



BVSD Office of Advanced Academic Services Presents

Jim Delisle, Ph.D.

Gifted Education 101 and the Social-Emotional Lives of GT Students

The BVSD Office of Advanced Academic Services is pleased to present Dr. Jim Delisle, a frequent and popular speaker at state, national, and international conferences. Dr. Delisle focuses on the social/emotional development of gifted children and strategies for teachers and parents that support gifted kids' growth and development. Dr. Delisle's engagement with gifted learners over the years has given voice to these children through *The Gifted Kid's Survival Guide* series.

Gifted children possess unique intellectual and emotional needs that must be understood and appreciated before they can be addressed in a classroom setting. In this workshop, Dr. Delisle will review these needs, including understanding the intensities that accompany giftedness, accepting personal imperfections, finding and keeping true friends, and enjoying one's abilities in the context of the wider world. Following this introduction, Dr. Delisle will highlight more than 20 classroom-tested lessons that educators can use to instill compassion, self-awareness and leadership among gifted children. Participants will receive 5 hours of ongoing professional development contact hours.

Saturday, September 25, 2010

8:00 to 3:00 (lunch break from 11:30-12:30)

BVSD Education Center, 6500 E Arapahoe, Boulder, CO 80303

- BVSD educators will be paid at the curriculum rate and TAG Advisors will be paid at their hourly rate. BVSD employees may register for the workshop on Avatar (course code 2213.3285, <http://profdev.bvsd.org>)
- Out of district participants are welcome to attend and may register by contacting Becky Whittenburg at becky.whittenburg@bvsd.org. A \$15.00 fee covers materials and a certificate and will be collected at the training.
- All participants should bring their own beverage cups; coffee and water will be provided. Lunch will not be provided, but there will be an hour lunch break from 11:30-12:30. Participants may bring their lunch or leave for lunch. Please note that there are limited lunch options available near the BVSD Education Center.

About the Presenter:

Dr. Jim Delisle has taught gifted children and those who work on their behalf for more than 30 years. Jim retired from Kent State University recently after 25 years of service as a professor of special education. Throughout his career, Jim has taken time away from college teaching to return to his classroom roots, volunteering as a 4th, 5th and 8th grade teacher. Jim taught gifted middle school students one day a week between 1998 – 2008 in the Twinsburg, Ohio Public Schools. Jim is the author of more than 250 articles and 15 books. The practical nature of Jim's presentations is a direct result of his frequent interactions with gifted children and schools.