

# ARKANSAS GEMS

October - December 2014



## Calendar

- **Oct. 10** – GT Coordinators Meeting  
– Remember to bring Evaluation Instruments to share/discuss.
- **Nov. 13-16** – NAGC Baltimore –  
Bring back items and resources to share.
- **Nov. 21** – GT Coordinators Meeting  
– This month the meeting is at Ferndale to coincide with the AGQUA Quiz Bowl camp.
- **Dec. 3-8** – ARESK Fall Chess Tournaments – Junior High on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> on Friday and 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> on Monday.
- **Dec. 9-11** – ARESK Fall Quiz Bowl Tournaments – Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> is High School, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> is Junior High and Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> is Elementary.



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## Highlights

**Bloomboard:** Continued, custom support for Bloomboard is available through ARESK. Contact Bill Shelly for details.

**Evaluation:** The Gifted coordinators have been working to adapt/develop a shared evaluation tool. Coordinators have access to that continued work.

**PGP Training:** The Arkansas River ESC will host multiple Professional Growth Plan teacher sessions throughout October and November for those who are interested.

**Center for STEM Advancement:** ARESK is developing a new Center for STEM advancement to assist local schools in implementing STEM programs.

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