



Transcript from January 14, 2011 to January 14, 2011

All times are Pacific Time

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- 12:06 am **asynchschrfsnd:** @giftedhf here u go! RT @iearmusa: Excellent piece: More youth become engaged in #philanthropy <http://bit.ly/eJnnh4> #gtchat #edchat
- 12:13 am **ljconrad:** RT @GiftedPhoenix: RT @iGS3: iGS will engage #gifted student's natural talents and curiosity <http://igiftedschool.org/> #gtchat
- 12:22 am **doctorjeff:** I'm working on my keynote thinking for #NSTA in SF. #scichat #edchat #elemcvhat #gtchat #cpchat
- 12:24 am **DeborahMersino:** "Best Ways 4 State/Regional Associations to Impact" will be our noon/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow, 01.14. Join us! #gifted
- 12:24 am **doctorjeff:** And is the philosophy behind #STEM #education more broadly applicable? #scichat #edchat #gtchat #cpchat
- 12:24 am **DeborahMersino:** "Communication Strategies 4 Parents of Tweens/Teens" will be our 7pm/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow, 01.14. Join us! #gifted #parenting
- 12:31 am **ljconrad:** RT @DeborahMersino: "Best Ways 4 State/Regional Associations to Impact" will be our noon/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow, 01.14. Join us! #gifted
- 12:32 am **ljconrad:** RT @DeborahMersino: "Communication Strategies 4 Parents of Tweens/Teens" will be our 7pm/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow, 01.14. Join us! #gifted #parenting
- 12:35 am **ljconrad:** Kennedy Ctr supporting artistically gifted students #gtchat #gifted <http://fb.me/SfbrBhbO>
- 12:36 am **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DeborahMersino "Communication Strategies 4 Parents of Tweens/Teens" will be our 7pm/EST #gtchat topic 01.14. Join us! #gifted #parenting
- 12:36 am **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DeborahMersino: "Best Ways 4 State/Regional Associations to Impact" will be our noon/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow, 01.14. Join us! #gifted
- 12:46 am **ljconrad:** NJ gifted students participate in annual competition #gtchat @gifted <http://fb.me/RNhiY6Qw>
- 12:47 am **Edu_Traveler:** It's testing season for NYC's youngest..how are they doing? New post: <http://t.co/Lw4lugA> #gtchat #ecosys
- 12:47 am **peter_lydon:** New post <http://www.giftedandtalented.ie/> #gtie #gtchat #gifted
- 12:53 am **ljconrad:** World Peace Game founder & gt teacher John Hunter to close out TED2011 #gtchat #gifted #edchat <http://fb.me/Jw4KMM2K>
- 12:57 am **ljconrad:** CA gt students involved in waste reduction project #gtchat #gifted <http://fb.me/QCjaAEu7>
- 1:01 am **ljconrad:** CA GATE students participate in 4th Annual Winter Enrichment Workshop: CSI #gtchat #gifted <http://fb.me/QjN2JDQZ>
- 1:04 am **ljconrad:** Aussie blog Thinking Ahead: "I did it in my head!" #gtchat #gifted <http://fb.me/RSwfEnUo>
- 1:06 am **ljconrad:** SIG open house for summer program at Emory Univ #gtchat #gifted <http://fb.me/sP5dDUZI>
- 2:14 am **jofrei:** RT @ljconrad: Aussie blog Thinking Ahead: "I did it in my head!" #gtchat #gifted <http://fb.me/RSwfEnUo>
- 2:16 am **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: "Best Ways 4 State/Regional Associations to Impact"

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- 2:16 am **jofrei:** RT @deepwaterscoach: RT @DeborahMersino "Communication Strategies 4 Parents of Tweens/Teens" will be our 7pm/EST #gtchat topic 01.14. Join us! #gifted #parenting
- 2:50 am **KateArmsRoberts:** RT @DeborahMersino: "Communication Strategies 4 Parents of Tweens/Teens" will be our 7pm/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow, 01.14. Join us! #gifted #parenting
- 2:50 am **KateArmsRoberts:** RT @DeborahMersino: "Best Ways 4 State/Regional Associations to Impact" will be our noon/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow, 01.14. Join us! #gifted
- 5:20 am **jofrei:** The #gtstooxies enter teen lounge territory after #gtchat <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=1707>
- 7:47 am **FrazzIId:** RT @peter_lydon: New post <http://www.giftedandtalented.ie/> #gtie #gtchat #gifted
- 7:50 am **FrazzIId:** RT @deborahmersino: "Best Ways 4 State/Regional Associations to Impact" will be our 5pm GMT, noon/EST #gtchat topic today. Join us! #gifted
- 7:51 am **FrazzIId:** RT @deborahmersino: "Communication Strategies 4 Parents of Tweens/Teens" will be our 7pm/EST #gtchat topic today Join us! #gifted #parenting
- 8:09 am **GiftedPhoenix:** RT @DeborahMersino: "Best Ways for State/Regional Associations to Impact" is 5pm #gtchat topic today 14/1. Join us! #gifted #ukedchat
- 8:26 am **Begabungs:** RT @GiftedPhoenix: RT @DeborahMersino: "Best Ways for State/Regional Associations to Impact" is 5pm #gtchat topic today 14/1. Join us! #gifted #ukedchat
- 9:10 am **GiftedPhoenix:** Anyone fancy taking part in a #gifted education blog carnival? - <http://bit.ly/hsqeDU> #gifted #gtchat
- 9:26 am **asynchschrlnfnd:** SF Bay Area: Hotbed of #gifted teen #science research-- check out Intel science prize semifinalists <http://bit.ly/hZA6EG> #gtchat #education
- 12:16 pm **eshwaranv:** I'll be missing the noon #gtchat, but will be there for the 7pm/EST convo. :-)
- 12:17 pm **eshwaranv:** RT @DeborahMersino: "Best Ways 4 State/Regional Associations to Impact" will be our noon/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow, 01.14. Join us! #gifted
- 12:17 pm **eshwaranv:** RT @DeborahMersino: "Communication Strategies 4 Parents of Tweens/Teens" will be our 7pm/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow, 01.14. Join us! #gifted #parenting
- 1:56 pm **sweetieberry:** Are you the parent of a Gifted child? #GTchat is your resource, Friday night and at noon on Fridays. #FF #RR (Reliable Resource)
- 3:42 pm **Giftedkidsie:** RT @eshwaranv. RT @DeborahMersino: "Communication Strategies 4 Parents of Tweens/Teens" will be our 7pm/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow,...
- 3:43 pm **Giftedkidsie:** RT @eshwaranv. RT @DeborahMersino: "Best Ways 4 State/Regional Associations to Impact" will be our noon/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow,...
- 4:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** Less than an hour until #gtchat! Topic at noon/EST: "Best Ways 4 State/Regional Associations to Impact." Join us! #gifted #advocacy
- 4:17 pm **bfwriter:** @DeborahMersino what time is the afternoon #gtchat?
- 4:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** @bfwriter - We have a chat at noon/EST and another at 7pm/EST. Would love to see you at one or both! #gtchat
- 4:19 pm **halleyrebecca:** I'll be late, but I'll be here! #gtchat
- 4:33 pm **bfwriter:** @DeborahMersino we're doing a Twitter workshop today at uni, would love to use #gtchat as example, but will be over by 4 PST
- 4:34 pm **DeborahMersino:** @bfwriter - You could show them a transcript of #gtchat...not fully updated, but available at www.ingeniosus.net. Best wishes!
- 4:47 pm **Begabungs:** I am looking for a English-speaking penpals for a gifted girl(15) in Bavaria. Please contact me. #gifted #gtchat

- 4:48 pm **Begabung:** RT @DeborahMersino: Less than an hour until #gtchat! Topic at noon/EST: "Best Ways 4 State/Regional Associations to Impact." Join us! #gifted #advocacy
- 4:49 pm **DeborahMersino:** would love to see more educators interested in talent development join #gtchat in 2011! Info at www.ingeniosus.net/gtchat #edchat #ntchat
- 4:52 pm **ljconrad:** #gtchat :(early dismissal today. Will miss Noon chat. See ya at later chat!
- 4:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** @ljconrad - We'll miss you! Hope you're having a good day...see you tonight! #gtchat #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Begabung - Many thanks for the RT! #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** @halleyrebecca - Glad you'll be with us! #gtchat #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **cybraryman1:** Working on revising my GT page (NY Resolution). What categories would you recommend? (See what I propose) <http://bit.ly/8rDekG> #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** My tweets 4 next hour will be devoted to #gtchat. Pardon heavy stream; feel free 2 unfollow/unlink. "Gifted Associations - Impact" #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** @cybraryman1 I'll look forward to taking a close up look after #gtchat. Good for you for following through on this; we all benefit! #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **bfwriter:** @DeborahMersino thanks. :) I'll stop back in at #gtchat in a few and see what's up.
- 4:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** Welcome to #gtchat. Our topic: "Best Ways 4 State/Regional Associations to Impact." Join us! #gifted #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Please take a moment to introduce yourselves, your role (educator, parent, advocate, blogger) & share where you reside! #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **jofrei:** @cybraryman1 I will check it out Re NY res Did you see the Dabrowski dogs resolutions? <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=1635> #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Hello. It's a warm, wet winter evening in England. I'm a former #gifted education policy maker now consulting, writing, advising
- 5:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm Deborah Mersino, moderator of #gtchat, marketing consultant to GT communities and wife/mom to 2 girls residing in sunny Colorado #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** Hi England and Australia! Love that you're both here. #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **jofrei:** Hi Jo Freitag from Gifted Resources Melbourne Australia 4.00am Saturday here #gtchat
- 5:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** My hope today is to brainstorm ideas for how regional and state organizations can have razor-like focus on vital priorities. #gtchat
- 5:03 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino Thank you - I am very fortunate not to live in a flooded area! #gtchat
- 5:03 pm **KateArmsRoberts:** Hi. Kate from Toronto. Parent to 1 identified and 3 likely gifted kids. New to advocacy - trying to figure out how to be effective. #gtchat
- 5:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix @jofrei - Q1: What do you think sets the most impactful organizations apart from others in the talent dev. realm? #gtchat
- 5:04 pm **MSTA:** whew! I made it! Hi #gtchat-ers! #gtchat
- 5:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** @KateArmsRoberts Happy 2 have a Canadian here! Parents are vital to advocacy. That's why we're here/working to grow/learn 2gether! #gtchat
- 5:04 pm **theboysstore:** Good Morning - Suzanne parent advocate for the GT program in my county - Just south of Carson City NV - enjoying the snow this AM #gtchat
- 5:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** @MSTA - Hooray! Glad you're here Missouri! #gtchat
- 5:05 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Q1. I'm very impressed with US NAGC. It offers a wide range of helpful resources and reacts rapidly when that's necessary
- 5:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q1: What do you think sets the most impactful organizations apart from others

- 5:05 pm **Smichael920:** #gtchat hi from NW UK. I'm a Headteacher and also work 2days a week as head of primary for SSAT a national and global network of schools
- 5:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** @theboysstore - Welcome Susanne. Happy you're with us representing Nevada. #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **EvaMayla:** Good Morning! From Mexico, Advocate, Mom, and #GTCHAT fan #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **DazzlId:** Me too! Karen here in Dublin; house full of kids and teens here so I'll try to pay attention. Good to be back. #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **giaimojosephine:** Greetings from central NJ, Josephine, independent consultant, gifted advocate and instructor #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **jofrei:** Q1 Mainly the vision, activity, enthusiasm and cohesion of the leadership and membership of the groups #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Q1. A key feature is the willingness to make fruitful alliances, even if that involves some degree of compromise
- 5:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Smichael920 @EvaMayla @DazzlId @giaimojosephine - Hello UK, Mexico, Dublin and New Jersey! #gtchat
- 5:07 pm **EvaMayla:** Also representing the GT parent network in Nuevo León México #gtchat
- 5:07 pm **giaimojosephine:** Q1 A willingness to think outside of the box...as in: what box? #gtchat
- 5:07 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @Smichael920 Thanks so much for joining us! #gtchat
- 5:07 pm **theboysstore:** RT @GiftedPhoenix Q1. A key feature is the willingness to make fruitful alliances, even if that involves some degree of compromise #gtchat
- 5:07 pm **MSTA:** @GiftedPhoenix exactly! we all want what is best for students regardless of the organization name. #gtchat
- 5:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q1: What do you think sets the most impactful organizations apart from others in the talent development realm? #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **MSTA:** (more) if more organizations worked together instead of competing, think of what all could be accomplished! #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - You make excellent points! #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @jofrei: Q1 Mainly the vision, activity, enthusiasm and cohesion of the leadership and membership of the groups #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @MSTA: (more) if more organizations worked together instead of competing, think of what all could be accomplished!<=love #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **giaimojosephine:** Q1: a concerted effort to focus on dispelling myths and replacing them with facts, in a professional manner #gtchat
- 5:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q2: What do you think inhibits an organization's ability to impact powerfully? What weighs orgs down? #gtchat
- 5:09 pm **EvaMayla:** Q1: Agree with @jofrai, organization, vision and lot's of enthusiasm. Someone providing cohesion and lidership. #gtchat
- 5:10 pm **MSTA:** Q2: being stuck in that's how we've always done it! Resistance to change. (cont) #gtchat
- 5:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** @giaimojosephine - Agree. Professionalism is so important. #gtchat
- 5:10 pm **giaimojosephine:** RT @GiftedPhoenix: #gtchat Q1. willingness to make fruitful alliances, even if that involves some degree of compromise...very important!
- 5:10 pm **asynchschrlnsnd:** My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat on Gifted Associations: Impact. Please pardon the heavy stream/feel free to unfollow.
- 5:10 pm **MSTA:** (more) Not evaluating whether or not programs, etc still have a place in 2011. Re-establishing goals. #gtchat
- 5:11 pm **DazzlId:** Q2 Strong personalities are needed to drive. but can be too reluctant to

delegate effectively #gtchat

- 5:11 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** Marlow from the Asynchronous Scholars' Fund here. I'm an advocate, parent, and educator. Sorry to be joining late! #gtchat
- 5:11 pm **KateArmsRoberts:** OT Re: Q1: Which organizations are effective and have public presences that new groups could learn from? #gtchat
- 5:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q2: Disparate beliefs about what connotes giftedness, death by committee, lack of collaboration w/ other fields, poor communication. #gtchat
- 5:11 pm **jofrei:** Q2 Often group committees are all volunteers so finances and time can be main difficulties #gtchat
- 5:11 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Q2 People who are over-cautious and risk-averse. People afraid of new ideas, new technology, new forms of communication...
- 5:12 pm **DeborahMersino:** @asynschlrnsfnd - Welcome! Happy you're with us. #gtchat
- 5:12 pm **Smichael920:** Very important RT @MSTA: (more) Not evaluating whether or not programs, etc still have a place in 2011. Re-establishing goals. #gtchat
- 5:12 pm **EvaMayla:** Q2: Mainly Lack of focus. But for us the problem has been the GT definition. Mexico is trying to provide 4 all kinds of giftedness #gtchat
- 5:12 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** RT @MSTA: Q2: being stuck in that's how we've always done it! Resistance to change. (cont) #gtchat
- 5:12 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** Q1: Those that provide direct support or provide so much authoritative information as to influence educators/public = best #gtchat
- 5:12 pm **giaimojosephine:** Q2: unexamined assumptions and premises, comfort with "the water one swims in", not being able to see from another vantage point #gtchat
- 5:12 pm **DeborahMersino:** @KateArmsRoberts - I agree w/ @GiftedPhoenix. NAGC (US) does a good job, as do several state orgs. #gtchat
- 5:13 pm **EvaMayla:** Q2: ... and effort to advocate for an specifically type of giftedness like intellectual is diluted. #gtchat
- 5:13 pm **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: Q2: Disparate beliefs about giftedness, death by committee, lack of collaboration , poor communication. <=agree #gtchat
- 5:13 pm **theboysstore:** Q2: Communcation or miscommunication, lack of understanding/knowledge to make decisive choices #gtchat
- 5:13 pm **MSTA:** Q2: not accepting that education in 2011 is different form education in 2000, in 1980 in 1950. It's not the same! #gtchat
- 5:13 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** Q2: Organizations should not reinvent the wheel. They need to find a hole and fill it effectively. #gtchat
- 5:13 pm **cybraryman1:** Q2 It is obvious that most need to get their acts together and redefine their mission #gtchat
- 5:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @GiftedPhoenix Q2 People who r over-cautious&risk-averse. People afraid of new ideas, new technology, new forms of communication #gtchat
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- 5:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @MSTA: (more) Not evaluating whether or not programs, etc still have a place in 2011. Re-establishing goals. <=like! #gtchat
- 5:14 pm **EvaMayla:** Q2: And resources. Basically money and information. #gtchat
- 5:14 pm **giaimojosephine:** RT @EvaMayla: Mexico is trying to provide 4 all kinds of giftedness...can you say what the 4 kinds are? #gtchat
- 5:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @MSTA: Q2: not accepting that education in 2011 is different form education in 2000, in 1980 in 1950. Its not the same! #gtchat
- 5:15 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @asynschlrnsfnd: Q2: Organizations should not reinvent the wheel. They need to find a hole and fill it effectively. #gtchat

- 5:15 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Q2 Related to other points is failure to respond to the changing education policy environment + link to new initiatives
- 5:15 pm **jofrei:** Q2 Some in high positions value the prestige instead of the hard coal face work #gtchat
- 5:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @EvaMayla: Q2: And resources. Basically money and information.<=Oh yes. #gtchat
- 5:15 pm **theboysstore:** They sure do! RT @jofrei: Q2 Some in high positions value the prestige instead of the hard coal face work #gtchat
- 5:16 pm **TheRubyBooks:** RT @asynchschrfsnd: Q2: Organizations should not reinvent the wheel. They need to find a hole and fill it effectively. #gtchat
- 5:16 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @jofrei Sometimes too there's a tendency to look at the title and not at the performance. An over-respect for academic credentials.. #gtchat
- 5:16 pm **EvaMayla:** @giaimojosephine @EvaMayla I meant for all kind of giftedness as they define them (intellectual, motor, artistic, etc.) #gtchat
- 5:16 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** Q2: Also, organizations need to think about their goals, impact, ala the guidelines from the Mulago Fnd: <http://bit.ly/gvTury> #gtchat
- 5:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** Wow. I think you've all nailed it./As we move forward = critical to see above the fray & evaluate more partnerships & communication. #gtchat
- 5:17 pm **Smichael920:** #gtchat good to remind ourselves regularly of who we are doing this for. Important to keep abreast of change if it helps learners
- 5:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix Re failure to respond to the changing education policy environment + link to new initiatives<=So very true. #gtchat
- 5:17 pm **giaimojosephine:** Q2: not recognizing role that class differences play in the elitism/egalitarianism conversation...or the nature/nurture debates...#gtchat
- 5:17 pm **MSTA:** @Smichael920 agreed! #gtchat
- 5:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Smichael920 - Agree regarding the ultimate goal of supporting students. Keeping that at the forefront of vision. #gtchat
- 5:18 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** RT @Smichael920: #gtchat good to remind ourselves who we are doing this for. Important to keep abreast of change if it helps learners
- 5:18 pm **giaimojosephine:** Q2: not being able to rise above the differences that may divide us, to work towards a common goal #gtchat
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- 5:18 pm **jofrei:** RT @Smichael920: good to remind ourselves of who we are doing this for. <= Agreed! #gtchat
- 5:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** @giaimojosephine brings up an excellent point. Nature/nurture and elitism/egalitarianism still brewing biggest myths/harm. #gtchat
- 5:19 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** RT @giaimojosephine: Q2: not being able to rise above the differences that may divide us, to work towards a common goal #gtchat
- 5:19 pm **jofrei:** RT @giaimojosephine: Q2: not being able to rise above the differences that may divide us, to work towards a common goal<=well said! #gtchat
- 5:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q3: Do you realistically think the gifted movement or talent development movement can overcome nature/nurture & elitism/eg debates? #gtchat
- 5:20 pm **giaimojosephine:** Q2: being stuck in thats how weve always done it! Resistance to change. ...some of that is to perpetuate organizations and systems #gtchat
- 5:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q3: (cont) If so, how? Does it involve more alliances with educational researchers, policy makers, brain researchers, political mov? #gtchat
- 5:21 pm **MSTA:** @DeborahMersino maybe. It will take time and effort on behalf of educators

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- 5:21 pm **DeborahMersino**: RT @giaimojosephine: it will take time and effort on behalf of educators, parents, students and advocates to make real change #gtchat
- 5:21 pm **DeborahMersino**: RT @giaimojosephine: Q2: not being able to rise above the differences that may divide us, to work towards a common goal #gtchat
- 5:21 pm **MSTA**: plus time and a consistent message over time. It takes time for mentalities to shift and myths to be dispelled. #gtchat
- 5:21 pm **GiftedPhoenix**: #gtchat Q3. My first blogpost was really an attempt to show that those polarities need to be kept in balance in any gifted education policy
- 5:22 pm **DazzlId**: Q3 Ireland is small enough and has one ed system, so it would be possible to offer gifted ed supports across all types of school... #gtchat
- 5:22 pm **DeborahMersino**: @MSTA Agreed regarding your answer to Q3...I know I continue to shift my own perspectives as I learn more/challenge my thinking. #gtchat
- 5:22 pm **OzimarPereira**: RT @GiftedPhoenix: #gtchat Q3. My first blogpost was really an attempt to show that those polarities need to be kept in balance in any gifted education policy
- 5:22 pm **jofrei**: Q3 Agree with @MSTA #gtchat
- 5:23 pm **DeborahMersino**: @GiftedPhoenix - I want to revisit your posts...with fresh eyes. So glad you wrote them. Do feel like it's critical to understand. #gtchat
- 5:23 pm **GiftedPhoenix**: #gtchat The whole business of the 'excellence gap' (disadvantaged gifted v advantaged gifted) is underplayed currently and needs more work
- 5:23 pm **chrstinef**: @DeborahMersino Sneaking in for a bit. The convo is fab...so mny good points #gtchat
- 5:23 pm **KateArmsRoberts**: Q3: My instinct is that getting past the nature/nurture/elitism issues will require x-specialty alliances and open-mindedness #gtchat
- 5:23 pm **GiftedPhoenix**: @DeborahMersino Thank you #gtchat
- 5:24 pm **asynschlrnsfnd**: Q3: Nature vs. nurture is an artificial argument, since both are at play. These kids are not better, just different. We can overcome #gtchat
- 5:24 pm **chrstinef**: @AsynchSchlrnsFnd yes!!! #gtchat
- 5:24 pm **DeborahMersino**: @MSTA - Read in Gifted Child Quarterly - same myths exist today that did 25 years ago. Must reframe strategically in today's world. #gtchat
- 5:24 pm **asynschlrnsfnd**: Yes! RT @MSTA: plus time and a consistent message over time. It takes time for mentalities to shift and myths to be dispelled. #gtchat
- 5:24 pm **theboysstore**: Wow. Can the majority (or even a small group) of people work beyond elitism and social/cultural bias? tough question @DeborahMersino #gtchat
- 5:24 pm **giaimojosephine**: Q3: Yes. But, we have to educate ourselves and others, esp. those in fat part of the curve, maybe that's what ed used to be about #gtchat
- 5:24 pm **GiftedPhoenix**: #gtchat As you know, I'm also on a mission to try to grow the work done on the economics of gifted education - essential in my view
- 5:25 pm **DeborahMersino**: @KateArmsRoberts - Like...Say more! #gtchat
- 5:25 pm **chrstinef**: RT @asynschlrnsfnd: Yes! RT @MSTA: plus time and a consistent message over time. It takes time for mentalities to shift and myths to be dispelled. #gtchat
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- 5:25 pm **MSTA**: @DeborahMersino yes but Twitter didn't exist and the internet isn't what it is today. myths are easier to spread AND dispel now. #gtchat
- 5:25 pm **DeborahMersino**: @chrstinef We love when you drop in! #gtchat
- 5:26 pm **MSTA**: the key is knowing which to target. spreading correct information or dispelling

myths. hard to do both. #gtchat

- 5:26 pm **giaimojosephine:** Q3: Teachers and schools of education don't know that they don't know. No one wants to research the IQ scores of teachers. #gtchat
- 5:26 pm **KateArmsRoberts:** I see education policy that doesn't reflect research on how kids learn. And teachers/admin w/out time to research/develop. #gtchat
- 5:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - Can you explain a bit more about your vision regarding demonstrating economics of gifted ed? #gtchat
- 5:27 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @KateArmsRoberts: I see ed policy that doesn't reflect research on how kids learn. & teachers/admin w/out time to research/devel #gtchat
- 5:27 pm **DeborahMersino:** @KateArmsRoberts - Couldn't agree more. DD10's Renzulli profile showed her preferred learning styles were all non-traditional! #gtchat
- 5:27 pm **MSTA:** @KateArmsRoberts also the information that is available isn't always shared. #gtchat
- 5:28 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @DeborahMersino Knowledge-based economies (eg Hong Kong, Singapore) are convinced of economic value of investing in gifted education #gtchat
- 5:28 pm **KateArmsRoberts:** I see admission to gifted programs structured to admit kids with early enrichment. No room for late bloomers/catching up quickly. #gtchat
- 5:28 pm **asynschlrsfnd:** @DeborahMersino Re: Must reframe myths, yes. Someone needs angel funding to "rebrand," do PSAs that educate. #gtchat
- 5:28 pm **jofrei:** Q3 Often the myths are trotted out and debated to deflect attention from just getting on and providing for the needs #gtchat
- 5:28 pm **giaimojosephine:** 'excellence gap' (disadvantaged gifted v advantaged gifted) underplayed and needs more work, how to focus on disad gifted? #gtchat
- 5:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q3: Again, I think the focus on talent development will undoubtedly forge stronger alliances with general ed leaders. #gtchat
- 5:28 pm **theboysstore:** @DeborahMersino Knowledge-based economies (eg Hong Kong, Singapore) are convinced of economic value of investing in gifted education #gtchat
- 5:29 pm **KateArmsRoberts:** Other side of coin: parents of young gifted kids being ignored as "pushy" parents doing school at home. #gtchat
- 5:29 pm **giaimojosephine:** RT @AsynchSchlrsFnd: Q3: Nature vs. nurture is an artificial argument, both are at play. The problem is that some believe otherwise. #gtchat
- 5:29 pm **DeborahMersino:** @asynschlrsfnd Oh, how I would love to do that! So needed. Believe social networking and PR are vital for orgs & movement! #gtchat
- 5:29 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchatthey see the benefits to human capital and their wider economic competitiveness. US and UK are blind to these arguments....
- 5:29 pm **EvaMayla:** RT @giaimojosephine: Teachers and schools of education dont know that they dont know. //So true and they dont like to be said so :(#gtchat
- 5:29 pm **theboysstore:** I grew up in knowledge-based economy it is not always to the advantage of the gifted sometimes the structure becomes to rigid #gtchat
- 5:30 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @jofrei: Q3 Often the myths are trotted out and debated to deflect attention from just getting on and providing for the needs<=#gtchat
- 5:30 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat - Except (sometimes) in the case of STEM. But even there, the action doesn't match the rhetoric. So more evidence needed....
- 5:30 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @GiftedPhoenix: they see the benefits 2 human capital &their wider economic competitiveness. US & UK r blind 2 these arguments... #gtchat
- 5:31 pm **DazzlId:** Q3 Teacher training = key. If teachers recognise gifted kids in their class they would see that giftedness is in all socio-econ grps #gtchat
- 5:31 pm **theboysstore:** For some - teaching is no longer a passion just a good paying job with some great benefits & the student is no longer the focus #gtchat
- 5:31 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat to show that investment in gifted education boosts a nation's

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GiftedPhoenix: #gtchat ...to show that investment in gifted education boosts a nation's economic competitiveness

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asynschlrfsnd: I heartily agree: This can be done! RT @MSTA: @DeborahMersino Twitter...Internet... myths are easier to spread AND dispel now. #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: RT @DazzlId: Q3 Teacher training = key. <=YES! #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: @asynschlrfsnd @MSTA - Appreciate your passion/belief! #gtchat

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jofrei: RT @DazzlId: Q3 Teacher training = key. If teachers recognise gifted kids they would see giftedness is in all socio-econ grps <=True #gtchat

5:32 pm

theboysstore: ABSOLUTELY!!!! RT @DeborahMersino: RT @DazzlId: Q3 Teacher training = key. <=YES! #gtchat

5:32 pm

0Quest0: RT @DeborahMersino: RT @DazzlId: Q3 Teacher training = key. <=YES! And yes! #Gtchat

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EvaMayla: Maybe we can use You tube as a PR tool. But we need to get to the audience. I was thinking beside the blog to make a magazine. #gtchat

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MSTA: @DeborahMersino thanks! You have to start small with like minded people. There's support there. #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: Q4: What one or two goals do you think state/regional gifted orgs need more focus on in 2011? #gtchat

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GiftedPhoenix: @giaimojosephine It depends on the scenario. In UK my main focus is on support for entry to the more demanding university courses #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: RT @GiftedPhoenix: #gtchat ...to show that investment in gifted education boosts a nation's economic competitiveness #gtchat

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EvaMayla: We are advocating to match teacher training with hands on program, so teachers in training can work with real gifted kids. #gtchat

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asynschlrfsnd: Again, YES! RT @jofrei: Q3 Often the myths are trotted out and debated to deflect attention from just providing for the needs #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: @EvaMayla - Love idea of tapping new avenues/platforms (including YouTube). Viral truths will go a long way! #gtchat

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MSTA: @DeborahMersino outreach. making connections finding educator advocates for what you believe. who are willing to help. #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: RT @DeborahMersino: Q4: What one or two goals do you think state/regional gifted orgs need more focus on in 2011? (Communication?) #gtchat

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KateArmsRoberts: RT @DeborahMersino: @EvaMayla - Love idea of tapping new avenues/platforms (including YouTube). Viral truths will go a long way! Yes #gtchat

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bfwriter: I think part of the problem is Maslowian -- in many districts, teachers are struggling to meet survival needs. #gtchat

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atxteacher: Hi, all, from Texas! Stopping by between meetings. So glad to get to connect today - even briefly! #gtchat

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EvaMayla: Our state's department of education is training teachers, but similar to classrooms it's not the same working with real kids. #gtchat

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0Quest0: Q4 To focus a lot of energy on getting action on awareness raising with teachers and esp teacher training. #Gtchat

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DeborahMersino: @MSTA - Yes, outreach is where I think focus needs to be. Much can be done if communication takes a front seat! #gtchat

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bfwriter: so how do you get all schools to a point where teachers have the time and attention to notice kids who need much more? #gtchat

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asynschlrfsnd: I think for a start, one PSA gone viral would do wonders. RT @EvaMayla: Maybe we can use You tube as a PR tool. #gtchat

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FrazzId: Sorry late to the party Catherine from Ireland Truly frazzled today! #gtchat

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- 5:35 pm **Frazzlld**: Sorry, late to the party. Catching up from Ireland. Happy #gtchat today. #gtchat
- 5:36 pm **atxteacher**: Q4 Advocacy - connecting with parents and connecting parents. We need to mobilize but we have to connect first. #gtchat
- 5:36 pm **DeborahMersino**: @atxteacher - Hello! So glad you stopped by! We're discussing Q4: What should state/regional orgs focus on in 2011 to boost impact? #gtchat
- 5:36 pm **GiftedPhoenix**: RT @EvaMayla: We can use You tube as PR tool. But we need to get to the audience. I was thinking beside the blog to make a magazine. #gtchat
- 5:36 pm **KateArmsRoberts**: How can we help? RT@bfwriter: ...part of the problem is Maslowian --in many districts, teachers are struggling...survival needs. #gtchat
- 5:36 pm **OQuest0**: Q4 To look at possibility of daring new initiatives that aren't set in mainstream schools. #Gtchat
- 5:36 pm **DeborahMersino**: @Frazzlld - Welcome, my friend! Glad you're here. #gtchat
- 5:37 pm **jofrei**: Q4 State/reg groups should work more closely with schools & parents, offer affordable PD &support and speak up for gifted in media #gtchat
- 5:37 pm **theboysstore**: Yes!! RT @OQuest0: Q4 To focus a lot of energy on getting action on awareness raising with teachers and esp teacher training. #gtchat
- 5:37 pm **DeborahMersino**: @bfwriter So correct. Survival is top of mind. We're going through another round of budget cuts in our district/advocacy=essential. #gtchat
- 5:38 pm **atxteacher**: Grouping kids makes the teachers' jobs easier #gtchat
- 5:38 pm **GiftedPhoenix**: #gtchat Q4. The trick here is how to maintain some purchase for gifted education as Government devolve responsibility and cut funding
- 5:38 pm **DeborahMersino**: @EvaMayla - Absolutely. Intensities of high-potential kids ideally need to be experienced first-hand. #gtchat
- 5:38 pm **EvaMayla**: Q4: Outreach, communication, promoting communities in our schools and dispelling myths. #gtchat
- 5:38 pm **atxteacher**: Grouping doesn't cost money - same teacher units, just moved the kids around, then smaller range of needs for teacher to serve #gtchat
- 5:38 pm **KateArmsRoberts**: Q4: Outreach to parents might get more bodies and minds involved. #gtchat
- 5:38 pm **DeborahMersino**: @OQuest0 - Glad to see you! Can you say more about daring initiatives (non-mainstream)? #gtchat
- 5:38 pm **asynschlrsvnd**: Q4: Set an achievable, measurable goal that meets a need that's not being met. Be bold, but realistic. #gtchat
- 5:39 pm **Frazzlld**: Q4: Empowering and encouraging individuals. Grassroots advocacy. Raising awareness amongst teachers is a biggie. #gtchat
- 5:39 pm **jofrei**: RT @EvaMayla: Q4: Outreach, communication, promoting communities in our schools and dispelling myths.<=Yes #gtchat
- 5:39 pm **bfwriter**: @DeborahMersino I meant that in terms of recognizing disadvantaged gifted kids -- not survival of programs, but survival period. #gtchat
- 5:39 pm **atxteacher**: @DeborahMersino @EvaMayla It's hard for people to get the intensity of the kids if they haven't seen it first hand! #gtchat
- 5:39 pm **giaimojosephine**: Q3: teacher training = key, but administrators need training in giftedness, too #gtchat
- 5:39 pm **DeborahMersino**: @atxteacher - Grouping has so many benefits. Why do you think it still has so many pundits? (elitism?) #gtchat
- 5:39 pm **theboysstore**: RT @Frazzlld: Q4: Empowering and encouraging individuals. Grassroots advocacy. Raising awareness amongst teachers is a biggie. #gtchat
- 5:39 pm **giaimojosephine**: RT @EvaMayla: Maybe we can use You tube as a PR tool. But we need to get to the audience. I like this idea. #gtchat
- 5:40 pm **KateArmsRoberts**: RT @giaimojosephine: Q3: teacher training = key, but administrators need training in giftedness. too<= yes! #gtchat

- 5:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** @KateArmsRoberts - Couldn't agree more regarding parent outreach being a crucial need for most state/regional orgs in 2011. #gtchat
- 5:40 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Q4 More focus on strengthening the potentially supportive triangular relationship between parent, child and school
- 5:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @asynschlrsfnd: Q4: Set an achievable, measurable goal that meets a need thats not being met. Be bold, but realistic.<=LIKE #gtchat
- 5:40 pm **atxteacher:** Great idea! RT @EvaMayla: match teacher training w/ hands on program, so tchers in training work w/ real gifted kids #gtchat
- 5:40 pm **EvaMayla:** It's difficult to change the big picture (politics), but we can try to reach and inspire teachers, families, schools. #gtchat
- 5:41 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** RT @KateArmsRoberts: Q4: Outreach to parents might get more bodies and minds involved. #gtchat
- 5:41 pm **mygiftedgirl:** #gtchat need separate parent organization- parents can speak up in ways that school employees cannot
- 5:41 pm **theboysstore:** @GiftedPhoenix * They create an highly educated populace but do they really help the gifted grow and develop... #gtchat
- 5:41 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** RT @AsynchSchlrsFnd: Q4: Set an achievable, measurable goal that meets a need that's not being met. Be bold, but realistic. #gtchat
- 5:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** @bfwriter Thank you for clarifying. I understand. We need more trained pros here (as we have diverse populations). #gtchat
- 5:41 pm **0Quest0:** Hi Deb & Happy New Yr. Reality is that it'll be a long time b4 mainstream schs can/ will do even a small amount of what we'd like... #Gtchat
- 5:41 pm **giaimojosephine:** Q4: More promotion of (radical) acceleration as an inexpensive and effective way of addressing the gifted needs academically #gtchat
- 5:41 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Sorry. Arriving late here! #gtchat
- 5:41 pm **FrazzIId:** RT @GiftedPhoenix: Q4 More focus on strengthening the potentially supportive triangular relationship bet parent, child and school #gtchat
- 5:41 pm **asynschlrsfnd:** Start w/ them; politics follows. RT @EvaMayla: IWe can try to reach and inspire teachers, families, schools. #gtchat
- 5:41 pm **atxteacher:** AGREED RT @mygiftedgirl: #gtchat need separate parent organization- parents can speak up in ways that school employees cannot #gtchat
- 5:42 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @DeborahMersino: @EvaMayla - Absolutely. Intensities of high-potential kids ideally need to be experienced first-hand. #gtchat
- 5:42 pm **jofrei:** RT @GiftedPhoenix: Q4 More focus on strengthening triangular relationship between parent, child and school<= Yes #gtchat
- 5:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** @giaimojosephine - Couldn't agree more. Tone is set at top. Administrator training = vital. #gtchat
- 5:42 pm **KTVee:** I'm afraid "pull-out" model of gifted ed is far too separate in many districts #gtchat
- 5:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @EvaMayla: It's difficult to change the big picture (politics), but we can try to reach and inspire teachers, families, schools. #gtchat
- 5:42 pm **asynschlrsfnd:** RT @giaimojosephine: Q4: More promotion of (radical) acceleration as an inexpensive and effective way of addressing gifted needs #gtchat
- 5:42 pm **atxteacher:** Maybe I should change my answer to this! RT @giaimojosephine: Q4: More promotion of (radical) acceleration #gtchat
- 5:42 pm **EvaMayla:** @asynschlrsfnd That's right a step at a time, it's better than none :) #gtchat
- 5:42 pm **giaimojosephine:** Q4: Change the perception that G&T teaching slots are the "easy" or "cream" or "senior" slots, a prevalent view... #gtchat

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- 5:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** @mygiftedgirl - Happy to have you. We're discussing Q4: What one or two goals should state/reg associations focus on in 2011? #gtchat
- 5:43 pm **MSTA:** let the powers that be hear from the ones most affected. #gtchat
- 5:43 pm **FrazzIld:** Parents will only get so far in terms of reaching teachers. We need teachers to reach their fellow-professionals. #gtchat
- 5:43 pm **KateArmsRoberts:** But, we need support in seeing where we might get traction; #gtchat - parents can speak up in ways that school employees cannot #gtchat
- 5:43 pm **0Quest0:** ...so worth looking at small specialised schools, or promoting programmes that can parallel with mainstream schools. #Gtchat
- 5:43 pm **atxteacher:** @KTVEe I'm afraid to give up the pull out in our district because that guarantees they get something good at least part of the time #gtchat
- 5:43 pm **mygiftedgirl:** identify key legislators for cause find parents w/ personal or prof. relationships w/legislators #gtchat
- 5:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** @KTVEe - Will you say more? Do you mean grouping or simply "pull out"? What are your thoughts? #gtchat
- 5:44 pm **theboysstore:** It can help RT @mygiftedgirl: identify key legislators for cause find parents w/ personal or prof. relationships w/legislators #gtchat
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- 5:44 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @atxteacher We have a separate parents' organisation but now need to build bridges with the parallel professional organisation #gtchat
- 5:44 pm **EvaMayla:** RT @MSTA: what about empowering students to speak up for themselves? write the legislature or school board or principal! <- Yes!! #gtchat
- 5:44 pm **0Quest0:** @KTVEe what do you mean by too separate? #Gtchat
- 5:44 pm **giaimojosephine:** RT @bfwriter: get all schools to a point where teachers notice kids who need much more? Promote ability grouping/acceleration! Easy! #gtchat
- 5:44 pm **KTVEe:** gifted ed must be embedded in daily curriculum for our kids to get what they need #gtchat
- 5:44 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** RT @KTVEe: I'm afraid "pull-out" model of gifted ed is far too separate in many districts #gtchat
- 5:44 pm **jofrei:** State/Reg groups should nurture and educate parents as well as teachers #gtchat
- 5:45 pm **EvaMayla:** RT @GiftedPhoenix: @atxteacher We have a separate parents org but now need to build bridges with the parallel professional org #gtchat
- 5:45 pm **giaimojosephine:** Q4: Once ability grouping and acceleration are embraced, teachers will "see" the students who belong in these structures. #gtchat
- 5:45 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** RT @MSTA: what about empowering students to speak up for themselves? write the legislature or school board or principal! #gtchat
- 5:45 pm **theboysstore:** Agreed!! RT @GaryBrannigan Parents & teachers need 2 b partners in edu & the child should b as active as possible in decision making #gtchat
- 5:45 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @mygiftedgirl: identify key legislators for cause find parents w/ personal or prof. relationships w/legislators<-Right on! #gtchat
- 5:45 pm **DazzIld:** RT @FrazzIld: Parents will only get so far in terms of reaching teachers. We need teachers to reach their fellow-professionals. #gtchat
- 5:45 pm **atxteacher:** @GiftedPhoenix That connection between parents and professionals would be powerful #gtchat

- 5:45 pm **theboysstore:** My child hates it RT @GiftedPhoenix: RT @KTVEe: Im afraid "pull-out" model of gifted ed is far too separate in many districts #gtchat
- 5:45 pm **giaimojosephine:** RT @atxteacher: Grouping kids makes the teachers' jobs easier #gtchat
- 5:45 pm **GaryBrannigan:** The contributions of gifted children need to be made more visible to the school and community #gtchat
- 5:46 pm **atxteacher:** @giaimojosephine grouping & acceleration would benefit such a wide range of kids #gtchat
- 5:46 pm **bfwriter:** @giaimojosephine I'm talking schools where kids pack heat, where gangs and violence and illiteracy are problems. #gtchat
- 5:46 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GaryBrannigan - Welcome! You're echoing what @GiftedPhoenix has said about showcasing impact on community/world. #gtchat
- 5:46 pm **jofrei:** RT @GaryBrannigan: The contributions of gifted children need to be made more visible to the school and community <=Agree #gtchat
- 5:46 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** RT @KTVEe: gifted ed must be embedded in curriculum for our kids to get what they need. I agree. All teachers are gifted educators #gtchat
- 5:46 pm **DeborahMersino:** @bfwriter - you're depicting my community. #gtchat
- 5:46 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @GaryBrannigan: Parents and teachers need to be partners in edu, and the child should be as active as possible in decision making #gtchat
- 5:46 pm **giaimojosephine:** RT @bfwriter: @DeborahMersino recognizing disadvantaged gifted kids -- not survival of programs, but survival period. Indeed. #gtchat
- 5:47 pm **KateArmsRoberts:** Parents burnout reaching a new teacher each yr. RT@DazzlId @Frazzld Parents will only get so far in terms of reaching teachers. #gtchat
- 5:47 pm **theboysstore:** It does & doesn't - depending on the teacher RT @giaimojosephine: RT @atxteacher: Grouping kids makes the teachers jobs easier #gtchat
- 5:47 pm **bfwriter:** I don't think we're ever going to get past the whole elitism thing until we take the lead in improving education for <everyone>. #gtchat
- 5:48 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @atxteacher Agreed- but shame we didn't form single groups for both parents and teachers as has happened in Australia #gtchat
- 5:48 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q6: So how do we encourage more grouping/acceleration? With empirical research/evidence? Communicating up? #gtchat
- 5:48 pm **KTVEe:** @DeborahMersino most schools in my area have 1x wk gt class; little differentiation taking place rest of week :(#gtchat
- 5:49 pm **0Quest0:** No pullout GT programs in Ireland. I don't believe anymore that u can meet all GT needs in mainstream classes. #Gtchat
- 5:49 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** RT @bfwriter: I don't think we're ever going to get past elitism until we take the lead in improving education for <everyone>. #gtchat
- 5:49 pm **DeborahMersino:** @KTVEe - Sad. But so true of so many schools/experiences. #gtchat
- 5:49 pm **atxteacher:** @GiftedPhoenix I didn't know about the Australia group. I'm not sure I could do a combined group to start. #gtchat
- 5:49 pm **giaimojosephine:** RT @MSTA: what about empowering students to speak up for themselves? write the legislature or school board or principal!--Like this! #gtchat
- 5:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q6 (cont) Is grouping a part of the solution to providing better education for all? #gtchat
- 5:50 pm **giaimojosephine:** RT @MSTA: let the powers that be hear from the ones most affected. #gtchat
- 5:50 pm **asynschlrfrnd:** Evidence AND PR... pop culture needs clever new memes RT @DeborahMersino: Q6: So how do we encourage more grouping/acceleration? #gtchat
- 5:50 pm **KTVEe:** Pull out addresses affective needs; but gt kids are drowning in slow curriculum rest of the week #gtchat

- 5:50 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Q6. Hopefully a calm rational look at the research helps, but unfortunately a lot of the research is ideologically biased...
- 5:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q6: Must say that I'm impressed with how my district groups (we have little resources/huge diversity). It's working at all levels. #gtchat
- 5:50 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** And did I miss Q5? #gtchat
- 5:50 pm **0Quest0:** @bfwriter Elitism thing will be hard to overcome - another argument for specialised schools (Q - prob of access for all) #Gtchat
- 5:50 pm **atxteacher:** Agreed. Gifted used 2 b there. RT @bfwriter: dont think we'll get past elitism until we take the lead in improving ed for <all>. #gtchat
- 5:51 pm **theboysstore:** It can be if training is there RT @DeborahMersino: Q6 Is grouping a part of the solution to providing better education for all? #gtchat
- 5:51 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @0Quest0 #gtchat As always, it depends on the level of giftedness you're talking about?
- 5:51 pm **MSTA:** @asynschlrnsfnd I think I missed Q5 too... #gtchat
- 5:51 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - You make an excellent point re research. How then? #gtchat
- 5:51 pm **jofrei:** In Aus the State groups are for both but it depends on who is on the current committee whether the focus isteachers or parents #gtchat
- 5:51 pm **atxteacher:** Q6 research on ability grouping is VERY positive. Makes a difference for all kids #gtchat
- 5:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DeborahMersino: Q6 (cont) Is grouping a part of the solution to providing better education for all?<= truly like this/humanize #gtchat
- 5:52 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @atxteacher Many teachers are parents of gifted children - that's a good place to start? #gtchat
- 5:52 pm **giaimojosephine:** Q4: Pull-outs seem to be an uneasy compromise, to me...why not just accelerate the child? #gtchat
- 5:52 pm **EvaMayla:** Q6: In an perfect world every child should have a plan to follow based on their capabilities/interests (acceleration). #gtchat
- 5:52 pm **jofrei:** In Aus we do have plenty of separate parent groups eg <http://www.giftedresources.org/gr/parents.htm> #gtchat
- 5:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** @atxteacher - I've heard conflicting presentations re grouping (some base on IQ, others on pretesting). What do you think/believe? #gtchat
- 5:52 pm **0Quest0:** @DeborahMersino Yes better ed for all is answer. How long will this take? Need this as longterm goal w/ shorter term solutions too. #Gtchat
- 5:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** @EvaMayla - Absolutely! #gtchat
- 5:53 pm **halleyrebecca:** Sorry guys, what is the topic? #gtchat
- 5:53 pm **0Quest0:** @giaimojosephine Agreeemre acceleration but there is a lot of resistance to this. Back to raising awareness... #Gtchat
- 5:53 pm **KTVee:** The Cluster Grouping Handbook is excellent resource for meeting kids needs in reg. class #gtchat
- 5:53 pm **atxteacher:** @DeborahMersino I think you have to do both. Flexible works best in practice - based on pretesting for each unit of study #gtchat
- 5:53 pm **DeborahMersino:** NAGC (US) listing of state organizations <http://bit.ly/g9YTHK> #gtchat
- 5:54 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat well the only answer really is to pilot and evaluate for oneself. Maybe 2 parallel solutions to compare...
- 5:54 pm **cybraryman1:** @EvaMayla My Self-Directed Learning page: <http://bit.ly/9Z9VLW> ILP page: <http://bit.ly/b8ZPOI> #gtchat
- 5:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** Importance of Joining State Org by Roberts & Inman <http://bit.ly/hS3Wnh> #gtchat

- jofrei:** @halleyrebecca Topic is role of State and Regional Gifted Associations #gtchat
- EvaMayla:** Q6: Our country education system is aiming to integration. I don't know if that is the answer. #gtchat
- atxteacher:** @EvaMayla If we just met the individual needs of each child, we wouldn't need labels. #gtchat
- GiftedPhoenix:** RT @EvaMayla: Q6: In a perfect world every child should have a plan to follow based on their capabilities/interests. #gtchat
- KateArmsRoberts:** Thx. RT @KTvee: The Cluster Grouping Handbook is excellent resource for meeting kids needs in reg. class #gtchat
- DeborahMersino:** @atxteacher Thank you. That's what makes sense to me, although I know many argue against. #gtchat
- theboysstore:** WooHoo!! RT @EvaMayla: Q6: In a perfect world every child should have a plan to follow based on their capabilities/interests. #gtchat
- KTvee:** we also need laws protecting rights of high-ability and g/t; its not okay to say "they'll b fine" #gtchat
- EvaMayla:** @cybraryman1 @EvaMayla Thank you!!! :) #gtchat
- DeborahMersino:** Wow. We have just a few minutes left. Final thoughts? Ideas? Learns? Hopes? #gtchat
- asynschlrfsnd:** Wouldn't that be nice! RT @atxteacher: @EvaMayla If we just met the individual needs of each child, we wouldn't need labels. #gtchat
- atxteacher:** @GiftedPhoenix Agreed. I get lots of teachers who are parents of gifted in the training I do. That's who asks the most questions #gtchat
- 0Quest0:** RT @atxteacher: Q6 research on ability grouping is VERY positive. Makes a difference for all kids #Gtchat
- GiftedPhoenix:** @jofrei Sorry yes - didn't mean to suggest it was universal- but I think most of your state organisations have parents and teachers? #gtchat
- DeborahMersino:** @halleyrebecca - Will definitely send you the transcript. It's been interesting! #gtchat
- halleyrebecca:** RT @theboysstore: WooHoo!! RT @EvaMayla: Q6: In a perfect world every child should have a plan to follow based on their capabilities/interests. #gtchat
- GiftedPhoenix:** RT @KTvee: The Cluster Grouping Handbook is excellent resource for meeting kids needs in reg. class #gtchat
- giaimojosephine:** RT @bfwriter: improving education for <everyone>....perhaps you are correct, at least, I agree you are making an excellent point #gtchat
- giaimojosephine:** Q4: regarding schools that pack heat...those schools have issues that are not just G&T issues, but systemic ones, agreed. BTD T #gtchat
- GiftedPhoenix:** @KTvee gifted recognised as a special educational need? #gtchat
- DeborahMersino:** Final thought: Looking up at big picture/education for all, then focusing on getting clear messages out re GT in most effective way. #gtchat
- jofrei:** @atxteacher @EvaMayla Yes that De Bono brown shoe solution - just do what is needed for that student! If it is acceleration -do it! #gtchat
- cybraryman1:** @DeborahMersino Thanks for leading this outstanding group of educators on this chat. Fantastic sharing. #gtchat
- giaimojosephine:** Q6: I think we need to provide compelling stories from actual students who have been accelerated, longitudinally. #gtchat
- KTvee:** 20yrs until I retire, sure hope I see all kids needs being met in public schools before then; until then I'll keep pushin 4 change #gtchat
- asynschlrfsnd:** Final Q: I don't think this community needs to address ed for all: We need to

- 5:59 pm **atxteacher:** We have to get the kids' stories to the teachers. When you hear it from the kids - how can you argue. #gtchat
- 5:59 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** Yes, that's part! RT @giaimojosephine: Q6: provide compelling stories from actual students who have been accelerated, longitudinally #gtchat
- 5:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** @giaimojosephine - I know a woman in Colorado, formers president of #CAGT, who is doing just that...collecting stories. Will post. #gtchat
- 5:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @atxteacher: We have to get the kids stories to the teachers. When you hear it from the kids - how can you argue. <=Love. #gtchat
- 5:59 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** Thank you @DeborahMersino & all for another amazing #gtchat
- 5:59 pm **atxteacher:** We need positive examples of acceleration to dispell the ones that stick in educators minds (the ones that didn't work well) #gtchat
- 6:00 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Final thought: it will take courage and commitment to grow gifted education in recession but we must continue for kids' sake #gtchat
- 6:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @cybraryman1: @DeborahMersino Thanks for leading this outstanding group of educators on this chat. Fantastic sharing. <My honor! #gtchat
- 6:00 pm **0Quest0:** RT @EvaMayla Yes that De Bono brown shoe solution - just do what is needed for that student! If it is acceleration -do it!<=like it! #Gtchat
- 6:00 pm **atxteacher:** You Tube can help here RT @giaimojosephine: provide compelling stories from actual students who have been accelerated #gtchat
- 6:01 pm **jofrei:** Thank you @DeborahMersino & all for another great session #gtchat
- 6:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** @asynschlrfsnd I was referring to how we frame the message to decision-makers, not changing the focus of supporting these learners #gtchat
- 6:01 pm **0Quest0:** RT @jofrei: Thank you @DeborahMersino & all for another great session #Gtchat
- 6:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** That's it! Thank you all for your input, insights and wisdom. I will post transcript shortly! #gtchat
- 6:01 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Thanks for a great discussion. See you next week I hope
- 6:01 pm **KateArmsRoberts:** Agreed. Thx. I'm inspired, as always. RT @jofrei: Thank you @DeborahMersino & all for another great session #gtchat
- 6:01 pm **DazzlId:** @DeborahMersino Great to be back doing my Friday-night "thing"! Thank you as always. #gtchat
- 6:02 pm **theboysstore:** Thanks for another enlightening chat @DeborahMersino * Have an AWESOME day! #gtchat
- 6:02 pm **atxteacher:** This would help! RT @GiftedPhoenix: @KTVEE gifted recognised as a special educational need? #gtchat
- 6:02 pm **atxteacher:** Off to meeting now - Thanks for letting me drop in. I LOVE this group of thinkers and advocates! #gtchat
- 6:03 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @DeborahMersino I know, but I fear anything other than a very focused message would allow redirecting away from these needs #gtchat
- 6:03 pm **giaimojosephine:** RT @KTVEE: we also need laws protecting rights of high-ability and g/t; its not okay to say "theyll b fine" #gtchat
- 6:03 pm **jofrei:** @atxteacher It was great talking to you - have a productive meeting! #gtchat
- 6:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** @atxteacher - We're so privileged you dropped in! Best wishes! #gtchat
- 6:04 pm **EvaMayla:** Thank you all for your great posts, it gave me direction and a lot to think about how to establish our goals for the year. #gtchat
- 6:04 pm **jofrei:** RT @giaimojosephine: RT @KTVEE: we need laws protecting rights of high-ability and g/t; its not okay to say "theyll b fine"<=True! #gtchat

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K1vee: tonight's #gtchat topic?

6:04 pm

DeborahMersino: Join us again at 7pm/EST if you can for another #gtchat session on "Communication Strategies 4 Parents of Tweens/Teens." #gtchat

6:05 pm

giaimojosephine: RT @atxteacher: We need positive examples of acceleration to dispell the ones that stick in educators minds (the ones that didn't work well) #gtchat

6:05 pm

jofrei: @KTvee Communicating with gifted teens and tweens #gtchat

6:05 pm

Frazzlld: Sorry, was very distracted by 6 hyper teens in my house. Look forward to the transcript and the next chat. Thank you all. #gtchat

6:05 pm

giaimojosephine: thanks, everyone #gtchat

6:05 pm

DeborahMersino: wthashtag is currently down. I'll post transcript as soon as it becomes available. Thank you all again. You all make this possible! #gtchat

6:06 pm

giaimojosephine: RT @atxteacher: This would help! RT @GiftedPhoenix: @KTvee gifted recognised as a special educational need? #gtchat

6:06 pm

halleyrebecca: @DeborahMersino Thanks! I was out papering the neighborhood with fliers for an upcoming seminar we're hosting. :) #gtchat

6:06 pm

jofrei: @KTvee #gtstooxies enter teen lounge territory <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=1707> #gtchat

6:08 pm

KTvee: @jofrei thanx; its so hard for me to #gtchat from iphone; ideas flow faster than my texting abilities!

6:08 pm

DeborahMersino: @halleyrebecca - Excellent. Good for you! #gtchat

6:09 pm

DeborahMersino: @Frazzlld - No worries! Good for you for hosting such a high-energy group! ;-) #gtchat #gtchat

6:10 pm

DeborahMersino: @giaimojosephine @atxteacher @GiftedPhoenix @KTvee - Greatly appreciate having you participate. Your ed insights = so valuable. #gtchat

6:11 pm

DeborahMersino: @EvaMayla - Happy you were with us! Here's to a phenomenal 2011! #gtchat

6:11 pm

DeborahMersino: RT @KateArmsRoberts: Agreed. Thx. I'm inspired, as always. RT @jofrei: Thank you @DeborahMersino & all for another great session #gtchat

6:21 pm

giaimojosephine: RT @DeborahMersino: @giaimojosephine @atxteacher @GiftedPhoenix @KTvee - Your ed insights = so valuable. Likewise. #gtchat

6:22 pm

giaimojosephine: RT @jofrei: RT @KTvee: we need laws protecting rights of high-ability and g/t; its not okay to say "theyll b fine" <=True! #gtchat

6:23 pm

DeborahMersino: Feel free to go to www.tweetchat.com & enter #gtchat 2 view our noon/EST discussion. Will also post transcript link when wthashtag is up. TY

6:29 pm

jofrei: @DeborahMersino #gtchat is the highlight of my week! Sprite has a gtchat tee shirt now too <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=1707>

6:47 pm

MSTA: Thanks for the #gtchat RTs @giaimojosephine @GiftedPhoenix @EvaMayla @DeborahMersino @AsynchSchlrsFnd @jofrei @Dazzlld see you next week!

6:48 pm

MSTA: Last but not least, also thank you to @Smichael920! Great #gtchat conversations today!

6:53 pm

peter_lydon: The Advocacy Thing....<http://bit.ly/hx84wO> #gtchat #gifted #gtie

7:10 pm

Frazzlld: RT @peter_lydon: The Advocacy Thing....<http://bit.ly/hx84wO> #gtchat #gifted #gtie /some great points!

7:20 pm

Begabung: RT @peter_lydon: The Advocacy Thing....<http://bit.ly/hx84wO> #gtchat #gifted #gtie

7:21 pm

Begabung: RT @DeborahMersino: Join us again at 7pm/EST if you can for another #gtchat session on "Communication Strategies 4 Parents of Tweens/Teens." #gtchat

7:39 pm

ljconrad: RT @jofrei: The #gtstooxies enter teen lounge territory after #gtchat <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=1707>

7:44 pm

Begabung: RT @jofrei: The #gtstooxies enter teen lounge territory after #gtchat

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- 7:45 pm **Begabungs:** RT @GiftedPhoenix: #gtchat Final thought: it will take courage and commitment to grow gifted education in recession but we must continue for kids' sake #gtchat
- 8:06 pm **DazzlId:** New Blogpost! Irish Gifted Education Blog: Widening the Reach of Irish Gifted Advocacy <http://t.co/vfTnILd> #gtchat #gifted
- 8:27 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DazzlId: New Blogpost! Irish Gifted Education Blog: Widening Reach of Irish Gifted Advocacy <http://t.co/vfTnILd> #gtchat #gifted #gtchat
- 8:27 pm **Ijconrad:** RT @DazzlId: New Blogpost! Irish Gifted Education Blog: Widening the Reach of Irish Gifted Advocacy <http://t.co/vfTnILd> #gtchat #gifted
- 8:32 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @FrazzId: RT @peter_lydon: The Advocacy Thing....<http://bit.ly/hx84wO> #gtchat #gifted #gtie /some great points!
- 8:34 pm **DeborahMersino:** @peter_lydon @DazzlId @FrazzId Excited for you all as you take advocacy to the next level in Ireland. Powerful posts indeed! #gtchat #gtie
- 8:37 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @IDODI Thanks 4 the RT @wendyfrenzel: RT @IDODI: What 2 expect at a Destination ImagiNation tournament? <http://ow.ly/3DNSd> #IDODI #gtchat
- 8:42 pm **KateArmsRoberts:** Excellent points. RT @peter_lydon: The Advocacy Thing....<http://bit.ly/hx84wO> #gtchat #gifted #gtie
- 8:55 pm **Ijconrad:** Indiana names outstanding teacher of the gifted #gtchat #gifted <http://fb.me/RelO7Nve>
- 8:58 pm **Ijconrad:** Arlene DeVries set to speak to IL gifted parents' group #gtchat #gifted <http://fb.me/PP2JY1YM>
- 9:04 pm **Ijconrad:** Gifted parent raises spectre of legal advocacy #gtchat #gifted <http://fb.me/yBgewJsU>
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- 9:10 pm **Ijconrad:** Young Scholars Academy 4 middle schoolers at Arizona State to open fall 2011 #gtchat #gifted <http://fb.me/FSmoXtYm>
- 9:10 pm **FrazzId:** RT @Ijconrad: UK's "free school" - a new gifted education model? #gtchat #gifted <http://fb.me/O3SD2y2R>
- 9:24 pm **rkiker:** RT @Ijconrad: Young Scholars Academy 4 middle schoolers at Arizona State to open fall 2011 #gtchat #gifted <http://fb.me/FSmoXtYm>
- 9:50 pm **TheGATeRs:** What is #gtchat and how do we participate?
- 10:07 pm **KateArmsRoberts:** @TheGATeRs Conversation about gifted issues, twice on Fridays. Check out <http://www.ingeniosus.net/gtchat> for details about #gtchat
- 10:15 pm **teachagiftedkid:** Rearranged my classroom today. Won't know if it will work until I have children in here. #gtchat <http://twitpic.com/3q15a7>
- 10:29 pm **TheCoffeeKlatch:** RT @GaryBrannigan: The contributions of gifted children need to be made more visible to the school and community #gtchat
- 10:43 pm **guerrilla_mama:** RT @GaryBrannigan: The contributions of gifted children need to be made more visible to the school and community #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** Less than an hour until #gtchat! Topic: Communication Strategies 4 Parents of Tweens/Teens. Join us at 7pm/EST! #parenting #gifted

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ljconrad: Less than 1 hr till [#gtchat](#) (gifted & talented) Join us tonight at 7PM EST! [#edchat](#) [#ptchat](#) [#ntchat](#)

11:07 pm

jofrei: [@teachagiftedkid](#) the room looks good - will be interested to hear how well it works [#gtchat](#)

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ljconrad: RT [@DeborahMersino](#): Less than an hour until [#gtchat](#)! Topic: Communication Strategies 4 Parents of Tweens/Teens. Join us at 7pm/EST! [#parenting](#) [#gifted](#)

11:10 pm

micheleborba: RT [@ljconrad](#): RT [@DeborahMersino](#): Less than hour til [#gtchat](#)! Communication Strategies 4 Parents of Tweens/Teens 7pm/EST! [#parenting](#) [#gifted](#)

11:18 pm

cybraryman1: RT [@micheleborba](#): RT [@ljconrad](#): RT [@DeborahMersino](#): 45 min [#gtchat](#)! Communication Strategies 4 Parents of Tweens/Teens 7pm/EST

11:21 pm

peter_lydon: [@DeborahMersino](#) [@DazzlId](#) [@FrazzId](#) Humbled. Thank you. One more for the kids. [#gtie](#) [#gtchat](#) [#gifted](#)

11:42 pm

FrazzId: [@deborahmersino](#) Thank you, Deborah. I hope you realise the key role that you and [#gtchat](#) have played in bringing us this far. [#gtie](#)

11:48 pm

marynabadenhors: RT [@ljconrad](#): Less than 1 hr till [#gtchat](#) (gifted & talented) Join us tonight at 7PM EST! [#edchat](#) [#ptchat](#) [#ntchat](#)

11:51 pm

DeborahMersino: [@micheleborba](#) [@cybraryman1](#) [@ljconrad](#) [@marynabadenhors](#) [@jofrei](#) [@KateArmsRoberts](#) - Many thanks for the RTs & mentions. GRATEFUL! [#gtchat](#)

11:52 pm

paulawhite: lobby? [#gtchat](#)

11:53 pm

jofrei: [@paulawhite](#) Hi Paula the lobby for the [#gtchat](#) is [#gtstooxies](#)

11:53 pm

cybraryman1: Can't wait to communicate with you on this chat [#gtstooxies](#) [#gtchat](#)

11:55 pm

paulawhite: meaning people use [#gtstooxies](#) before it's time for [gtchat](#)? [#gtchat](#)

11:55 pm

DeborahMersino: My tweets 4 next hour will be devoted to [#gtchat](#) (gifted & talented). Pardon heavy stream; feel free 2 unfollow. [#parenting](#) [#gifted](#) [#gtchat](#)

11:56 pm

paulawhite: and what's [#gtie](#)? [#gtchat](#)

11:57 pm

peter_lydon: My tweets 4 next hour will be devoted to [#gtchat](#) stay and enjoy

11:58 pm

deepwaterscoach: My tweets 4 next hour will be devoted to [#gtchat](#) (gifted & talented). Pardon heavy stream; or better yet, jump in! [#parenting](#) [#gifted](#) [#gtchat](#)

11:59 pm

DeborahMersino: Welcome to [#gtchat](#)! Our topic: Communication Strategies 4 Parents of Tweens/Teens. Join us now! [#parenting](#) [#gifted](#) [#gtchat](#)

11:59 pm

FrazzId: And we're off: Discussing Communication Strategies 4 Parents of Tweens/Teens for the next hour at [#gtchat](#)

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