

You are invited to Palo Alto Unified School District's

Elementary and Middle School GATE Parent Presentation

Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.

Place: District Office – Board Room

25 Churchill Ave. ,Palo Alto

Current Research on the Social and Emotional Development of Gifted Students

The lives of students with gifts and talents are quite complicated. They grow up within many subcultures that have differing notions about giftedness. Consequently, they face dilemmas in their development that their non-gifted peers do not. Most gifted students develop social coping strategies to help them navigate the complicated social waters of childhood and adolescence. This presentation will report the recent research on the social and emotional development of our students with gifts and talents.

This presentation will be provided by Dr. Tracy Cross, Ph.D. Dr. Cross is the George and Frances Ball Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Gifted Studies and the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, Research, and Assessment in the Teachers College at Ball State University. He is founder of BSU's Center for Gifted Studies and Talent Development, and serves as editor of the Journal for the Education of the Gifted as well as former editor of the Roeper Review, Gifted Child Quarterly, and the Journal of Secondary Gifted Education. He writes a regular column on the social and emotional needs of gifted students for The Gifted Child Today and is the past president of The Association for the Gifted (TAG) of the Council for Exceptional Children. He has written two books, Being Gifted in School: An Introduction to Development, Guidance, and Teaching (with Laurence J. Coleman) and On the Social and Emotional Lives of Gifted Children, both in their second editions. Dr. Cross's research has focused on the psychology (including social and emotional development) of gifted children and the relationship between research approaches and knowledge construction. He actively evaluates special programs and schools for gifted and talented children.

Any questions, please call, 329-3769