



Buffalo Gifted News

February 2018



SAVE THE DATE!

Upcoming Events:

Buffalo Bar-B-Q Bash– Spanish Springs Square	3/3
3rd Nine Weeks Ends	3/14
Teacher Professional Day- No School Students	3/16
Spring Break	3/19-3/23
Students Return to School	3/26
Report Cards Go Home	3/30

The gifted education environment lends itself to many cooperative learning activities. What is cooperative learning and how is it beneficial to gifted students?

Cooperative learning activities are those that require students to work in small groups to complete a joint project or task. Students work together as a team to not only learn the material but also help each other succeed.

Benefits of Cooperative Learning:

- Leadership Skills
- Communication Skills
- Conflict Management Skills
- Decision Making Skills
- Enhances Students Satisfaction with Learning



Brain Teaser of the Month

**Forwards I am heavy,
I sure weigh a lot.**

But...

**When I'm backwards,
I certainly am not.**

What am I?

**The answer is "TON"
(Spelled backwards - NOT)**

Gifted Corner

Expose your child to a plethora of learning opportunities

Childhood should be about exploration and for gifted children that means providing access to a wide variety of intellectual experiences. Follow your child's lead and support and encourage the development of his or her interests while gently introducing new ones. Encourage your child to follow through on his or her commitments, instead of bouncing from one thing to another - especially when something is challenging. By keeping your child engaged and challenged, you may be heading off other problems such as perfectionism, performance anxiety and underachievement (Ruf, 1999). Also, by presenting your child with a broad spectrum of possibilities, he or she will have a better understanding of diversity and be more flexible in his or her thinking. (Schultz, 2003)