

Souderton PAGE Minutes
March 16, 2006

We were fortunate to have Judy Johnston, teacher of gifted education in North Penn School District for 18 years, as our speaker. About a dozen people were in attendance from Souderton and Perkiomen Valley School Districts.

Judy distributed information about the state PAGE conference April 7-9. The conference is only in this area of Pennsylvania once every three years and has wonderful information and programs for educators, parents and students.

The goal of gifted education in the school should not be to develop a *program* for students, but rather to develop a *student*.

Teaching gifted students skills is far more important than teaching gifted students content. For example, teach them how to research and learn about dinosaurs rather than teaching and quizzing them on factual matter about dinosaurs.

It is important to remember how old your gifted student really is. It is often easy to forget this due to the level of questions gifted students pose.

As parents, it is very important to stay in touch – with PAGE, your child’s teachers, and, most importantly, with your child.

Self esteem can be developed through:

- Connectiveness
- Uniqueness
- Power
- Model

Admit and be okay with your child being smarter than you in areas.

There are many tools to help creative disorganized people – we discussed envelopes, accordion files, lists, post-its, PDAs, assignment books.

PICK YOUR BATTLES with your gifted child. Your child will not be equally good at all areas of life. Decide what is important for your child’s best success and esteem and focus on those as priorities.