



Transcript from August 13, 2010 to August 13, 2010

All times are Pacific Time

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- 12:36 am **DeborahMersino:** Parent/Teacher Communication: How 2 Build Rapport will be our noon/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow. Join us! #gifted #edchat
- 12:37 am **DeborahMersino:** Parents Aligned: New Tools to Kick Off Support Groups will be our 7pm/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow. Join us! #gifted
- 12:38 am **DeborahMersino:** TY to all who voted for #gtchat this week; you all make it possible!
- 12:41 am **asynchschrnsfnd:** RT @DeborahMersino: Parent/Teacher Communication: How 2 Build Rapport will be our noon/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow. Join us! #gifted #edchat
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- 12:47 am **DeborahMersino:** @teachingwthosoul - I'm so grateful to #edchat. Truly my inspiration!! See my answer to Q1: <http://bit.ly/aEhK9a> #gtchat
- 12:50 am **teachingwthosoul:** @DeborahMersino Very nice :) #gtchat
- 1:13 am **ljconrad:** @tonycassidy #ukedchat Special invitation to #gtchat Friday Noon EDT/5 PM UK Topic: Parent/Teacher Communication How to Build Rapport
- 1:17 am **DeborahMersino:** @mosaicofminds With #gtchat, I find many parents feel alone in the journey, need more support/resources/acceptance/hope - makes sense.
- 1:18 am **ljconrad:** @DeborahMersino Invited #ukedchat to our Noon chat. They chatted same topic from teacher POV today! #gtchat
- 1:30 am **DeborahMersino:** RT @ljconrad @DeborahMersino Invited #ukedchat to our Noon chat. They chatted same topic from teacher POV today! #gtchat <= Excellent! TY!
- 1:37 am **teachgiftedkid:** Been a little busy this week unpacking my classroom in new, cozy, quiet room. Now on to scheduling and checking files. #gtchat, #gifted
- 2:24 am **ljconrad:** <http://www.mathplayground.com/> I loved this site! Math games I can understand. #gtchat
- 3:26 am **GiftedLibrary:** RT @Begabungs: 19th world conference for Gifted & Talented Children in Korea #gtchat #gifted #ednews <http://www.worldgifted2011.or.kr/conference/>
- 6:59 am **jofrei:** Getting organized - Side steps! <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=795> Thanks @ljconrad #gtchat
- 7:53 am **Frazzlld:** RT @DeborahMersino Parent/Teacher Communication: How 2 Build Rapport will be our 5pm GMT #gtchat topic tomorrow. Join us! #gifted #edchat
- 7:55 am **Frazzlld:** RT @DeborahMersino Parents Aligned: New Tools to Kick Off Support Groups will be our midnight GMT #gtchat topic tomorrow. Join us! #gifted
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- 12:46 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @DeborahMersino: @teachingwthsoul - I'm so grateful to #edchat. Truly my inspiration!! See my answer to Q1: <http://bit.ly/aEhK9a> #gtchat
- 12:57 pm **anncarnevale:** If you had 45-60mn 1x/wk to work w/combined 4th/5th grade GT kids, what would be on your "must do" list, tech & non-tech? #gtchat
- 1:37 pm **Ijconrad:** New blog post, "The Most Important Election"! <http://bit.ly/dyF8a6> Related to 7PM #gtchat tonight. #gifted #edchat #ukedchat #ntchat
- 1:41 pm **Giftekidsie:** RT @Ijconrad: New blog post, "The Most Important Election"! <http://bit.ly/dyF8a6> Related to 7PM #gtchat tonight. #gifted #edchat...
- 1:43 pm **Ijconrad:** @anncarnevale Integrate! It is a symbiotic relationship in the 21st century; a seamless and necessary one for most gifted. #gtchat
- 2:36 pm **JRenold:** RT @DeborahMersino: @teachingwthsoul - I'm so grateful to #edchat. Truly my inspiration!! See my answer to Q1: <http://bit.ly/aEhK9a> #gtchat
- 2:55 pm **4BabyAndMom:** VOTE and help support SENG: <http://pep.si/chHryl> #gifted #gtchat
<http://fb.me/y3jegQdM>
- 2:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** Just an hour until #gtchat! Join us at noon/EST for "Parent/Teacher Communication: How 2 Build Rapport." #gifted
- 3:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** @dididrama @Giftekidsie @Frazzlld - Many thanks for the RTs! Happy #gtchat Friday!
- 3:21 pm **mygiftedgirl:** RT @DeborahMersino: Just an hour until #gtchat! Join us at noon/EST for "Parent/Teacher Communication: How 2 Build Rapport." #gifted
- 3:23 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Soon #gtchat! Join us at noon/EST for "Parent/Teacher Communication: How 2 Build Rapport." #gifted via Ingeniosus
- 3:31 pm **Ijconrad:** #gtchat A blog review of #ukedchat on parent teacher relations from yesterday. <http://bit.ly/dl6OQB>
- 3:31 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @mygiftedgirl: Soon #gtchat! Join us at noon/EST for "Parent/Teacher Communication: How 2 Build Rapport." #gifted via Ingeniosus
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- 3:33 pm **Begabungs:** RT @briankotts: RT @teachingwthsoul: #FF to these amazing chats: #ntchat #elemchat #mathchat #scichat #ukedchat #edchat #gtchat #musedchat #ellchat #artsed
- 3:34 pm **jofrei:** RT @ljconrad: #gtchat A blog review of #ukedchat on parent teacher relations from yesterday. <http://bit.ly/dl6OQB>
- 3:34 pm **clairehennessy:** Enjoy #gtchat folks... can't make tonight's ones alas but will catch up with the transcripts!
- 3:36 pm **jodylo:** RT @mygiftedgirl: Soon #gtchat! Join us at noon/EST for "Parent/Teacher Communication: How 2 Build Rapport." #gifted via Ingeniosus
- 3:41 pm **judiehaynes:** @Begabungs #FF #ntchat #elemchat #mathchat #scichat #ukedchat #edchat #gtchat #musedchat #ellchat #artsed
- 3:41 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Will be #gtchat ing by the pool again. This time at home. Lol
- 3:51 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GT_Society - *sigh* sorry to hear that...hopefully today's chat will prove helpful. Glad you'll be with us! #gtchat
- 3:55 pm **cybraryman1:** @Parentella Today's #gtchat which starts in 5 minutes: Parent/Teacher Communication: How 2 Build Rapport."
- 3:56 pm **jofrei:** @lilnerdette Kartoffel pouffe (sp?) is potato pancakes- very nice indeed Oma Freitag used to make it #gtstooxies Maybe others are at #gtchat
- 3:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** @clairehennessy - We'll miss you! Thanks for the tweet! #gtchat
- 3:57 pm **doriedance:** RT @cybraryman1: @Parentella Today's #gtchat which starts in 5 minutes: Parent/Teacher Communication: How 2 Build Rapport."
- 3:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat. Pardon the heavy stream. Feel free 2 unfollow. Topic: Parent/Teacher Rapport #gifted
- 3:58 pm **HighScopeUS:** RT @cybraryman1: @Parentella Today's #gtchat which starts in 5 minutes: Parent/Teacher Communication: How 2 Build Rapport."
- 3:58 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Hi! Audrey from SoFL. Mom of 2 girls excited about topic! #gtchat
- 3:58 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @mygiftedgirl: Soon #gtchat! Join us at noon/EST for "Parent/Teacher Communication: How 2 Build Rapport." #gifted via Ingeniosus
- 3:58 pm **CathRiordan:** #gtchat starts in under 5 mins. The topic: Parent/Teacher Communication: How 2 Build Rapport #gifted
- 3:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** @cybraryman1 @Parentella @jofrei and all others who tweeted about today's #gtchat sessions. TY for spreading the word!
- 4:00 pm **laughingatchaos:** I'm Jen in CO. Mom to 2GT boys, one is 2e. Advocate, blogger, slightly crazed parent. Glad school is about 2 start. ;) #gtchat
- 4:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Welcome to #gtchat! Our topic: Parent/Teacher Communications: How 2 Build Rapport. Join us! #gifted
- 4:01 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DeborahMersino: My tweets 4 the next hr will b devoted 2 #gtchat. Pardon the heavy stream. Topic: Parent/Teacher Rapport #gifted #gtchat
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- 4:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** Please take a moment to introduce yourselves, your role (parent, educator, GT specialist, advocate) & where you reside. TY! #gtchat
- 4:01 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DeborahMersino: Welcome to #gtchat! Our topic: Parent/Teacher Communications: How 2 Build Rapport. Join us! #gifted #gtchat
- 4:01 pm **cybraryman1:** Twitterbrarian, educator/writer & parent/grandparent GT here to learn and share. Originally NY then MA, MD & now FL #gtchat
- 4:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm Deborah Mersino. moderator of #otchat. marketing communications

consultant to GT communities, mom to 2 girls (8,9) in glorious Colorado.

- 4:02 pm **teachagiftedkid:** RT @cybraryman1: @Parentella Today's #gtchat which starts in 5 minutes: Parent/Teacher Communication: How 2 Build Rapport."
- 4:02 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Hi! I'm Lisa Lauffer, life coach to gifted grownups & parents of GT kids. Parent to 2 GT kids, one of whom is 2e. #gtchat
- 4:02 pm **tonycassidy:** Tony, educator, UK - thanks for the invite #gtchat
- 4:02 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Clinical & School Psychologist in upstate New York #gtchat
- 4:02 pm **jofrei:** Hi! Jo Freitag from Gifted Resources in Melbourne Aus and mum and grandma of gifted here #gtchat
- 4:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** Hello everyone! I'll put up a few excellent links while you introduce yourselves & then we'll get going on our tips! #gtchat
- 4:02 pm **ljconrad:** Hi! Lisa from Pittsburgh. Gifted facilitator for parents, pres local parents grp, mother of 2 gifted. #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **GT_Society:** I'm Terri, with 2 GT boys 8 and 9. We live in NH. #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** The Teacher-Parent Connection: Tips for Working with the Parents of a #Gifted Student via @DavidsonGifted <http://bit.ly/9OCXd4> #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **ljconrad:** @tonycassidy Thank you for coming! #ukedchat #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **ljconrad:** @laughingatchaos Nice to see you! #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **TeachJohnson:** I'm an educator . #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** Former Ingenious blog posts on Parent/Teacher Relations <http://bit.ly/cZMkrO> #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **FrazzIId:** Catherine in Ireland. Parent, advocate and support group coordinator. #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **teachagiftedkid:** #gtchat Hi from my recently unpacked classroom near Houston TX. I'm a GT Specialist at an elem school with 2 gifted adult children.
- 4:03 pm **dididrama:** Hi everyone. Dara here. Teacher. In Dublin #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** Hoagies' excellent page for educators <http://bit.ly/bfLWmR> #gtchat
- 4:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** Hoagies' excellent page for parents <http://bit.ly/cM3o98> #gtchat
- 4:04 pm **DazzIId:** Hi everyone, Karen from Ireland, parent and advocate. #gtchat
- 4:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** NAGC's Teaching for High Potential | Great resource for educators <http://bit.ly/cRgJWX> #gtchat
- 4:04 pm **Ron_Peck:** Hi, social studies teacher of 20 years. I teach AP and honors courses and have two gifted kids in school. #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @GiftedHF: Hi - Corin from GHF here... don't know if I'll have much to say today, but I'm here anyway :-) #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** NAGC's Parenting for High Potential | Excellent Resource for Parents! <http://bit.ly/b1xMdc> #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **Ron_Peck:** For the next hour my tweets will be dedicated to #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** It's always good to see some new faces! Welcome. I've got 13 tips to share (in honor of Friday the 13th. #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** Before I share, though, let's start with a question. #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **GiftedHF:** #gtchat GHF is working on developing resources for professionals <http://tinyurl.com/27twvnt> #gifted
- 4:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q1: What do you think the biggest roadblock/challenge is to healthy parent/teacher communications re to gifted students today? #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** @tonycassidy @TeachJohnson - Good to have you both with us today! #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **anncarnevale:** #gtchat Hi from CT. I'm an Instruc. Tech Specialist & also going to be

facilitating a weekly 4th/5th grade enrichment (GT) group this year

- 4:07 pm **cybraryman1:** My Parent-Teacher Communication/Conference page: <http://bit.ly/cdBRK1> #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **GaryBrannigan:** To communicate effectively & develop rapport requires mutual respect & trust #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **ljconrad:** The myth that gt don't need help #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **Ron_Peck:** Biggest issue I see is a lack of communication from both ends. #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **eagledawg:** Lurking on #gtchat, librarian mom to 8yr 2E & have always had great rapport by immediately volunteering to do the class Scholastic orders :D
- 4:08 pm **dididrama:** RT @GaryBrannigan: To communicate effectively & develop rapport requires mutual respect & trust #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Q1:the outdated belief that gifted=super smart. It's more than that, it's wiring. More than achievement. #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **FrazzIld:** Q1: lack of understanding of what gifted really means, rather than the myths #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @GaryBrannigan: To communicate effectively & develop rapport requires mutual respect & trust #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **GaryBrannigan:** In communication, remember the golden rule: treat others as you would like them to treat you. #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q1: I'd say rapport struggle derives from a lack of mutual respect/empathy/understanding/resources for gifted. You? #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **atxteacher:** GT Director in TX. I think fear is the biggest road block. Fear the tchr won't do what you ask, fear the parent will ask too much. #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **cybraryman1:** You have to start right from the beginning, even before school starts, to develop rapport with parents #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **Akeyv613:** Hi i am elementary school principal of a small private school and the father of twin teenage girls #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **Oregon2E:** RT @GiftedHF: #gtchat GHF is working on developing resources for professionals <http://tinyurl.com/27twnt> #gifted
- 4:09 pm **Ron_Peck:** RT @FrazzIld: Q1: lack of understanding of what gifted really means, rather than the myths #gtchat
- 4:09 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino I think you're right. Understanding leads to acceptance and compassion. Old beliefs die hard, though. #gtchat
- 4:09 pm **DazzIld:** Q1 - Lack of understanding, from both sides #gtchat
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- 4:09 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Q1: Lack of a designed alliance around talking about our kids. Lack of looking at the child as a unifying point of contact #gtchat
- 4:09 pm **laughingatchaos:** @cybraryman1 Meeting w/teachers on Mon. about 2e son. School starts Wed. Proactive! :) #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **dididrama:** RT @GaryBrannigan: In communication, remember the golden rule: treat others as you would like them to treat you. #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Akeyv613 @atxteacher @eagledawg @anncarnevale - So good to have you all with us! #gtchat
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- 4:10 pm **isgd:** Is Good @Akey613 @atxteacher @eagledawg @anncarnevale - So good to have you all with us! #gtchat: @Akey613 @atxt... <http://bit.ly/bk8eil>
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- 4:10 pm **jofrei:** @deepwaterscoach well said - we should be pulling together with students best interest at heart! #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **atxteacher:** @jofrei well put! sources of fear/stress on both sides #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** Well said, everyone! I'm going to post my 13 tips. As I do, feel free to jump in and agree/disagree/share your experience/etc. TY. #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **Ron_Peck:** At times teachers are not trained well enough to meet the needs of gifted students. Conflict can arise from this. #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **Dazzlld:** Q1 Both parents and teachers can be needlessly defensive at times. Child should be the real focus. #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **dididrama:** RT @Frazzlld: Can be lack of appreciation on parents part, of the challenges faced by teachers in inclusive classrooms #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **ljconrad:** Our hs teachers regarded gifted program as a 'cult'! It's gone now. Replaced by AP open to everyone. #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Need to realize that trust and respect take TIME to develop. People have to be willing to invest in a process #gtchat
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- 4:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip1: Assume the best in the teacher, in the system/administrators, in ur student & in your ability to support your student well. #gtchat
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- 4:12 pm **atxteacher:** @Frazzlld many parent start by defending how nice the teacher is when they come to me - but their expectations haven't been met #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **ljconrad:** @Ron_Peck Excellent point! Teacher training is crucial - problem globally!!! #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **teachagiftedkid:** #gtchat Q1 I think the biggest problem is lack of understanding. Parents need

to understand child's needs, school procedures & resources.

- 4:12 pm **Ron_Peck:** How often have some of you sat in a parent/teacher conference without the student or with the student but never engage them? #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **cybraryman1:** @laughingatchaos Very good idea to meet before school starts. Hope you have a gr8 beginning & it continues & you can work together. #gtchat
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- 4:12 pm **jofrei:** @Ron_Peck True.Training for teachers re gifted education is absolutely vital! #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **DeborahMersino:** Excellent points everyone! @ljconrad - so sorry...unfortunate. #gtchat
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- 4:13 pm **LesLinks:** Hi there... little late.. Mom of two teens, ed consultant, advocate and alsorts here.. pickin' up dog from vet.. back now!! #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **laughingatchaos:** @cybraryman1 1st time we've met b4 school starts. Hoping to head off problems; 3rd grade was HARD & expect 4th to be harder #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **GiftedHF:** @GaryBrannigan Probably with time to develop is that the kids don't always have that luxury Better to do early outreach, if possible #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **dididrama:** RT @teachagiftedkid: ..Parents need to understand childs needs, school procedures & resources. <-agree #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **LesLinks:** RT @jofrei: @Ron_Peck True.Training for teachers re gifted education is absolutely vital! Yes this is true.... #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** Re Tip1: Why go the positive route? Sets the right tone & positivity breeds positivity. #gtchat
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- 4:13 pm **Ron_Peck:** @ljconrad I know we spend a lot of time training for special ed and 504's but little time with issues around gifted students. #gtchat
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- 4:14 pm **laughingatchaos:** @Ron_Peck Ain't that the truth! I'd LOVE for my 2e son to have an IEP but he isn't qualified. Has an ALP tho #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** Re Tip1: Teachers are also grateful for acknowledgement & enthusiasm. Important 4 parents to see tchrs are human/often undervalued! #gtchat
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- 4:15 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Teachers & parents need 2 respect ea other's expertise--teachers have breadth of exposure 2 children, parents depth w/ their child #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **FrazzId:** RT @DeborahMersino: Re Tip1: Teachers are also grateful for

acknowledgement & enthusiasm. Important 4 parents to see tchrs are human/often undervalued! #gtchat

- 4:15 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Helps that DH & I are former teachers; we know what they're up against. Helps us keep perspective in asking 4 help #gtchat
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- 4:15 pm **LesLinks:** RT @DeborahMersino: RT @dididrama: RT @teachagiftedkid: ..Parentsto understand child's needs, school procedures & resources. <-agree #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **eagledawg:** Q1 also budget/admin/workplace pressures. Teachers stressed doing more w/less + meet test %s. Make 1st contact offer to help! #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip2: Get to know the administrators & support them & applaud them. Respect fact that they're under enorm. pressure. #gtchat
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- 4:16 pm **FrazzIld:** It is easier to bring teacher along if you come across as supportive rather than demanding #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **ljconrad:** Our teachers are overloaded with continual testing and staff cutbacks! #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **laughingatchaos:** @GiftedHF I totally believe it's the system; teachers are doing the best they can with what they have available. #gtchat
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- 4:16 pm **Ron_Peck:** RT @jofrei: Re Tip 1 So important to appreciate teachers when they put in extra effort to provide for the child's needs! #gtchat Good point!
- 4:16 pm **dididrama:** ...also important that both parents and teachers use that structure #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **atxteacher:** @Ron_Peck great idea! parent/student/teacher session - see GT from all sides #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** Re Tip@: Assume that administrators care about children & YOUR child. Who THEM appreciation (emails/cards/notes). Be authentic. #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **laughingatchaos:** @Ron_Peck That would be FANTASTIC! A true gifted program for students, teachers, and families. Would prevent a lot of problems. #gtchat
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4:18 pm **ColinTGraham:** Hello all. Q1: two issues maybe - recognition of giftedness by both parents & teachers; lack of adequate communication channels. #gtchat

4:18 pm **teachagiftedkid:** @DeborahMersino This is so true. Most administrators want to do the right thing. #gtchat. They must 'fit' it all in.

4:19 pm **Akevy613:** DeepWatersCoach couldn't agree more often it becomes a power struggle between teacher and parent forgetting about the child #gtchat

- 4:19 pm **ColinTGraham:** We also need to bear in mind that the child may not want to develop his or her gift yet (or ever, in some cases...) #gtchat
- 4:19 pm **ADDhousewife:** @teachagiftedkid i just wanted my gifted kid to be normal #gtchat
- 4:19 pm **ljconrad:** Parents need to be educated on how the system works from the very beginning. Need to be educated on gifted issues. #gtchat
- 4:19 pm **TeachJohnson:** @LesLinks I agree. It great to have parent volunteers. #gtchat
- 4:19 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Have 2 remember that this yr; 2e son's teacher's wife about to have a baby. Things will be crazy. :(#gtchat
- 4:19 pm **cybraryman1:** My wife helped to set up a Parent Center in our children's school district which really filled a great need #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **GiftedHF:** @laughingatchaos Wouldn't it be nice? But generally not economically feasible in the big picture #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip 3 (re to mass load/teaching): Get involved if possible. Work full-time? Try to find a way to pop in, attend events, volunteer. #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **laughingatchaos:** @cybraryman1 Describe the Parent Center! Sounds intriguing... #gtchat
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- 4:20 pm **Ron_Peck:** @FrazzIld Well, the beauty of the internet is that we are all available when we need help. More than willing to assist. #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **dididrama:** @atxteacher Absolutely true. #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **laughingatchaos:** @GiftedHF No, not feasible, but would be great. #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip4: Ask teachers HOW they like to communicate. Prefer email, phone, before/after school pop-in, notes. Positive tone/inquiry. #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **MomsMaterial:** Great resource! Thanks 4 sharing. RT @cybraryman1: My Parent-Teacher Communication/Conference page: <http://bit.ly/cdBRK1> #gtchat #parenting
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- 4:22 pm **dididrama:** RT @ljconrad: Parents need to be educated on how the system works from the very beginning. Need to be educated on gifted issues. #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **LesLinks:** @dididrama I am having trouble too!! #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **teachagiftedkid:** @Ron_Peck #gtchat Gifted students need to be part of the conversation if they want. Mine always had the choice to come to any conferences
- 4:22 pm **laughingatchaos:** @cybraryman1 SENG facilitators? #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **ADDhousewife:** my other gifted kid is in an accelerated middle school. she's taking latin, pre-algebra...and she's in 6th #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **ColinTGraham:** #gtchat In the UK, secondary school is subject-focused. This can make it much more difficult for teachers to get a good 'feel' for Ss
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- 4:23 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DeborahMersino: Tip5: Approach teacher w/concerns first before going up ladder. Ask for perspective/give time 4 collaboration #gtchat
- 4:23 pm **cybraryman1:** @laughingatchaos The facilitators went through a lot of training by the licensed Social Worker. #gtchat
- 4:23 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Some parents are intimidated by the school, and it can be a difficult problem to overcome #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @dididrama: RT@LesLinks Sometimes schl is tied 4 what it can offer by policy & flaued legislation. Parentsmustrealiseto. Must look 4solut2gether #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **ljconrad:** GIEP meeting always scheduled during school hours. Only pull ds in for part of conference. #gtchat

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- 4:24 pm **atxteacher:** @DeborahMersino Tip 4 is important. Some tchr HATE drop in but welcome discussion when scheduled #GTchat -it's part of how they work
- 4:24 pm **Akeyv613:** @DeborahMersino Admins. need to be careful as well and ask the parents if they have already spoken with the teacher first #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **GiftedHF:** Good point. RT @GaryBrannigan: Some parents are intimidated by the school, and it can be a difficult problem to overcome #gtchat
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- 4:24 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @GaryBrannigan: Some parents are intimidated by the school, & it can b a difficult problem 2 overcome//have flashbacks to own exp #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **dididrama:** @DeborahMersino RE Tip5 So important! Perhaps it's something simple the teacher just slipped up on #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **ADDhousewife:** @LesLinks he's beyond that. he's almost 14. aspergers & gifted. big ego. he sits in class & does nothing but gets As #gtchat
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- 4:25 pm **ADDhousewife:** @atxteacher I can't drop in on some of the schools. very frustrating. but I can with 8th grader #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **Ijconrad:** A kind word to a teacher can go a long ways! Provide gifted resources to all your child's teachers. #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip6: Realize you know your child well/but give teacher change to discern strengths/weaknesses/personality/nuances. #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT@deepwaterscoach: Sometimes we need to recognize when some of our issues w/a teacher come from our own exp as IDd or un-IDd GT kids #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **Ron_Peck:** @ColinTGraham At the high school level in the US we are subject focused and teachers are pretty much on their own for gifted ed. #gtchat
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- 4:27 pm **cybraryman1:** @DeborahMersino On Tip 6. Parent & Teacher should work as a team. Each share and contribute to help the child. #gtchat
- 4:27 pm **ADDhousewife:** @LesLinks the program here is a lottery, We didn't make it in this year (after getting kicked out in 4th grade) #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** @atxteacher @dididrama - Agree...that's why it's important to ask teacher what they prefer & then honor that!! #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Skills in conflict resolution and problem solving are often necessary in parent /teacher meetings #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **LesLinks:** @dididrama Ya that happens too... there are alot of different personality types out there... care must be taken on both sides.. #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **laughingatchaos:** @ADDhousewife GT prog. is a LOTTERY? AGH!!!! #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **ADDhousewife:** @LesLinks he's hoping for the IT cohort in high school next year. until then he has AP classes to keep him busy #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **jofrei:** Gifted Resources has guest speaker evening with are attended by both parents and teachers - next one is on perfectionism #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **ADDhousewife:** @laughingatchaos no they stop the GT prog in 6th. they also have special programs that are lottery #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip7: If able, share tidbits about your child's passions/likes/celebrate them. Not in braggart way/just enthusiastically. #gtchat
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- 4:30 pm **laughingatchaos:** @ADDhousewife Wide interests are part of being GT. @Deepwaterscoach taught me that! #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **ADDhousewife:** @laughingatchaos they are exposed to quite a bit, luckily my son has narrow fixated aspie interests #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @Ron_Peck: RT @GaryBrannigan: Skills in conflict resolution and problem solving are often necessary in parent /teacher meetings #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **GiftedHF:** @teachgiftedkid As a parent and a professional, I get VERY positive responses to that. Relief for majority. #gtchat
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- 4:31 pm **ADDhousewife:** @laughingatchaos aspie kids tend to fixate. right now it's computers, weapons and legos. #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **cybraryman1:** Teachers - When meeting with parent have light refreshments & if needed provide child care. Classical music in background too! #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **LesLinks:** @ADDhousewife Oh gzz explore on-line IB courses maybe?? at least might get some credit?? or community college on your owns? #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @laughingatchaos Aww...thx for the mention! #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **ADDhousewife:** @laughingatchaos the high school 2 of my kids will feed in to was named one of the most elite in the country #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **Frazzlld:** A good slideshare presentation by @GiftedKidsie on how to be your child's best advocate: <http://ow.ly/2pi6M> Worth a look later. #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **ADDhousewife:** @LesLinks we dropped homeschooling because he didn't want to work hard. he's his mama's boy :P why work when no reward? #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **TeachJohnson:** I had a mom who was my advocate so I see the importance of parents in ed. #gtchat
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- 4:33 pm **LesLinks:** @ADDhousewife Mine (17) meant to be Pdd-nos or Aspish.. although has developed so well socially this year I am seriously wondering #gtchat
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- 4:33 pm **ADDhousewife:** @cybraryman1 oh yes! star wars. sooo sick of star wars LOL #gtchat
- 4:33 pm **ColinTGraham:** There probably isn't enough positive reporting to parents of childrens' achievements in general, but especially at secondary level #gtchat
- 4:34 pm **DeborahMersino:** Re Tip8: Listen if parents talk about students being Visual-Spatial Learners or asynchrony/s-e issues. Inquire, inquire & respect. #gtchat
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- 4:34 pm **Ron_Peck:** RT @ljconrad: Use social media to interact on a professional level rather than as friends #gtchat Great point!
- 4:34 pm **LesLinks:** @ADDhousewife ;-D ok...away camp in summer than at a Centre for Talented youth thingy may be just the thing..did it for mine anyhu #gtchat
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- 4:35 pm **Akevy613:** @ColinTGraham At the elem level I ask all my teachers to make a pos. phone call or contact w/ parents within the first 2 wks #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **DazzlId:** RT @FrazzId: A good slideshare presentation by @GiftedKidsie on how to be your childs best advocate: <http://ow.ly/2pi6M> #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @GaryBrannigan: RT @DeborahMersino: Tip 9: Both sides can do well to ask more question of each other & listen well!! #gtchat

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Transcript for #gtchat - What the Hasht...

- 4:35 pm **DeborahMersino:** Re Q9: Teacher may learn that stdnt hates missing science during GT pull-out/find solutions together. #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **cybraryman1:** My wife's comment: I will believe 1/2 of what they tell me happens at home if you believe 1/2of what they tell you happens in school #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **mygiftedgirl:** I have a draft of notes for 2e dd. Keep revising, getting nervous. But we have a great tchr this year! #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **ADDhousewife:** RT @ljconrad: Don't overlook administrators. They need to be educated too! They hold the keys!!! #gtchat
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- 4:36 pm **laughingatchaos:** @ljconrad And the wallet! LOL! Lucky that our principal was a GT coordinator. Less education and more collaboration now #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **dididrama:** @teachgiftedkid I like that! #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **ljconrad:** Don't overlook the school boards! They hold the purse strings. :) #gtchat
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- 4:37 pm **jofrei:** @ljconrad How true! Administrators must be onboard with it or it is so hard for the teachers #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **DeborahMersino:** @TeachJohnson - So true. That's why demeanor and approach means so much! #gtchat
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- 4:37 pm **ljconrad:** @cybraryman1 Except when I hear the same complaint from a multitude of students over the course of many yrs. #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **TeachJohnson:** I like tip 8. #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **dididrama:** RT @ADDhousewife: @cybraryman1 oh soooo true. but sometimes the kid is telling the truth the teacher hates him-What an awful teacher #gtchat
- 4:38 pm **Ron_Peck:** RT @teachgiftedkid: #gtchat T7:I send home a profile/pref pg 4 parents 2 tell me abt their child. Parents always fill them out. <Great idea!
- 4:38 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @dididrama @TeachJohnson Just as teachers have had bad exps w/ parents, parents have had bad exps w/ teachers. It's a 2-way street. #gtchat
- 4:38 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Admin are big issue in our public schools. Some seem to be annoyed with #gifted reqs. #gtchat.
- 4:38 pm **ADDhousewife:** @LesLinks we found a "special needs" program here for bowling and skate

boarding. #gtchat

- 4:38 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @TeachJohnson Tip 8 is good, but how about tip 9! #gtchat
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- 4:38 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip9: Ask ?s!! Tchrs ask about kids' feelings about school/likes/dislikes. Parents ask about teachers' perceptions Then listen! #gtchat
- 4:38 pm **ADDhousewife:** @mygiftedgirl its a lot more paperwork! differentiating instruction is hard when you have lowest and highest in same class #gtchat
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- 4:38 pm **Ron_Peck:** @ljconrad School Boards! That's another conversation... #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jofrei - sooo true lol. #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **dididrama:** @deepwaterscoach Absolutely. Important for both to approach each situation positively! #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **ColinTGraham:** @Akey613 That's great! I think 2ndary teachers may 'dump' it on the pastoral care team [insert excuse]... 6/10 could try harder! #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **Ron_Peck:** Give clear expectations as school year begins. #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** Re Tip 9 - Again, staying open/positive/collaborative when asking ?s is critical. #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **ljconrad:** Most school board members are oblivious to the needs of gifted. Only concerned with taxpayers. Of course, I'm a taxpayer! #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **LesLinks:** Important 2learn how 2use language 2 defuse tempratures. instead of 'your/that's wrong!' say 'Hm.. I wonder if you'v considered..' #gtchat
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- 4:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** Re Tip9: Teacher: Your dd seems to revel in creative writing/I'd love to see her submit work to contests this yr. #gtchat
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- 4:42 pm **GaryBrannigan:** I should have added that tip 9 is great! #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** Re Tip9: Parent to Teacher: Have any suggestions 4 helping support dd's creative writing? She seems to love it so. #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **atxteacher:** School Bd advocacy is important as they set the goals for the district/schl - where the \$\$ & personnel go #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **ColinTGraham:** Celebrating positives is only going to happen if teachers make an effort to record them... videos, website, blogs spring to mind #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @deepwaterscoach: T9--sit on the same side of the table figuratively & perhaps even literally, looking at issues together. #gtchat
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- 4:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip10: Prts: Talk 2 ur child/listen! Give them chance 2 settle in/remember they take your lead/don't speak negatively about tchrs. #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **ColinTGraham:** Better still, negotiate clear expectations! RT @Ron_Peck: Give clear expectations as school year begins. #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **ADDhousewife:** i'm all over my son's social studies teacher this yr. he's dropping the ball on the Aspie issues. he should know better. #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Remember, it is not what you say but how you say it that matters #gtchat
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- 4:44 pm **dididrama:** @ColinTGraham That's something I've been focusing on. Easy to keep record of negatives, important to praise/reward/record positives #gtchat
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- 4:44 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino NEVER speak ill of teachers! Think it, don't say it. Kids pick up on it and act on it. #gtchat
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- 4:44 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @Akey613 Brings up a good pt w/ that book title. R we parents afraid? If so, what r we afraid of & why? then how can we address it? #gtchat
- 4:45 pm **ADDhousewife:** social studies teacher is his dad! :P #gtchat
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- 4:45 pm **atxteacher:** @ljconrad When I train teachers, I explain how the other 28 kids aren't an excuse for not meeting this student's needs #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **laughingatchaos:** Sons' eyes dance when they get science. They don't get it very often. That changes next year, thank GOD! #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **deepwaterscoach:** I think we parents often come from a place of fear--what if my kids' need aren't met? What if s/he doesn't meet potential? #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **GiftedHF:** Absolutely! RT @ljconrad: Both teachers and parents need to embrace 21st c technology instead of fearing it. #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **teachgiftedkid:** @Akey613 Thank you for the book recommendation. #gtchat.
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- 4:49 pm **laughingatchaos:** @ADDhousewife Better use of time and resources. #gtchat
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- 4:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip12: Tchrs/Prts Observe & learn! Give it time. Listen, ask ?s, assume best assume best in others/advocate. #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **LesLinks:** RT @ljconrad: Communicate, educate, celebrate! That will enhance learning for all involved!= Would make a wonderful slogan!! #gtchat
- 4:51 pm **deepwaterscoach:** OK, kids, as always it's fun to play in #gtchat sandbox w/ u, but have 2 run! See u all later! Great chat (thx @DeborahMersino!) #gtchat
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- 4:52 pm **atxteacher:** Definitely important - usually true: Tip 12 Assume best in others/advocate #gtchat
- 4:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip13: Remember, school is one part of students' life. Parents/teachers can work to support whole child. Colloboration = critical. #gtchat
- 4:52 pm **jofrei:** I think parent can be anxious dealing w teachers because it takes them back to own school days #gtchat
- 4:53 pm **Ron_Peck:** Don't be a helicopter parent but let the teacher know you are involved. Offer assistance and communicate your needs as a parent. #gtchat
- 4:53 pm **DeborahMersino:** Wow! I'm grateful we have such a good mix of educators and parents today! #gtchat
- 4:53 pm **DazzlId:** parent-child-teacher; it's not a triangle if all sides are not connected. #gtchat
- 4:53 pm **mygiftedgirl:** @ADDhousewife dd8 is in a full time gifted room. We have state support for ftprogram. Still a range though in class! #gtchat
- 4:53 pm **DeborahMersino:** We're nearing the end of our #gtchat. Final thoughts/suggestions/learns/ideas/takeaways?
- 4:53 pm **LesLinks:** RT @jofrei: I think parent can be anxious dealing w teachers because it takes them back to own school days= it does f4 me/anxiousnes #gtchat
- 4:53 pm **pamfr:** #gtchat Scanning the stream-many great posts. I'll just add to make it easy on teachers. Connect how each want 2b comm w. Differentiate :-)
- 4:53 pm **ADDhousewife:** @DeborahMersino i'm glad i saw the hashtag! #gtchat
- 4:53 pm **ljconrad:** The gifted child should drive the conversation. Parents need to listen to and respond to them before engaging the teacher. #gtchat
- 4:53 pm **laughingatchaos:** @Ron_Peck Delicate balancing act between advocacy and helicopter parenting though. #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **FrazzId:** I agree re including the child. So important that it is THEIR needs which are met, not what parents think they are. #gtchat
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- 4:54 pm **TeachJohnson:** @teachgiftedkid: #gtchat I have been thinking about the child too. We need to talk to the child as teachers and parents.
- 4:54 pm **Ron_Peck:** Great discussion everyone. Thank you! #gtchat
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- 4:56 pm **teachgiftedkid:** #gtchat Time for me to locate and plan my interest sheets for my students and parents & Update my website with useful info for our parents!
- 4:56 pm **Ron_Peck:** @laughingatchaos It is a balance but if communication is clear from both ends, then it will work to the child's benefit. #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **atxteacher:** I've missed this! The up side to working on Friday! Thanks for the great conversation! #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **Frazzlld:** @ADDhousewife What I mean is that parents don't always know what their child's needs are...they need to listen first. #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **ljconrad:** Good luck to everyone as we start the new school year. Hopefully we can put "chat into action" in a more positive way! ;) #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **ColinTGraham:** #gtchat There are also lots of reflections about parent/teacher engagement from last night's #ukedchat <http://bit.ly/a52EK6>
- 4:56 pm **laughingatchaos:** @Ron_Peck Absolutely, and why we're meeting before school starts! :) Start on the right foot. #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** Bless all of the educators who are participating. Your passion for serving #gifted students potently is inspiring! #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **ADDhousewife:** @Frazzlld true. true. #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Any other gifted advocates feel tension from some tchrs and admins because..#gtchat
- 4:57 pm **LesLinks:** @Ron_Peck Yes that is true.. also important for child to know that teacher and parent can stand together too, in decisions.. #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **TeachJohnson:** I always enjoy the conversation. #gtchat Sometimes I am a little behind. It's hard to keep up.
- 4:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** Final thought: We're all on the same team. Need to remember that/model that/celebrate that/have hope. #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **dididrama:** Thanks everyone especially @DeborahMersino #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **ljconrad:** @ColinTGraham That was an excellent chat. Reviewed transcripts and took notes! #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **Frazzlld:** RT @ColinTGraham: There are also lots of reflections about parent/teacher engagement from last nights #ukedchat <http://bit.ly/a52EK6> #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DeborahMersino: Final thought: Were all on the same team. Need to remember that/model that/celebrate that/have hope. #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **Ron Peck:** @LesLinks I love that. It is so important that the students knows you are

working together for their success. #gtchat

- 4:58 pm **FrazzIld:** @TeachJohnson You're not alone! Phew! #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **TeachJohnson:** RT @DeborahMersino: Final thought: We're all on the same team. Need to remember that/model that/celebrate that/have hope. #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @Ron_Peck: @LesLinks I love that. It is so important that the students knows you are working together for their success. #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **cybraryman1:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat keeps getting better and it is growing thanks to your wonderful leadership and moderating skills. Great chat & tips
- 4:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** It's my pleasure! I'll post transcript shortly. Join us again at 7pm/EST 4 Parents Aligned: New Tools to Kick Off Support Groups. #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **DazzIld:** Thanks @DeborahMersino Some great tips today. #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @FrazzIld: RT @ColinTGraham: There are also lots of reflections about parent/teacher engagement from last nights #ukedchat <http://bit.ly/a52EK6> #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **LesLinks:** Thanks again Deborah... #gtstooxies.. I have to go be a taxi unfortunately... will join for ompa at next #gtchat sorry!! #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **GT_Society:** Thanks everyone! This was a great chat, even if all I did was read. #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Thanks Deborah! Hopefully I'll see you all here tonight! #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Thanks to all. Have a good day! #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **TeachJohnson:** RT @Ron_Peck: @LesLinks I love that. It is so important that the students knows you are working together for their success. #gtchat Me too!
- 5:00 pm **Ijconrad:** Thanks to our team leader and soon to be student @DeborahMersino! Good luck to you with your 'gifted' studies! ;) #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **jensenmary30:** Re Tip9: Parent to Teacher: Have any suggestions 4 helping support dd's creative writing? She seems to love it so. #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **Ron_Peck:** @DeborahMersino Thank you so much for moderating today's #gtchat Great points for all!
- 5:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** That's it for this #gtchat. Well done everyone. Here's hoping we all enter into this year w/ a collaborative, optimistic attitude!
- 5:00 pm **ColinTGraham:** Ian Addison's Blog » Engaging parents pt2 #ukedchat <http://bit.ly/awgOBi> @ianaddison was the chat moderator #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **FrazzIld:** Thank you once again @DeborahMersino. Another great chat. #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @ColinTGraham: Ian Addison's Blog » Engaging parents pt2 #ukedchat <http://bit.ly/awgOBi> @ianaddison was the chat moderator #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **NS_WDW_Mom:** RT @Ijconrad: Both teachers and parents need to embrace 21st c technology instead of fearing it. #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **FrazzIld:** RT @ColinTGraham: Ian Addisons Blog » Engaging parents pt2 #ukedchat <http://bit.ly/awgOBi> @ianaddison was the chat moderator #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** For those new to #gtchat. You can find more information, including past transcripts at www.ingeniosus.net/gtchat. Let me know if you have ?s
- 5:01 pm **Ijconrad:** I'm off to the Twitter Cyber Lobby to listen to the Oompah band and enjoy the German fare! #gtstooxies #gtchat
- 5:02 pm **genrelibrarian:** RT @Ijconrad: Both teachers and parents need to embrace 21st c technology instead of fearing it. #gtchat
- 5:03 pm **TeachJohnson:** @FrazzIld I think is it fabulous to have people to go to for resources via twitter. #gtchat
- 5:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** Transcript from 08.13 #gtchat on "Parent/Teacher Communication: How 2 Build Rapport" <http://bit.ly/dzrUXf> {Scroll to 4pm for start}

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- 5:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @ADDhousewife @DeborahMersino i'm glad i saw the hashtag! #gtchat <=Me too!
- 5:08 pm **theboysstore:** Fighting again!!! My internet keeps "dying" on me - I completely missed the #gtchat this AM & my favorite tips by @MommyPerks Whaaaa :-(
- 5:11 pm **Ijconrad:** @DeborahMersino Feelings are mutual! :D What a fantastic chat today! #gtchat
- 5:15 pm **jofrei:** I will head off now so as to make it back for the next #gtchat See you later #gtstooies
- 5:16 pm **theboysstore:** @DeborahMersino * Thanks Deborah - I refer to the transcripts often - so much great information is shared during #gtchat :-)
- 5:16 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** RT @DeborahMersino: Transcript from 08.13 #gtchat on "Parent/Teacher Communication: How 2 Build Rapport" <http://bit.ly/dzrUXf> {Scroll to 4pm for start}
- 5:18 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** Join #gtchat at 7pm/EST for Parents Aligned: New Tools to Kick Off Support Groups. (Thanks to @DeborahMersino for leadership!)
- 5:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** Still hoping 2 raise funds 2 support NAGC2010 Atlanta trip/#gtchat exhibit. Info on sponsorships: www.ingenious.net/gtchat/sponsors. TY!
- 5:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** Donations to #gtchat can be as small as \$10. We're actually at \$2,510 now. Would love your support before Sept.! TY! <http://bit.ly/bq9F4K>
- 5:25 pm **Lisa_Rivero:** RT @DeborahMersino: Donations to #gtchat can be as small as \$10. We're actually at \$2,510 now. Would love your support before Sept.! TY! <http://bit.ly/bq9F4K>
- 5:27 pm **DeborahMersino:** Would love 2 devote more time/attn 2 "Best of" resources & speaking/training GT teachers/parents on Twitter. TY for consideration! #gtchat
- 5:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** Global #gtchat has been a labor of love. I consider it a privilege to serve you each and every week. You all inspire me!
- 5:28 pm **AspieTribe:** RT @ADDhousewife @laughingatchaos aspie kids tend to fixate. right now it's computers, weapons and legos. #gtchat <http://tiny.cc/ASD>
- 5:30 pm **TeachJohnson:** @cybraryman1 Me too! I really like #gtchat. It is a good mix of people.
- 5:34 pm **patriciasmeyers:** #STEM #NASA #EDTECH #GTCHAT looking for kids email accounts for NASA Ex Sch prog.. filter, safe, free. Please rt and suggest!
- 5:36 pm **Begabungs:** RT @DeborahMersino: Transcript from 08.13 #gtchat on "Parent/Teacher Communication: How 2 Build Rapport" <http://bit.ly/dzrUXf> {Scroll to 4pm for start}
- 5:39 pm **patriciasmeyers:** : #STEM #NASA #EDCHAT #GTCHAT looking for kids email accounts for NASA Ex Sch prog.. filter, safe, free. Please rt and suggest!"
- 5:49 pm **ckicker:** RT @cybraryman1: Proper communication with parents & children is extremely important. Have some tips on PT Communication page: <http://bit.ly/cdBRK1> #gtchat
- 6:32 pm **vickyloras:** RT @gcouros Agreed! RT @cybraryman1: All staff members (including admin) need ongoing training for gifted & special needs children #gtchat
- 6:42 pm **SchoolOfTheDay:** RT @LesLinks - Join #gtchat at 7pm/EST for Parents Aligned: New Tools to

- 7:40 pm **DazzlId:** @DeborahMersino I can't make the later chat this evening as I have a very early start tomorrow, sorry! Will watch out for transcript #gtchat
- 7:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DazzlId - We'll miss you! TY for letting me know tho...have a good one! And congrats again on the blog. Excellent! #gtchat
- 8:39 pm **acolucci:** RT @cybraryman1: My wife's comment: I will believe 1/2 of what they tell me happens at home if you believe 1/2of what they tell you happens in school #gtchat
- 8:57 pm **LesLinks:** Very good article on need for 21st century skills learning... <http://tinyurl.com/yjhqw2t> #gtchat #gifted
- 9:00 pm **LesLinks:** Document from New Brunswick related to last tweet on education and 21st century learning skills.. <http://tinyurl.com/352dutw> #gtchat #gifted
- 9:09 pm **LesLinks:** Another interesting Document on the New Brunswick initiative... <http://www.gnb.ca/cnb/news/edu/2008e0589ed.htm> #gtchat #gifted
- 9:10 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @laughingatchaos I missed this during the chat but I completely agree! #gtchat
- 9:34 pm **fullonlearning:** Pixar university model of teaching, learning & creativity (you might like this, @KristianStill!) <http://tinyurl.com/4yuoex> #edchat #gtchat
- 9:38 pm **scholaforis:** RT @LesLinks: Very good article on need for 21st century skills learning... <http://tinyurl.com/yjhqw2t> #gtchat #gifted
- 9:55 pm **marynabadenhors:** Right brain Maths: A new way of visualizing times tables <http://bit.ly/axPbZS> #gifted #gtstooxies #gtchat #mathchat mathematics #elemchat
- 10:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** One hour to #gtchat. Join us at 7pm/EST for "Parents Aligned: New Tools to Kick Off Support Groups." #gifted
- 10:01 pm **DavidMiller_UK:** RT @fullonlearning: Pixar university model of teaching, learning & creativity (you might like this, @KristianStill!) <http://tinyurl.com/4yuoex> #edchat #gtchat
- 10:15 pm **LesLinks:** RT @DeborahMersino: One hour to #gtchat. Join us at 7pm/EST for "Parents Aligned: New Tools to Kick Off Support Groups." #gifted
- 10:16 pm **Ijconrad:** RT @DeborahMersino: One hour to #gtchat. Join us at 7pm/EST for "Parents Aligned: New Tools to Kick Off Support Groups." #gifted
- 10:23 pm **Ijconrad:** New blog post on school board elections & gifted ed! <http://bit.ly/aVwqgT> #gtchat #edchat #gifted
- 10:32 pm **DeborahMersino:** Thinks our Irish, British and Australian #gtchat tweeps deserve a round of applause. Your input/dedication is so inspiring/vital!
- 10:35 pm **Ijconrad:** RT @DeborahMersino: Thinks our Irish, British and Australian #gtchat tweeps deserve a round of applause. Your input/dedication is so inspiring/vital!
- 10:36 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Excited for #gtchat 7pm/EST for "Parents Aligned: New Tools to Kick Off Support Groups." #gifted We're starting groups this year!!
- 10:42 pm **Ijconrad:** @lilnerdette chat comin' up soon! Would love to see your smilin' face! #gtstooxies #gtchat
- 10:44 pm **Ijconrad:** #gtchat in 20 minutes & counting. #edchat #ukedchat #ntchat #elemchat #gifted Come join the conversation! :)
- 10:48 pm **DeborahMersino:** Educators/Parents interested in #gifted issues? Join us for #gtchat in 10 min. We'll be discussing tools 4 starting support groups.
- 10:49 pm **Lisa_Rivero:** RT @DeborahMersino: Educators/Parents interested in #gifted issues? Join us for #gtchat in 10 min. We'll be discussing tools 4 starting support groups.
- 10:54 pm **mathchat:** Vote for the next #mathchat topic: <http://bit.ly/bwtMty> or <http://bit.ly/c9KL7s> #scichat #ntchat #gtchat #ukedchat #edchat #elemchat
- 10:55 pm **Ijconrad:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat is set to crush our previous tweet count tonight! #tweets = more involvement, collaboration & greater advocacy!

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

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- 10:58 pm **DeboranMersino:** My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat; pardon the heavy stream. Feel free 2 unfollow. Topic: Tools 4 Support Groups #gifted
- 11:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Welcome to #gtchat! Our topic: Parents Aligned: New Tools to Kick Off Support Groups. Join us! #gifted
- 11:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Please take a moment to introduce yourself, your role (educator, parent, advocate, administrator) & where you reside! #gtchat
- 11:00 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DeborahMersino: Welcome to #gtchat! Our topic: Parents Aligned: New Tools to Kick Off Support Groups. Join us! #gifted #gtchat
- 11:01 pm **laughingatchaos:** I'm Jen in CO, mom to 2 GT boys, 1 is 2e. Advocate, blogger. Praying for school to start already. Please? ;) #gtchat
- 11:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm Deborah Mersino, moderator of #gtchat, marketing communication consultant to GT communities, mom to 2 girls, living/working in Colorado.
- 11:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** While you're introducing yourself, I will put up a few excellent links for later viewing. #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **jofrei:** Hi! Jo Freitag from Gifted Resources in Melbourne Australia and mum and grandma of gifted here #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** Start a Parent Support Group via @NAGCGIFTED <http://bit.ly/a8Dief> #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Hm. Are we the only ones here? ;) #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **FrazzIld:** Catherine in Ireland. Pot of coffee brewed and ready to go! Parent, advocate and support group coordinator, looking for ideas #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **ljconrad:** Hi! Lisa from Pittsburgh Gifted facilitator to parents, pres local gifted parents grp, mother of 2 gifted teens #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **Lisa_Rivero:** I'm Lisa in Milwaukee, parent of a college student, gifted advocate. My first #gtchat !
- 11:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** Hoagies' Gifted Advocacy Page: Excellent Resource! <http://bit.ly/aACRqz> #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** SENG Model Parent Groups <http://bit.ly/dd2Zqa> #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **Ron_Peck:** I'm here but just lurking. Wow, that sounds really creepy. 8) #gtchat
- 11:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** The SENG Model (book by Great Potential Press) <http://bit.ly/bVRXXE> #gtchat
- 11:04 pm **laughingatchaos:** @Ron_Peck LOL! But you were around this morning, so all is well. ;) #gtchat
- 11:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Rob_Peck - Lurk away! :-)) #gtchat
- 11:04 pm **marynabadenhors:** Maryna from Australia. Have done Gifted Mathematics teaching and feel great empathy for the gifted in our schools. #gtchat
- 11:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** We may be small, but we'll be mighty tonight! #gtchat
- 11:05 pm **ljconrad:** Our state is fortunate to have an excellent state org - PAGE! Lots of support and resources. #gtchat
- 11:05 pm **jofrei:** List of Aus (mostly Victorian) Parent Support groups in Service Locator section of Gifted Resources website www.giftedresources.org #gtchat
- 11:05 pm **educguess:** Hi! parent of 2 sons, counselor, just got the SENG Model books #gtchat
- 11:05 pm **danyelwierson:** #gtchat Mom to 3 GT in Reno. Homeschooler and advocate.
- 11:05 pm **FrazzIld:** Guidelines for running a support group: <http://giftedkids.ie/Guidelines.pdf> #gtchat
- 11:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** I've created a list of Tips to Kick Off a Parent Support Group. I'll start listing. Add/ask questions/comment along the way! #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Hi all! Audrey in FL. mom of 2 girls, advocate, and founder of mygiftedgirl.com #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **GiftedHF:** Article on starting a #gifted support group: <http://tinyurl.com/27bulxj> #gtchat

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- 11:06 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @Frazzlld: Guidelines for running a support group: <http://giftedkids.ie/Guidelines.pdf> #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **Ron_Peck:** RT @Frazzlld: Guidelines for running a support group: <http://giftedkids.ie/Guidelines.pdf> #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** There you all are. Glad you're here! I appreciate your dedication & look forward to a lively #gtchat!
- 11:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @GiftedHF: Article on starting a #gifted support group: <http://tinyurl.com/27bulxj> #gtchat
- 11:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedHF - Good to see you here! #gtchat
- 11:07 pm **jofrei:** RT @Ron_Peck: RT @Frazzlld: Guidelines for running a support group: <http://giftedkids.ie/Guidelines.pdf> #gtchat
- 11:07 pm **ljconrad:** Excellent resources from many countries translate well for US parents! Appreciate new approaches! #gtchat
- 11:07 pm **LesLinks:** can't get tweetchat to work for me.. so.. going to be slow going here for me... folks...#gtchat #gtstooxies
- 11:07 pm **marynabadenhors:** I can only stay few minutes, but check out these right brain maths vids <http://bit.ly/9sL7pg> #gifted kids will love the patterns #gtchat
- 11:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip1: Be a firestarter! If you have a desire/need to start & run a group, go for it. Lead. #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** Re Tip1: You wouldn't be here if you weren't already a natural leader. #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **ljconrad:** Hope to expand parent grp here to include a center for gifted kids to socialize! #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino And I will. Hopefully this fall. No nearby groups here. #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** @LesLinks - Sorry...hope you stay with us! #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **mygiftedgirl:** @DeborahMersino Yay on FIRE!!! #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** Subject tonight is "Parents Aligned: New Tools to Kick Off Support Groups" #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DeborahMersino: Tip1: Be a firestarter! If you have a desire/need to start & run a group, go for it. Lead. #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **LesLinks:** RT @DeborahMersino: SENG Model Parent Groups <http://bit.ly/dd2Zqa> #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **ljconrad:** @LesLinks drop stooxies, Les. That may help! #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **Frazzlld:** Tip 1: Totally agree. If there isn't a support group in your area, don't complain, just start one! #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip2: Start out small & determine your goals. Will you be a support group, advocacy group, SENG group, Teen Parent GT group? #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino the best.. excellent.. SENG Model Parent Groups <http://bit.ly/dd2Zqa> #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **Ron_Peck:** RT @DeborahMersino: Re Tip1: You wouldn't be here if you weren't already a natural leader.<---Great point! #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** More on Tip2: Are you interested in launching a local/regional/national 2E Parent Support Group, Elementary GT Parent Group, etc. #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **ljconrad:** @giftedkidsie has a great slideshow on their site, too! #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Are the groups all mutually exclusive? #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino re Tip 1 I am a fire flame fanner! I have spoken to several groups that were just getting started re value of groups #gtchat

- 11:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip3: Find others who are like-minded & passionate, who agree w/your mission & support your leadership. #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **LesLinks:** @ljconrad don't know why.. not using stoogies... just #gtchat.. won't load for some reason... ;-(
- 11:11 pm **asynschlrshnd:** Sorry 2 join so late... meetings all day. Marlow from Asynchronous Scholars' Fund in CA here (advocate, parent, educator). #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **ljconrad:** We will probably be adopting SENG model here as we expand outside of local school district. #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **marynabadenhors:** If you are interested in Gifted education or a parent of a gifted student, join the convo now by searching #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **GiftedHF:** @DeborahMersino Thanks -- only have a few minutes, tho :(#gtchat
- 11:11 pm **Ron_Peck:** RT @mygiftedgirl: @DeborahMersino Yay on FIRE!!!<---Not always a good thing. :^) #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **DeborahMersino:** @laughingatchaos Great ?/Absolutely not. It's just likely good for you (as the leader) to know where you want to primarily focus. #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **educguess:** What about parent group for GT of at risk or in correction system. #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **FrazzIId:** Tip 2: We started out as support only, but are growing into advocacy as we get to know each other #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **asynschlrshnd:** My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat; pardon the heavy stream. Feel free 2 unfollow. Topic: Tools 4 Support Groups #gifted
- 11:12 pm **DeborahMersino:** @AsynchScIrsFnd - Glad you're with us! I'm sharing tips for launching a parent group! #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino re Tip 2 yes really important as diverse expectations of group can cause problems! #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino I think parental support in navigating parenting these kids is needed. Often more focus on kids than on the parents #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **FrazzIId:** Important to focus or you can end up spread too thin and ineffective. #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** @educguess - Excellent suggestion. Also could focus on low-income or ESL GT parents - need lots of support! #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **HoagiesGifted:** Hi all. Here for a few... #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **ljconrad:** Our gifted teachers are members of our group and our district just offered to host our website since NING is now charging. :) #gtchat
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- 11:14 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @FrazzIId: Important to focus or you can end up spread too thin and ineffective.//Good point. Must remember that when starting #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** @laughingatchaos - Excellent point. Camaraderie/hope is critical. #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **FrazzIId:** Tip 3: I found @DazzIId , but have lost her tonight...think we wore her out at last chat! #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **asynschlrshnd:** RT @DeborahMersino: Tip3: Find others who are like-minded & passionate, who agree w/your mission & support your leadership. #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DeborahMersino: @laughingatchaos - Excellent point. Camaraderie/hope is critical II W/out hone there's not much left #gtchat

- 11:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip4: Give yourself a name. Might feel silly/obvious, but in Web-sawy world, it's helpful. Short/concise/steer from long acronyms. #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **Ijconrad:** My youngest a senior; will continue to head parents' group. Time to give back. Help younger parents. :) #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Frazzlld - :) Glad you found each other! #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **Lisa_Rivero:** @Ijconrad The next SENG Model Training Group training is in October <http://bit.ly/bs7lsQ> #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Ijconrad - Love that attitude! #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** @DeborahMersino Thanks, glad I could join this afternoon! #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip5: After starting small (2-3 ppl), get the word out. #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **Ijconrad:** @Lisa_Rivero Thanks! :D #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Lisa_Rivero: @Ijconrad The next SENG Model Training Group training is in October <http://bit.ly/bs7lsQ> #gtchat
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- 11:16 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @Lisa_Rivero: @Ijconrad The next SENG Model Training Group training is in October <http://bit.ly/bs7lsQ> Regional training? #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **mygiftedgirl:** @Ron_Peck LOL I know... It's just my goal this year and I'm excited! Hope I didn't alarm any non #gtchat -ers oooopps
- 11:17 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** Re: starting parent groups, researching what already exists is key, agreed, to not reinvent wheel/duplicate, to expand working model #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip5 (cont.) Get word out: Social media (Twitter/FB), email, school, word-of-mouth, PTO (get on agenda), teachers, district support. #gtchat
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- 11:17 pm **danyelwierson:** #gtchat do not get discouraged when others are not as receptive to your ideas as you expected them to be.
- 11:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip 5 (cont) Start early with this (getting the word out). The earlier in the school year, the better! #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @danyelwierson: #gtchat do not get discouraged when others are not as receptive to your ideas as you expected them to be. #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @asynschlrnsfnd: Re: starting parent groups, researching what already exists is key, agreed, to not reinvent wheel/duplicate, to expand working model #gtchat
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- 11:18 pm **Ron_Peck:** @mygiftedgirl No worries! I love your enthusiasm. #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Hoping our new GT coor. will get the ball rolling; if not, I will this winter. #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **Frazzlld:** Really helps to have at least one other passionate comerade to keep you going #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** @danyelwierson - Good point. Often, though, you'll find other parents hungry to connect. #gtchat
- 11:19 pm **educguess:** RT @asynschlrnsfnd: Re: starting parent groups, researching what already exists is key, agreed, to not reinvent wheel/duplicate, to expand working model #gtchat

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11:19 pm

HoagiesGifted:

The Care and Feeding of Gifted Parent Groups: A Guide for Gifted Coordinators, Teachers, and Parent Advocates <http://bit.ly/dv3rFV> #gtchat

11:19 pm

Ijconrad:

Working WITH teachers in this group has been one of the best ways to encourage a rapport with them and encourage a bit of empathy :) #gtchat

11:19 pm

asynschlrfsnd:

@danyelwierson Yes, the like-minded people who need the support 2, will be the receptive ones! You can look further afield for them. #gtchat

11:19 pm

jofrei:

@DeborahMersino re Tip 5 Local libraries, child care centres, community centres etc where parents gather or take inquisitive kids #gtchat

11:20 pm

DeborahMersino:

Tip6: Determine if you will be a virtual/online group or in-person group/both? Will u restrict size to manageable level/up 2 u #gtchat

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HoagiesGifted:

Wenda Sheard offers great advice for new and old groups in that article... #gtchat

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danyelwierson:

@DeborahMersino #gtchat Other parents, yes. Schools, PTO's, etc... sometimes not so much.

11:20 pm

DeborahMersino:

@HoagiesGifted - Many thanks for the link! So appreciate it. #gtchat

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DeborahMersino:

RT @Ijconrad: Working WITH teachers in this group has been one of the best ways to encourage a rapport with them and encourage a bit of empathy :) #gtchat

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asynschlrfsnd:

@laughingatchaos You may find parents flock to a parent-organized group faster than to a GT coordinator one. Less threatening! #gtchat

11:21 pm

Ijconrad:

We plan on going virtual and having monthly meetings here on Twitter following the 'Mersino Model"! #gtchat

11:21 pm

asynschlrfsnd:

@jofrei In the SF Bay Area groups have great success hosting at parks, various people's houses, etc. too #gtchat

11:21 pm

laughingatchaos:

@asynschlrfsnd True! But I also don't want to step on any toes; haven't met the new GT person yet. #gtchat

11:21 pm

HoagiesGifted:

The Tea and Terrorist Society - Parent Advocacy at the District Level <http://bit.ly/bSrQSB> #gtchat

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DeborahMersino:

Tip7: If you're going to be in-person, how often will you meet (2x month, 1x?) & disseminate information? Virtual - what platform? #gtchat

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TheNextMartha:

@DeborahMersino I am on the board of a local gifted support group. We have done a lot to raise our exposure in our city. #gtchat

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laughingatchaos:

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11:22 pm

cybraryman1:

Parent Support Group links: <http://bit.ly/FpgFV> #gtchat (my cameo appearance)

11:22 pm

asynschlrfsnd:

@Ijconrad re: working WITH teachers in this group<-- valuable but separate function from supporting parents - groups can do both. #gtchat

- 11:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip7 (cont): Re virtual groups/convenient & skies the limit (FB Fan Page, Twitter chat (e.g. GreeleyGT), Listserves #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **FrazzIld:** I find so many parents who say "Oh I don't know how to work the computer"
So, think a session on internet/twitter is in order! #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** @TheNextMartha Good for you! Please share what's made it so successful while I'm listing additional tips! #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **BVGifted:** sorry to join late. #gtchat. we've found it very helpful to have lots of stakeholder groups in the initial meeting, parents, GT staff, comm
- 11:23 pm **Ron_Peck:** RT @cybraryman1: Parent Support Group links: <http://bit.ly/FpgFV> #gtchat (my cameo appearance) Nice work Jerry!
- 11:23 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino re Tip 7 If in person will you need to become incorporated as a fincial insurance guard? #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** @FrazzIld - Yes, a single training (I've found) can be eye-opening and empowering for parents/advocates! #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **asynschlrshnd:** RT @cybraryman1 Parent Support Group links: <http://bit.ly/FpgFV> #gtchat (my cameo appearance) <-- helpful! Thanks! #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **asynschlrshnd:** RT @DeborahMersino: Tip7 (cont): Re virtual groups/convenient & skies the limit (FB Fan Page, Twitter chat (e.g. GreeleyGT), Listserves #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** @BVGifted - Hello! Glad you're here. It is good when everyone comes together for common good. #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **MJsRetweet:** RT @Ron_Peck: RT @cybraryman1: Parent Support Group links: <http://bit.ly/FpgFV> #gtchat (my cameo appearance) Nice work Jerry!
- 11:24 pm **FrazzIld:** Think facebook fanpage is nice, but lot of parents want to be private. We have a google group but out technophobes are missing out! #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jofrei - Depends (on local, state, county legalities). Not always here...unless trying to be a 501c3 (non-profit in US). #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Ron_Peck: RT @cybraryman1: Parent Support Group links: <http://bit.ly/FpgFV> #gtchat (my cameo appearance) Nice work Jerry!
- 11:25 pm **LesLinks:** Yay!!! always helps to turn computer off and then on again.. now we have lift off.. I'm back.. ;-) #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **GiftedHF:** @asynschlrshnd #gtchat To not reinvent wheel, yes. Partnering with related groups is good, too. Leverage limited resources.
- 11:25 pm **TheNextMartha:** @DeborahMersino We divided our efforts into titles of work. Marketing/Online/Parent Programs/ School liaisons/ Newsletter/ #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **asynschlrshnd:** @jofrei depends on what you're doing -- informal gatherings should not require insurance or incorporation. #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **laughingatchaos:** @LesLinks Jiggling the handle usually does it. ;) #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **Ron_Peck:** @LesLinks Nice to have you back. #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip7 (cont). Even a blog can be a potent vehicle in getting out information to members/resources/news/etc. #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **asynschlrshnd:** @LesLinks Glad you're back! #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **LesLinks:** @TheNextMartha Good idea.. some structure.... #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **ljconrad:** Does anyones group support prgm through fundraing? #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @TheNextMartha: @DeborahMersino We divided our efforts into titles of work. Marketing/Online/Parent Programs/ School liaisons/ Newsletter/ #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **LesLinks:** @laughingatchaos Ya.. you got it.. a kick could do too..... #gtchat
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resources.<-- Yes, excellent advice! #gtchat

- 11:26 pm **Lisa_Rivero:** @TheNextMartha Your group sounds really well organized! #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** RT @DeborahMersino: Tip7 (cont). Even a blog can be a potent vehicle in getting out information to members/resources/news/etc. #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **ljconrad:** We have a Facebook group that makes it simple to get out info quickly! #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip 8: Don't allow death by committee tho. Critical to divide/conquer, but ensure mission/kids are front/center. #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **LesLinks:** @asynschlrnsfnd Gezz.. thanks.. it was tough going.... #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** @ljconrad re: supporting group through fundraising, informal groups I know, do not, but more formal ones, do. #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **Frazzlld:** Blogs: Have just launched ours: <http://www.dazzledandfrazzled.com/> Lots of scope for the future #gtchat
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- 11:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip9: @AsynchSchlrnsFnd said it. Build alliances w/local, provincial, state, national organizations, local GT leaders (if any). #gtchat
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- 11:28 pm **TheNextMartha:** @DeborahMersino we also have a "partnership" with our school district and have worked hard to work together. #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **LesLinks:** RT @Lisa_Rivero: @TheNextMartha Your group sounds really well organized! Ya we need more people like you... to organise pep like me #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **Lisa_Rivero:** @Frazzlld Thanks for the blog link! #gtchat
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- 11:28 pm **HoagiesGifted:** Ten Tips for Parents of Gifted Students http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/ten_tips.htm #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **TheNextMartha:** @DeborahMersino our district listens to what we feel parents would like to hear about and then run parent sessions on those topics. #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **Frazzlld:** @Lisa_Rivero You're welcome. Not much there yet! #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @HoagiesGifted: Ten Tips for Parents of Gifted Students http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/ten_tips.htm #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** @DeborahMersino re: your tips are great... thank you! (Totally RT'ing them all!) #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **GiftedHF:** @DeborahMersino And other grassroots groups, businesses, art & science museums, etc #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** @DeborahMersino Tip 9: Build alliances w/local, provincial, state, national organizations, local GT leaders (if any). #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **LesLinks:** Launching my Blog site soon too.. wait for it.. coming soon.. ;-DD #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** RT @DeborahMersino: Tip9 (cont) Utilize online hubs too. So many incredible resources/leaders to learn from/collaborate with... #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip10: Set up agenda/themes in advance. If advocacy, what's goal? If support, what r main themes (asynchrony, socio-emot, peers) #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **TheNextMartha:** @LesLinks @lisa_rivero It works for us and took us a few months to get organized and into a rhythm that worked. #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Does anyone's school district seem to get nervous when organization of gifted parents takes place? #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **laughingatchaos:** @LesLinks Get on it already, Les! LOL ;) #gtchat

- 11:30 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** RT @HoagiesGifted Ten Tips for Parents of Gifted Students http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/ten_tips.htm <-- Excellent resource! #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **ljconrad:** SENG has excellent trainings at their site. #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **DeborahMersino:** For example, an in-person or virtual 2E support group could choose books/articles to read/discuss in advance. #gtchat
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- 11:31 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino Yes no death by committee! But do need enough active people on committee to spread the work load. #gtchat
- 11:31 pm **LesLinks:** @asynschlrnsfnd ya alot of support out there for the taking.. #gtchat
- 11:31 pm **LesLinks:** RT @laughingatchaos: @LesLinks Get on it already, Les! LOL ;) I'm working on it.. already.. give you a peek soon.. #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **DeborahMersino:** @mygiftedgirl - Ours asked me to...but it likely depends on district leadership. What's your gut tell you? #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jofrei - Well said! #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **ljconrad:** This group has many excellent bloggers among us - we need a list! #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** Re: Tip 10 setting goal sin advance, select activities that reflect that goal (eg parent support = in-person mtgs and email list) #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **Ron_Peck:** RT @DeborahMersino: For example, an in-person or virtual 2E support group could choose books/articles to read/discuss in advance. #gtchat
- 11:33 pm **TheNextMartha:** @mygiftedgirl We work with our district and they help coordinate the people needed for our parent programs that we offer. #gtchat
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- 11:34 pm **DeborahMersino:** @ljconrad - Good point. Must compile. If you blog, please DM me w/your Blog's URL. I'll create a list/share. #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino Some in person parent groups have own libraries - great for country folk - not quite so vital now with internet #gtchat
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- 11:36 pm **danyelwierson:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat Tip 12 Can be VERY difficult, but so important.
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- 11:36 pm **TheNextMartha:** @DeborahMersino This is where our group website is for ideas of what we do locally: <http://www.stage203.org/> #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **asynschlrshnd:** @jofrei re: parents' group libraries<-many resources are so specific and some out of print that even in big cities this is valuable! #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip13: Always keep the needs of the students/kids at the forefront. Let that guide you/your group at all times. #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **laughingatchaos:** @danyelwierson Esp. since parents of GT tend to be GT themselves. OEs, anyone? ;) #gtchat
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- 11:38 pm **jofrei:** @Lisa_Rivero It was using the group library by post that saved my sanity early on (some would dispute my sanity tho!) #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **asynschlrsvnd:** @Frazzlld public communication with each other, or with the outside world? #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip12 (cont): If u find yourself exacerbated w/ another parent, remember that "gifted" comes in many forms. Benefit of doubt = good. #gtchat
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- 11:39 pm **danyelwierson:** @laughingatchaos #gtchat And we, PG parents, aren't always the best at working well with others when we've been advocating all our lives.
- 11:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Frazzlld - Good point. Yes, it CAN absolutely be FOR the parents. Thank you for pointing that out. #gtchat
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- 11:39 pm **Frazzlld:** @asynschlrsvnd They like to communicate with each other in private...face to face if possible. Coffee mornings a favourite! #gtchat
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- 11:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** @danyelwierson - Makes sense/so true. #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **LesLinks:** @ljconrad Also, unfortunately adults may become suspicious/jealous of others and everythingcanfallapart...communication of ends vital #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **asynschlrsvnd:** Argh, Twitter... I'm missing every 3rd or 4th tip from @DeborahMersino! #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **TheNextMartha:** @DeborahMersino last year we were able to get the district to "reform" the elementary definition for gifted programs. Huge win. #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **Lisa_Rivero:** @DeborahMersino re: The intensity of giftedness is not always easy with

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Lisa_Rivero: Transcript for #gtchat - What the Hasht...
@DeborahMersino yes! The intensity of giftedness is not always easy, with adults or children #gtchat

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jofrei: Parent groups are great for gathering like minded adults - one of our members builds pipe organs as hobby can talk about it with us #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: Tip14: Be cheerleaders/advocates for each other! (includes teachers/administrators). Lead w/positivity. #gtchat

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laughingatchaos: RT @DeborahMersino: Tip14: Be cheerleaders/advocates for each other! (includes teachers/administrators). Lead w/positivity. #gtchat

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historytunes: @Ron_Peck what is #gtchat?

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Lisa_Rivero: @jofrei Pipe organs! How fun, adults sharing passions #gtchat

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asynschlrfsnd: RT @DeborahMersino: Tip13: Always keep the needs of the students/kids at the forefront. Let that guide you/your group at all times. #gtchat

11:41 pm

DeborahMersino: @AsynchSchlrFnd - Will have transcript up afterwards. Sorry you're having trouble!! #gtchat

11:41 pm

TheNextMartha: @DeborahMersino It IS hard to stay optimistic when MOST parents are not happy with programs. We stress small steps/wins. #gtchat

11:41 pm

HoagiesGifted: @DeborahMersino Thanks Deborah! from the Queen... :-) #gtchat

11:42 pm

tappedinorg: RT @DeborahMersino: Hoagies' Gifted Advocacy Page: Excellent Resource! <http://bit.ly/aACRqz> #gtchat

11:42 pm

HoagiesGifted: @lisa_rivero Yes, yes! Davidson YS does a teen panel annually, and HEROES in NJ has done a great one... I'm sure others have, too #gtchat

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Lisa_Rivero: @DeborahMersino re: Tip 14, it's important to resist all temptations of competitive parenting #gtchat

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asynschlrfsnd: RT @DeborahMersino: Tip14: Be cheerleaders/advocates for each other! (includes teachers/administrators). Lead w/positivity. #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: Tip15: Keep confidentiality - VERY IMPORTANT! Set ground rules for this early on... #gtchat

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laughingatchaos: RT @Lisa_Rivero: @DeborahMersino re: Tip 14, its important to resist all temptations of competitive parenting//YES!!! #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: @TheNextMartha - Good for you...celebrating small victories today = essential! #gtchat

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LesLinks: So important to focus on kids needs/ where we want to go re support and do #gtchat

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jofrei: RT @Lisa_Rivero: @DeborahMersino re: Tip 14, its important to resist all temptations of competitive parenting -YES! #gtchat

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- 11:44 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT [@DeborahMersino](#): Tip16: Believe you can and will make a difference - for parents, gifted learners and your community!/We have to! [#gtchat](#)
- 11:44 pm **GT_Society:** RT [@DeborahMersino](#): Tip16: Believe you can and will make a difference - for parents, gifted learners and your community! [#gtchat](#)
- 11:44 pm **FrazzIId:** RT [@DeborahMersino](#): Tip16: Believe you can and will make a difference - for parents, gifted learners and your community! [#gtchat](#)
- 11:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** We need each and every one of you leading right now. Progress relative to gifted ed and parenting depends on COLLABORATION! [#gtchat](#)
- 11:45 pm **LesLinks:** [@DeborahMersino](#) If you make a difference, to even one, a real difference. than you have accomplished a great thing... believe that [#gtchat](#)
- 11:45 pm **jofrei:** [@DeborahMersino](#) re Tip 16 yes and remind yourself of difference you are making if feeling discouraged [#gtchat](#)
- 11:45 pm **HoagiesGifted:** TAG lists have a strict "positive" policy. Everyone posts their own experience, pro or con, and not attack others for their opinion [#gtchat](#)
- 11:45 pm **asynschlrsfnd:** RT [@DeborahMersino](#): Tip16: Believe you can and will make a difference - for parents, gifted learners and your community! [#gtchat](#)
- 11:45 pm **DeborahMersino:** We've got just 15 minutes left! We have many stellar leaders among us. [#gtchat](#)
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- 11:46 pm **pamfr:** [#gtchat](#) Most imp't tool: ourselves. When new parents show up, whether online or in person, remember to welcome, not just chat w/regulars.
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- 11:46 pm **DeborahMersino:** For those who haven't already started a support group (in-person/online), who is in? I am! Will start one in Northern CO this fall. [#gtchat](#)
- 11:46 pm **FrazzIId:** Re Tip 16: That's when it is so helpful to have a like-minded friend [#gtchat](#)
- 11:46 pm **GiftedHF:** [@AsynchSchlrsFnd](#) We do? Thanks! :-)
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- 11:46 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT [@LesLinks](#): [@DeborahMersino](#) If you make a difference, to even one, a real difference. than you have accomplished a great thing... believe that [#gtchat](#)
- 11:47 pm **laughingatchaos:** [@DeborahMersino](#) Busy woman! :) Going to put out feelers for my area. Informally I know there's a need. [#gtchat](#)
- 11:47 pm **LesLinks:** [@HoagiesGifted](#) This is excellent advice... attaching others is so counter productive & loses people with much to offer and good skills [#gtchat](#)
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- 11:48 pm **laughingatchaos**: @Lisa_Rivero GT parents? GTs introverts? Nahhh...LOL (says the one who is one herself LOL) #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **asynschlrnsfnd**: @DeborahMersino The Asynchronous Scholars' Fund is my attempt to do just that - start support where it doesn't exist! #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **padgets**: #gtchat sorry I am late, as i read the chat so far, I just want to say all TAG teachers rock!
- 11:48 pm **GiftedHF**: RT @DeborahMersino: Tip16: Believe you can and will make a difference - for parents, gifted learners and your community! #gtchat <- YES!!!
- 11:48 pm **jofrei**: RT @Lisa_Rivero: @PamFR Re: welcoming new parents, a very important point! Especially if your group has a lot of introverts. :) #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **DeborahMersino**: @PamFR So true/It's easy to get habitual. However, success lies in r reaching out/being welcoming. TY for making this point. #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **FrazzIld**: RT @Lisa_Rivero: @PamFR Re: welcoming new parents, a very important point! Especially if your group has a lot of introverts. :) #gtchat
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- 11:49 pm **danyelwierson**: RT @asynschlrnsfnd: @DeborahMersino The Asynchronous Scholars' Fund is my attempt to do just that - start support where it doesn't exist! #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **Lisa_Rivero**: @laughingatchaos lol! me, too #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **DeborahMersino**: @padgets - Agreed! Yes, when parents/community members applaud/appreciate TAG/GT educators, it means SO MUCH to them! #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **pamfr**: @lisa_rivero Yes, thanks. p.s. Welcome to #gtchat :-)
- 11:49 pm **DeborahMersino**: RT @asynschlrnsfnd: @DeborahMersino The Asynchronous Scholars' Fund is my attempt to do just that - start support where it doesn't exist! #gtchat
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- 11:50 pm **GiftedHF**: @DeborahMersino For those who have already established groups, be there to help others along. It's not competition among groups. #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **DeborahMersino**: @danyelwierson - Yes, I regularly marvel at the powerful work happening at @DavidsonGifted. It's incredible! #gtchat
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- 11:50 pm **Lisa_Rivero**: @PamFR Thank you! I'm loving my first #gtchat What great energy
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- 11:51 pm **DeborahMersino**: @GiftedHF - Such an excellent, excellent point!! TY. #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **HoagiesGifted**: Thanks for having me! #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **TheNextMartha**: @DeborahMersino If anyone needs help/guidance about starting a group, I'm open for questions by email. #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **DeborahMersino**: @lisa_rivero @PamFR - We're happy to have you here!! #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **LesLinks**: @GiftedHF to true.. not a competition.. support those who are trying hard to support.. #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **asynschlrnsfnd**: I'd also like to add that just reaching out to other parents one-on-one, in person or by email, to say "you're not alone" means alot #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **laughingatchaos**: @TheNextMartha I may! Thanks! #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **GiftedHF**: @HoagiesGifted #gtchat Thanks for being had ;-)
- 11:53 pm **DeborahMersino**: @TheNextMartha - How kind of you {re offer to help/answer questions/guidance 4 those starting groups}! Fabulous. #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **educguess**: RT @asynschlrnsfnd: I'd also like to add that just reaching out to other parents one-on-one, in person or by email, to say "you're not alone" means alot #gtchat
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- 11:53 pm **Lisa_Rivero**: @DeborahMersino Thank you! #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **mygiftedgirl**: @TheNextMartha I would love to learn more about what you are doing there! #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **LesLinks**: @asynschlrnsfnd So very right.... just 'answering' a call for help can help... #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **DeborahMersino**: @AsynchSchlrnsFnd - Yes, everyone desires to be seen/heard & know they matter. #gtchat
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- 11:54 pm **GiftedHF**: @LesLinks Absolutely true. GHF got a ton of support & advice from Hoagies & SENG folks along the way. Now we try to help others, too #gtchat
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- 11:54 pm **Lisa_Rivero**: @AsynchSchlrnsFnd That's a great point. One-on-one support can be so important. #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **DeborahMersino**: We have just a few minutes left everyone. Final thoughts, learns, aha moments, suggestions? #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **GiftedHF**: #gtchat -- gtg, 5pm appointment I'm late for. thanks Deborah & all!
- 11:55 pm **TheNextMartha**: @DeborahMersino I have learned so much more being part of a group than I would have alone. It's worth the work I put into it. #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **DeborahMersino**: My takeaway: I'm privileged to be surrounded by linchpins. Will look to serve local community w/same verve as global #gtchat. TY all!

- 11:55 pm **JenRBoyd:** RT @laughingatchaos: RT @HoagiesGifted: Ten Tips for Parents of Gifted Students http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/ten_tips.htm #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Thx for a great chat today! Off to a movie w/friends; gotta survive the last few days of summer. Gahhh... #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedHF - TY for your time, input and sage advice. Grateful! #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **FrazzIld:** @DeborahMersino Wish you were here! #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** @laughingatchaos - Enjoy the show! TY for being with us. :) #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **LesLinks:** I guess, if we can just take the vibes and example we have here..and transfer it into our own communities.. it would be a good thing #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **asynschlrsfnd:** Major "aha" moment: learning that many others went through nearly identical experiences & were willing to share advice - saved me! #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **danyelwierson:** #gtchat don't forget to stop advocating from time to time and listen to the views of others. Hard to stop fighting sometimes.
- 11:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** @FrazzIld - You're doing quite well, my dear! ;-) #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **asynschlrsfnd:** @GiftedHF Great to have you join #gtchat!
- 11:57 pm **FrazzIld:** My goal for September: teach my support group to tweet! #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Thank you @DeborahMersino and all! Learned a lot tonight! #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **Ron_Peck:** Besides all the great resources my takeaway is to support parents by helping them connect. That includes connecting them to #gtchat
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- 11:58 pm **asynschlrsfnd:** RT @TheNextMartha I have learned so much more being part of a group than I would have alone. Worth the work <- Nicely stated! #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **pamfr:** #gtchat To your point @AsynchSchlrsFnd, other gt parents have been amazing in sharing ideas, encouragement, & materials.
- 11:59 pm **LesLinks:** Thanks Deborah.... again.. any stogies for Ompaness??? #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** Twitter can be useful! Doesn't only have to be through #gtchat. Think of all the possible hashtags (i.e. IrelandGT, BoulderGifted, CAGifted)
- 11:59 pm **asynschlrsfnd:** @LesLinks Yes - let us know what we can do to help! #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Ron_Peck - TY! Would love to connect with parents you send our way. #gtchat
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