

Gifted and Talented

FIRST Lego League

FIRST LEGO League (FLL) is a global program created to get kids excited about science and technology. Geared for ages 9-14, FLL utilizes theme-based Challenges to engage kids in research, problem solving, and engineering.

The cornerstones of the program are its [Core Values](#), which emphasize contributions of others, friendly sportsmanship, learning, and community involvement.

Our Team #6334 of a dozen 5th graders from Columbine will work with volunteers Kenny and Paloma & Columbine Math teacher /TAG Specialist Carlota Loya Hernández to build an

autonomous robot that will complete pre-designed missions. They will also analyze, research, and invent a solution for a given assignment around this year's theme of climate.

Our team will be called, "Los Gatos Salvajes" which is the Spanish translation for the school's mascot, the Wildcats. Columbine LEGO Robotics will meet on Mondays in the art room from 3:10-4:10 pm.

The team coaches are new to the FIRST Lego Robotics program and we would appreciate any community and parent volunteers to assist the team.

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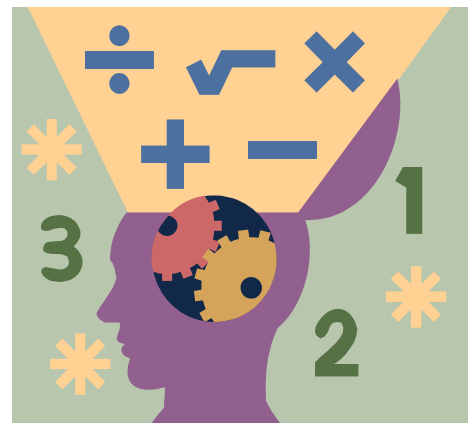
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FIRST Core Values:

- We are a team.
- We do the work to find the solutions with guidance from our coaches and mentors.
- We honor the spirit of friendly sportsmanship.
- What we discover is more important than what we win.
- We share our experiences with others.
- We display [Gracious Professionalism](#) in everything we do.
- We have fun!

BVSD TAG RESOURCES

There are many resources available online at the BVSD website regarding Gifted and Talented Education. The website address is bvsd.org. Look under TAG.



32nd Annual 2008 Colorado Association of Gifted and Talented Parent Institute and Conference

The Colorado Association of Gifted and Talented is holding their 2008 Parent Institute On Monday, October 13 at the Marriott Denver Tech Center from 5:00—9:15 p.m. Keynote speakers for the event are:

- **Dr. Karen Rogers: Planning Your Child's Gifted Education Options—In School, Outside of School and at Home**
- **Dr. Robin Schader: Two Sides of the Coin: A Parent Perspective on Nurturing the Needs of Gifted Children**

For more information go to www.coloradogifted.org or call CAGT at 303-520-4887.

What is CAGT:

The CAGT is a non profit advocacy organization that endeavors to keep all school districts and policy makers aware of the issues surrounding gifted education.

October Parent-Teacher Conferences

The Columbine TAG Specialists look forward to meeting with you regarding your child's Advanced Learning Plan during Parent-Teacher Conferences in October. Keep an eye out for further information in your student's Friday **Folders**.

University of Denver Grads

Michelle Dubois and Carlota Loya Hernandez recently received their Gifted and Talented Education Endorsement from the University of Denver. Currently, they are two of four teachers in BVSD that have a TAG endorsement. Way to go Columbine teachers!!

Now Available:

New 2008-2009 editions of the BVSD Talented and Gifted Education Handbooks for Parents. For more information, ask one of our TAG specialists.



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