

## National Johns Hopkins 2nd-8th Grade Talent Search is Now Underway

Through December 1, Washington families can enroll their gifted 2nd-8th grade children in the academic Talent Search offered by The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY).

Once enrolled, students take an above-grade-level test that shows their mathematical and verbal abilities. Students take the test in or near their hometowns.

Test results show a student's performance, both individually and compared to thousands of gifted students nationwide. Results can also be used for educational planning and placement. They can also qualify students for CTY's summer and online courses.

Last year, 2,235 gifted students from Washington state were among the 73,000 young people nationwide who participated with CTY.

The enrollment fee into the Talent Search is \$35. Financial aid is available. Families may register online at [www.cty.jhu.edu](http://www.cty.jhu.edu). Information: 410-735-6278, or e-mail [ctyinfo@jhu.edu](mailto:ctyinfo@jhu.edu).

### About The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY)

CTY conducts the nation's oldest and most extensive academic talent search and offers educational programming for students with exceptionally high academic ability. CTY parallels, and complements, a gifted child's regular school experience. CTY's programs and students have been profiled in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New Yorker*, and other premier American publications. Other information:

- CTY is a nonprofit center at The Johns Hopkins University.
- CTY draws students from 19 states and DC, as well as students from over 80 countries.
- 2006-7 saw over 73,000 second- through eighth graders participate in CTY's Talent Searches.
- CTY provided \$4.576 million in financial aid to over 2,150 students in 2005-6.
- In the 2005-6 Talent Search, 19.8% of students in CTY's Talent Search were identified as underrepresented.
- Gifted students qualifying for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program may join the Talent Search virtually for free.

More information is available at [www.cty.jhu.edu](http://www.cty.jhu.edu), including a 2006 story that aired on NPR about middle schoolers and the SAT.

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Advocacy is another area where we need to connect. The Washington Coalition for Gifted Education is the organization that lobbies for our interests in Olympia. They are in need of funding and support. Connecting with them to help the education of Washington's gifted learners in such activities as Gifted Education Day in Olympia brings our message to a much wider and influential audience.

Do you know someone who you might invite to the conference this fall? If area meetings start up in your area, bring a friend when you go!

### Book Review

Looking for a book for talented middle school readers who love language and want characters with whom they can identify? Read on to learn about Maureen McQuerry's *Wolfproof*, the first of a trilogy with protagonists who are three gifted kids who don't quite fit into the normal school culture!... In the end it is Timothy's quick mind, a mechanical pencil, and Sarah's courage that save him. While Jessica finds that even the worst choices can be redeemed, and that we are all more than meets the eye.

The book, contains a glossary of mythic source material. Readers guide questions are available on line at [http://www.gifted.uconn.edu/nviews/pdf/News\\_Views\\_V2N3.pdf](http://www.gifted.uconn.edu/nviews/pdf/News_Views_V2N3.pdf).

Midwest book review said, "*Wolfproof* is especially recommended for school and community library Science Fiction & Fantasy collections." (November 5, 2006)

The sequel, *The Travelers' Market*, is scheduled for release June 2008. Maureen McQuerry is a WAETAG member from Richland, WA.

### The Davidson Academy of Nevada Applications Available for 2008-2009 School Year

A free, public school for profoundly gifted pupils on the University of Nevada, Reno campus, The Davidson Academy of Nevada is seeking qualified students to apply for the 2008-2009 school year. The mission of The Davidson Academy is to provide profoundly gifted young people an advanced educational opportunity matched to their abilities, strengths and interests. The Academy is a non-residential, full-time day school and many families have relocated to Reno in order for their student(s) to attend.

To be eligible to attend The Davidson Academy, students must be at the middle or high school level across all subject areas and score in the 99.9<sup>th</sup> percentile on IQ or college entrance tests, such as the SAT or ACT. The Academy is specifically designed to meet the needs of profoundly gifted middle and high school students, starting at the sixth grade level and beyond. For more details, please visit [www.DavidsonAcademy.UNR.edu](http://www.DavidsonAcademy.UNR.edu).