

What should you do to help ensure your child's needs are met?

- 1. BE INFORMED.** Increase your knowledge of gifted education at the PAGE website (Pennsylvania Association for Gifted Education): www.penngifted.org. Chapter 16, which mandates Gifted Education in PA has changed. See latest details here. Get additional information on gifted education in the USA at: www.nagc.org
- 2. Affiliates Weekend.** This FREE event sponsored by PAGE, is also an excellent opportunity to learn more about gifted education. This event, held near Harrisburg, begins Friday evening, October 24th and will end around 3 pm on Saturday, October. 25th.
- 3. PAGE Annual Conference** "Cultivating Creative Minds and Forward Thinkers," will be held at the Dolce Valley Forge Hotel. (formerly the Hilton) on April 16-18, 2009. Don't miss these valuable programs for teachers, parents and gifted students.

We will have people from Bensalem and neighboring districts attending both the above events, so rides will be available.

We are a PAGE Affiliate. What does that mean to you?

Opportunities for parents and educators to learn about the characteristics and needs of gifted students. Provides a forum for parents and educators to explore the academic, social, and emotional needs of children.

PAGE works closely with government agencies while focusing on the implementation of Chapter 16 Regulations: Special Education for the Gifted, and current state and federal funding issues.

JOIN PAGE. Family memberships are only \$40 for a full year and are tax-deductible.
www.penngifted.org

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MEETING Dates

- ▶ **Tuesday, October 6, 2009** TBA
"Developing Emotional Intelligence in Gifted Children." Ann Klibert, Director of Pupil Services and Public Relations, Bensalem School District will be speaking about gifted children's emotional needs and some of the strategies that parents can use to meet those needs..
- ▶ **Tuesday, February 16, 2010** TBA
- ▶ **Tuesday, April 13, 2009** TBA

MEETING Time — 7:00 pm

MEETING Location

Robert K. Shafer Middle School Library, Hulmeville Road, Bensalem unless otherwise indicated.

K Keep your eyes and ears open for news of the District Gifted Advisory Board meetings. Parents, teachers and administrators typically meet once or twice a year to work together to address issues, concerns and improving Gifted Education in Bensalem.

BADGE Executive Board

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Membership 2009-2010

Dues are **\$5** per year for a family or individual. Please mail this form and your check made payable to **BADGE** to:

Karen Hard,
1230 Primrose Court,
Bensalem, PA 19020

PLEASE PRINT

Parent Name/s: _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

(saves us postage when we can email you updates)

I am a: Parent Administrator
 Teacher School Board Member

Names, Grades, & Schools of Children:

I'd like to help with:

- Back to School Night Info Table
- Bensalem Fall Festival — October 3rd
- BADGE Executive Board
- Fifth Grade Transition Party
- Social Events
- Phone Chain
- Photocopying
- Other: _____

What topics are of interest to you that could be the focus of a future BADGE meeting?

What does BADGE do?

Parent to Parent

BADGE gives us the opportunity to share our experience and our knowledge, to ask what the road might be like ahead, and to try to make the way smooth for those coming after us.

Parents and Teaching Staff

BADGE gives us a place to meet on broad issues and to try to help make the teaching and learning experience as rich and rewarding as possible.

Parents, Teaching Staff and Administration

BADGE gives us an opportunity to examine together the best ways to implement a sound teaching and learning program.

Parents, Teaching Staff, Administration and School Board

BADGE gives us a forum for framing issues that affect teaching and learning.

Parents, Teaching Staff., Administration, School Board, Pennsylvania Department of Education, and US Department of Education

BADGE, especially through its statewide association, PAGE, and through its nationwide association, NAGC, provides a place to gather

and share information on legislation affecting education of gifted and talented students and to help to shape policy.

BADGE Library

BADGE maintains a small library within the Shafer Middle School library with printed information on legislation, programs, parenting and teaching ideas, as well as information from professional organizations. In that collection, there are also videotapes of BADGE programs.

Advocacy

The most important function of BADGE is its advocacy for the gifted students in Bensalem and the program designed for their needs; a program which is unmatched in Pennsylvania.

How do I get my student in the Gifted Program?

Write your request for testing to the guidance counselor with a copy to the building principal. BADGE has a sample letter available if needed.

How does BADGE work?

Meetings

Three times a year, BADGE schedules informative and thought-provoking programs ranging from presentations by experts in the field of gifted education, to forums for parents and teachers, to presentations by teachers, students and former students. Additional issue-oriented meetings are called as they are needed, and frequently committees are formed to work together on solutions to specific problems. All interested residents of Bensalem and neighboring communities are welcome to attend.

Newsletters and Emails

BADGE publishes newsletters each year highlighting special issues. Emails go out to all members with urgent news, updates and meeting reminders.

If you REALLY want to know what is going on and be involved with your child's education, be a part of BADGE.