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Keene School District Hosts Parent Forum

Keene, NH ...Parents of children in grades K-8 are cordially invited to a parent forum, "Supporting High Ability Children at Home and at School", on May 19, 2011 from 6:30-8:00 P.M. in the LGIA at Keene High School. Presenter Linda Burdick will share research on how parents can support the academic success of their children.

"We know parents have tremendous influence on their children's academic success in school, and Keene School District values educational excellence, so it's time to share ideas," said Burdick. "Some children need challenge in order to thrive. This forum is for their parents."

Parents will receive descriptions of specific actions they can take to develop their child's talents, as well as information on talent searches and resources for home enrichment. "Parents will have time to network and share successful ideas with each other," Burdick stated. "I also want to find out what parents think is important."

Parents may especially want to attend if their child scored in the 95th percentile or above in math or reading in the NWEA or scored a "4" in either reading or math on the NECAP test. "This could indicate high academic potential", stated Burdick. "But not all students test well, especially young children, but they still may be academically advanced. So, all parents are welcome."

Burdick, who recently retired as the Enrichment Coordinator K-8 for the Kearsarge Regional School District, is a consultant for gifted and talented services. She is past President of the NH Association for Gifted Education and has had decades of experience teaching gifted children.

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