

# DISTRICT 7 MINI CONFERENCE



## Creatively Coping in the GT Classroom: April 1

Joint Mini-Conference with the  
Kansas Association for Gifted,  
Talented, and Creative (KGTC)  
Region 6

## Special Thank You

A HUGE shout out to the  
Elk's Lodge of Lamar, MO for  
sponsoring our lunch and to  
the local girl scout troop for  
providing coffee and treats!  
You really helped keep us  
well fed! THANK YOU!

## Cooperative Cooperation

This conference was NO JOKE!  
We had a great conference with  
keynote speakers. Stefanie Mckoy  
(yes, me!), Ph.D. from the  
University of Arkansas  
specializing in Gifted studies,  
spoke about the importance of  
building arts-integrated,  
cooperative creative activities into  
the classroom. She shared three  
activities with participants. Be  
sure to check out GAM's social  
media for pictures.

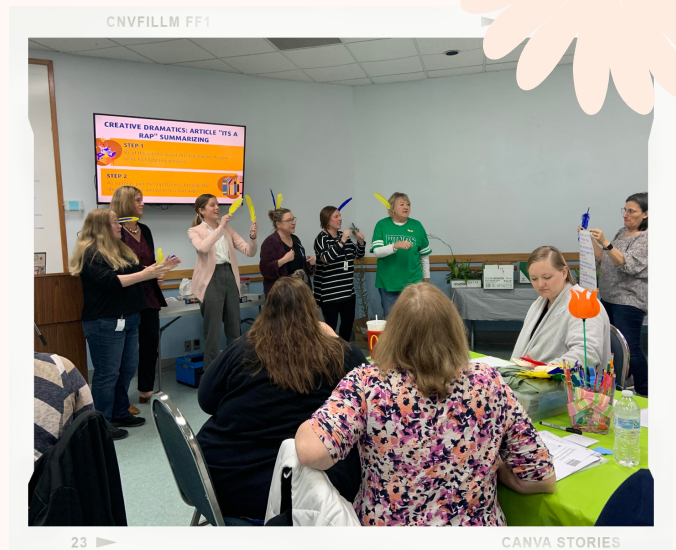
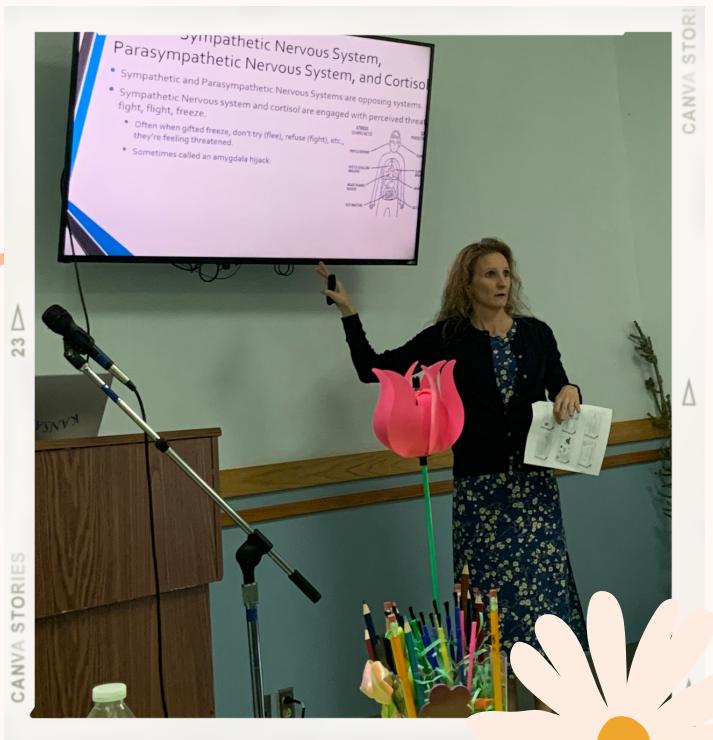


## A look towards next year!

We plan to hold next year's  
conference back in Kansas in early  
April.

## Coping Creatively

Brandi Kleeper always provides new, practical and ready to implement information. At the conference, Brandi, gifted psychologist in Springfield, MO, spoke about creative strategies for building coping management into the classroom. She discussed breathing techniques, mindfulness and visualizations, and body relaxations.



## Problem-Based Learning

Sophia Bodishbaugh, a college honor student from the University of Arkansas and pre-service teacher, did a TREMENDOUS job presenting her honor's research on problem-based learning in the classroom. Sophia, a gifted student herself, is focusing on career and consumer science. Her research shared practical areas of concern when implementing PBL and she walked us through problem-solving PBL in our own classrooms.

