain steady #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **Frazzld:** Wow! RT @DeborahMersino: @jofrei - Transcript page gets hits from nearly 20 countries! #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @Dazzld That's why I was curious! So you sit on lawn chairs and drink and read together? LOL! #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **DeborahMersino:** If I could devote even more time (w/some a bit of funding), I'd love to see us grow/impact even more. #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **Frazzld:** @deepwaterscoach That pretty much sums us up!! #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **LesLinks:** @Frazzld This is good news... what countries?? #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **Sharon\_Drummond:** I'd like to see more regular ed teachers on #gtchat Not all gifted kids are in self-contained and tchrs need this support!
- 11:30 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm thinking @MindwareToys, publishers, corporate innovators, summer #gifted programs. Thoughts on sponsorship idea? #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **Dazzld:** @deepwaterscoach That was our "inaugural conference" last summer in France! Trying to make it an annual event! #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **asynschlrshnd:** @DeborahMersino, funding in this sector is part of the problem, however. #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino I have pointed to your blog articles and #gtchat in my Sprite's Site Blog
- 11:31 pm **DeborahMersino:** @LesLinks - I'll compile list...I'm always AMAZED! #gtchat
- 11:31 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Sharon\_Drummond: I'd like to see more regular ed teachers on #gtchat

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- 11:31 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @Sharon\_Drummond Having regular ed teachers on #gtchat would be a great education step!
- 11:32 pm **ljconrad:** @DeborahMersino I'm the thinker - suggesterer! You're the organizer! Something like FB group where we can talk more. #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **Frazzlld:** That would be great RT @asynschlrfsnd: Having regular ed teachers on #gtchat would be a great education step! #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @DeborahMersino If you can persuade them of the reach and impact, you could get sponsorship, tho I've not researched twitter models. #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **DeborahMersino:** @AsynchSchlrFnd - I'm not talking a lot of \$! :-) Just enough to cover some travel expenses, etc. For instance, going to NAGC, etc. #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **Sharon\_Drummond:** @DeborahMersino Prufrock Press? A big tech corp that will need these gifted kids in future? #gifted #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **cybraryman1:** @Sharon\_Drummond Good point. The year my daughter was supposed to go into gifted they did not enough to put together a GT class #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **DeborahMersino:** @ljconrad - Ingeniosus has a FB fan page. We could set up a formal #gtchat fan page though!
- 11:32 pm **LesLinks:** @Sharon\_Drummond Very true. I find the more exposure, the more they want to understand and provide.. they do want to do well by kids #gtchat
- 11:33 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Love it! @Frazzlld RT @Dazzlld: @deepwaterscoach That was our "inaugural conference" in France! Making it an annual event! #gtchat
- 11:33 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Oo! Me likey! RT @DeborahMersino: @ljconrad - Ingeniosus has a FB fan page. We could set up a formal #gtchat fan page though! #gtchat
- 11:33 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Sharon\_Drummond - I agree w/ you regarding non-GT classroom educators. So vital to discussion/learning. #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **Frazzlld:** @DeborahMersino Bill Gates Foundation? Microsoft? #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **cybraryman1:** @ljconrad is correct. Other chats have a presence on FB as well #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @DeborahMersino @Sharon\_Drummond yes, corps that will employ future innovators/leaders are prime targets, but the sell is key. #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Definition and programming seem to be the most troubling issues #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **ljconrad:** @DeborahMersino Excellent! #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino Would be interesting to me.. am part of another international teachers listserve.. hope to get them to come in... #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **Sharon\_Drummond:** @cybraryman1 we don't have self-contained. all in reg. clsm. Finding good support for this is tough! #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Sharon\_Drummond - Good point about @PrufrockPress. Joel has been very supportive. I can speak w/him. TY. #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @DeepWatersCoach Ooh, can we raise funds for annual conference in France? ;-) #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Yes! RT @DeborahMersino: @Sharon\_Drummond - I agree w/ you regarding non-GT classroom educators. So vital to discussion/learning. #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @Frazzlld After all, Gates is a quintessential example of asynchronous scholar. #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **DeborahMersino:** Feel free to chime in regarding sponsorship idea or send me a DM. Next up: What about the days/times/frequency of #gtchat? Like/dislike?
- 11:36 pm **ljconrad:** @LesLinks I think that's a modest portrayal! Your name has come up alot in my research! :-) #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **deepwaterscoach:** I think the GT world needs us to! RT @asynschlrfsnd: @DeepWatersCoach Ooh, can we raise funds for annual conference in France? ;-) #gtchat

- 11:37 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** @DeborahMersino Given the international audience, hard to please all -- but times work for me. #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **blairteach:** Have to leave early tonight; hope to check back next week. #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **jofrei:** I am not currently receiving any funding or sponsorship or salary for Gifted Resources which is both blessing and curse #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **DeborahMersino:** Last thought re sponsorship...might be interesting way for some GT orgs (@EPGY) to garner exposure/jump more into Social Media. #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **cybraryman1:** @Sharon\_Drummond My son's self contained GT was not the best program(poor tchrs!)& you are right about reg classrm lack of support #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @blairteach So nice to meet you--look forward to seeing you on future chats! #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **Dazzlld:** @DeborahMersino Late night here in Ireland, but have the advantage of a quiet house so no complaints about the time #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **Frazzlld:** @deepwaterscoach How many poolchairs would we need to fund? #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **LesLinks:** @ljconrad What?? I am certainly unaware of any major impact, but if so.I humbly take a bow..for what other than remaining connected? #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **cybraryman1:** @Sharon\_Drummond My granddaughter will have pull-out GT program which might be better for her. #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **ljconrad:** I was intensely sad I missed earlier chat today, but summer is coming! I may work extended schl yr - but more chance for 2 chats! #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** @blairteach - I agree with @DeepWatersCoach. Glad you stopped by...I hope you come back! #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @Frazzlld Well, let's take a count...how many of us want to meet up w/ @Frazzlld & @Dazzlld in France? Need a pool chair count! #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **chrstinef:** @DeepWatersCoach Emotionally Intense (2010 prufrock) is parenting book regarding emo intensity. Also working on... #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **ljconrad:** RT @Frazzlld: @deepwaterscoach How many poolchairs would we need to fund? #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** Don't get me wrong - I love my work on #gtchat. Just know that my vision for it is MUCH bigger. It's just the beginning, don't you think?
- 11:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm in! #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **chrstinef:** @DeepWatersCoach advice book for gifted kids 9-13. Finally, almost done with book for school psychs/counselors to suppt gifted kids #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **cybraryman1:** @Dazzlld The obvious question is are you both sitting on your poolchairs now (inside or outside)? #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **Sharon\_Drummond:** @cybraryman1 my son would benefit as well. Some of the kids I teach wouldn't. Depends on child. I want more options! #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tweetups in France, Denver, Atlanta for @NAGCGIFTED will become the norm, I hope! #gtchat
- 11:42 pm **Dazzlld:** @DeborahMersino Yes, we will need to expand to hear new voices and ideas #gtchat
- 11:42 pm **Frazzlld:** @cybraryman1 I don't know about @dazzlld, but I'm in bed. It's nearly 1am! #gtchat
- 11:42 pm **cybraryman1:** @Sharon\_Drummond It definitely depends on the child. There should be more options. We have to think out of the classroom! #gtchat
- 11:42 pm **Sharon\_Drummond:** @chrstinef Totally interested in advice book for gifted kids! ETA? #gtchat
- 11:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** I believe we can change the face of advocacy and collaboration worldwide and in our back yards. #gtchat

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- 11:42 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @chrstinef: @DeepWatersCoach advice book for gifted kids 9-13. Finally, almost done with book for school psychs/counselors #gtchat
- 11:43 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @chrstinef Awesome! Thx for sharing. I imagine many others appreciate you sharing your work w/ us too! #gtchat
- 11:43 pm **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino softly softly Deborah. I REALLY understand and knowyour frustration.truely..just been there. lesson Roman wasn't Blt #gtchat
- 11:43 pm **DazzlId:** @cybraryman1 Cold and dark outside right now, will have to wait for July for that! #gtchat
- 11:43 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @chrstinef: @DeepWatersCoach Emotionally Intense (2010 prufrock) is parenting book regarding emo intensity. Also working on... #gtchat
- 11:43 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @chrstinef: advice book for gifted kids 9-13. Finally, almost done with book for school psychs/counselors to suppt gifted kids #gtchat
- 11:44 pm **chrstinef:** @Sharon\_Drummond with luck - early to mid 2011 (more deets to follow when I can share) #gtchat
- 11:44 pm **FrazzId:** Yes we can! RT @DeborahMersino: I believe we can change the face of advocacy and collaboration worldwide and in our back yards. #gtchat
- 11:45 pm **DeborahMersino:** @LesLinks - I hear you. I also don't want to slow down/Critical time right now re to advocacy, funding and new thought leadership. #gtchat
- 11:45 pm **LesLinks:** @FrazzId all you need is a cardboard box full of ideas and some 'coffee' go girls..!! #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **Sharon\_Drummond:** @chrstinef I will watch for it! with all my stdnts spread around district, I need to give them things THEY can use! #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **cybraryman1:** @Sharon\_Drummond Only a couple of my son's self-contained GT class made the honor society with him in high school! #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **Ijconrad:** I believe we can influence gifted ed everywhere - globally! #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: I believe we can change the face of advocacy and collaboration worldwide and in our back yards. #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Me too! RT @Ijconrad: I believe we can influence gifted ed everywhere - globally! #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **DeborahMersino:** In US, we're witnessing the collapse of phenomenal GT programming - state by state, day after day. #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **cybraryman1:** @LesLinks You have to think out of that cardboard box! #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **chrstinef:** @Sharon\_Drummond that is the whole reason I wrote it! And it has advice from gifted teens to tweens #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Me too! RT @jofrei: RT @DeborahMersino: I believe we can change the face of advocacy & collaboration worldwide and in our back yards #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **Sharon\_Drummond:** @cybraryman1 was there GT support in highschool as well? #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Ijconrad - I <3 your passion. #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **LesLinks:** No, do not slow down, not good approach.. but softly, wisely and firmly.. determined.. not to emotional.. or breaks down.. #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **getsweetie:** I am too aware that in many districts just adequate ANYTHING is still hard to come by...much less tech #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **Sharon\_Drummond:** @DeborahMersino I think we're already there in Ontario. It's "not even on the Ministry radar" (that's a direct quote) #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino I've been keeping an eye on that... so desprately sad... #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **Ijconrad:** @DeborahMersino does not matter. >-) We have the resources in talent right here to solve that issue. #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **FrazzId:** @DeborahMersino In ireland we're fighting to get it started in the first place

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- 11:49 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Sharon\_Drummond - So sad. So very sad. #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **cybraryman1:** @Sharon\_Drummond There was no gifted support in high school. #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** @LesLinks - I am emotional...blessing/curse, but think it's my fuel, much needed to change current course. #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **Ijconrad:** We need to explore new approaches - learn from where gifted ed is working! Go for corp help if we have to. #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **Sharon\_Drummond:** @DeborahMersino It is. I directly serve 100 stdnts, 500 on indirect caseload. Me and one half-time tchr. Huge geographic district. #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **DeborahMersino:** @LesLinks - Books like Godin's "Linchpin", Sally Hogshead "Fascinate", Dan Pink's "Driven" drive me. I hear your sage advice tho #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **LesLinks:** Ya, although, cardboard boxes are fragile, and sometimes not everyone likes the ideas you bring forth from them.. so tough sometimes #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **Sharon\_Drummond:** @cybraryman1 do you think that's why? They had it then, poof! #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino I knew there was 1 reason we connected so well...the emotional part! #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **deepwaterscoach:** The emotional aspect to giftedness: RT @DeborahMersino: @LesLinks-I'm emotional...think its my fuel, needed 2 change current course. #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **Sharon\_Drummond:** @DeborahMersino Linchpin & Drive were excellent. Outliers, too. Have to check out Fascinate! #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino Hey, me too... everyday.. very emotional, and grieve deeply (with real tears) over these things (today).. and anger #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **deepwaterscoach:** I'm currently reading The Highly Sensitive Person. VERY eye-opening & affirming for us gifted, sensitive types! #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **chrstinef:** Okay all...gotta go, My fiction works are calling me...thanks for another fabulous #gtchat #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **chrstinef:** @deepwaterscoach Love that book! #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **FrazzIId:** Passion, emotion and conviction are vital for effective advocacy #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **jofrei:** @DeepWatersCoach re The emotional aspect to giftedness - I was thinking that too! #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @chrstinef Happy writing! So good to see you--see you again soon! #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** Final question: How could you help be a #gtchat Ambassador? I welcome your ideas, thoughts, challenging questions, visions!
- 11:55 pm **Ijconrad:** Explore connections within our own group - they're here! #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @jofrei I think we need to acknowledge the gift our emotions are, our ability to go deep w/ them. So often we're shamed 4 that. #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **DeborahMersino:** @chrstinef - So glad you stopped by. We're all waiting for your book! TY for writing it! #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **LesLinks:** @LesLinks Can be good... can also push away..if not channeled with focus #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Ijconrad: Explore connections within our own group - they're here! #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @deepwaterscoach: @jofrei I think we need to acknowledge the gift our emotions are, our ability to go deep w/ them. So often we're shamed 4 that. #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **DazzIId:** We need to get out parent support group on Twitter, some are reluctant, must work on them #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **asynschlr/sfnd:** @DeepWatersCoach Count me in! #gtchat

- 11:56 pm **LesLinks:** spread the word to others one knows worldwide... #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **Frazzld:** @DeborahMersino I am trying to get other members of my support group to overcome fear of twitter, and cyberspace in general! #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **Dazzld:** RT @ljconrad: Explore connections within our own group - theyre here! #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** RT @DeborahMersino: I believe we can change the face of advocacy and collaboration worldwide and in our back yards. #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **deepwaterscoach:** We do need to discern how best to use our emotions--that starts w/ accepting them! #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Dazzld - Excellent. You and @Frazzld make a phenomenal team. I remember one #gtchat when we had nearly a dozen Irish tweeters!
- 11:57 pm **Sharon\_Drummond:** @DeborahMersino Most of my Twitter-verse is reg.ed tchrs or edu. leaders. Maybe some will follow me here! #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** @LesLinks - Thank you. You are a linchpin, you know. #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @Frazzld When I tell non-Twitter ppl what a great support grp for #gifted there is on Twitter, they almost laugh at me! #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Sharon\_Drummond - That would be excellent. We could benefit greatly from their involvement/collaboration. #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **teacherman79:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat what is the topic today?
- 11:58 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @DeborahMersino In US, we're witnessing the collapse of phenomenal GT programming - state by state, day after day <== harrowing! #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** NAGC's (US) Parenting High Potential's June issue will include feature on #gtchat.
- 11:59 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @DeepWatersCoach I think people don't believe Twitter can be used that way -- I didn't, before seeing this! #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** @teacherman79 - We're just finishing up. We discussed "Taking #gtchat To the Next Level." Transcript will be up soon!