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### **Gifted Newsletter #3**

As the school year progresses, I hope that your son/daughter is having a successful learning experience. For those parents who are unable to attend the GATE meetings on campus each year, these newsletters are designed to keep you informed of activities in the GATE program and of summer educational opportunities. El Camino Real's gifted program covers approximately 41½ % of our total student population with about 1400 students this year. This has been a difficult year due to a 50% cut in funds from the District, but we are still servicing our GATE students.

### **BUDGET**

The following items have been purchased from GATE funds since the last semester:

AP Spanish Language - 2007 Prep Questions  
ACADECA - copies of materials

### **CONFERENCES**

The following teachers have attended a conference or plan to attend in the future:

CMC Math Conference – Dalsass, Schuster, Pacitti – 11/8/09  
LAUSD/County Gifted Conference – Delarme, Wymond, Boyle – 1/10/09  
AP Conference (College Board) – Hoover, Hodgson, Strickland, N. Brooks, Roberson, Ritchie, Salotollo, Greene, deRubertis, Highberg, Webster, Pedersen – 2/7/09 and 3/7/09  
District 1/Conference – “PATH TO AP” – Blemker, Vastenhold, Miller – 3/6/09

### **UC SAN DIEGO ACADEMIC CONNECTIONS**

This program provides an opportunity for students to explore university life and learning at UCSD. The program will run July 5–25, 2009. Students may select a 3-week course of study from areas such as Engineering, Marine Sciences, Political Science, Clinical Psychology, Biomed Sciences, Anthropology or Arts and Humanities. Also, workshops such as SAT Test Taking Skills, UC Admissions Advising, and Financial Aid Advising are scheduled. This is open to 9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> graders who have a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher and a recommendation from a teacher or counselor. Information is available on the website at <http://academicconnections.ucsd.edu>, or you can call at (858) 534-0804.

*Our MISSION is to educate our diverse student body by developing students' talents and skills so that they will succeed in a changing world, value and respect themselves and others, and make a positive contribution to our global society*

## **GIFTED PARENT MEETING**

Our spring semester meeting will be held Thursday, April 2, 2009 (Spring Back-to-School Night) in the Library from 6:00–6:45pm. At this meeting we will discuss this year's GATE program expenditures, college information, summer enrichment opportunities for your gifted student, and any questions or suggestions you have for our program. We hope that all parents can attend the meeting. I look forward to seeing you on April 2nd.

Sincerely,

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