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Jefferson county association for gifted Children

GG NEWS **Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children** SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY FOR ADVANCED LEARNERS

Happy holidays! Enjoy the spirit of the season - it's just a few weeks until break time. Here

are some upcoming events:

• **Jeffco GT Dept.** is hosting a Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) parent webinar on Dec. 7. Part 1 is understanding the data and part 2 is understanding the GT

identification and Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) process. • EnrollJeffco opens Dec. 6. Round 1 enrollment runs through Jan. 13. • Get info about gifted education at JAGC's parent GT chat Jan. 18. Join us on

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actually "Having exceptional Intelligence" JOFFOTSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION "Capable" "Clever" mean? for gifted Children Jeffcogifted.org • Facebook.com/Jeffcogifted Join JAGC for "New to GT: What Families Need to Know" Jan. 18 Join us on Jan. 18 to discuss gifted education at JAGC's monthly parent chat on Zoom. We will have a panel discussing gifted education: What does a GT child look like? Characteristics and intensities identified What is an ALP and what do I do? Collaboration, goal setting and advocacy explored • Center program vs. neighborhood school-what's the difference? Comparisons

Submit questions in advance at info@jeffcogifted.org. See the website for info and to register.

- Check out the JAGC website for Talented information on a variety of topics including these:
- Mental health resources RESOURCES School staff help for social-



Support JAGC This Season When you make your gift lists this year,

> • Shop on AmazonSmile. Select "Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children" and a portion of

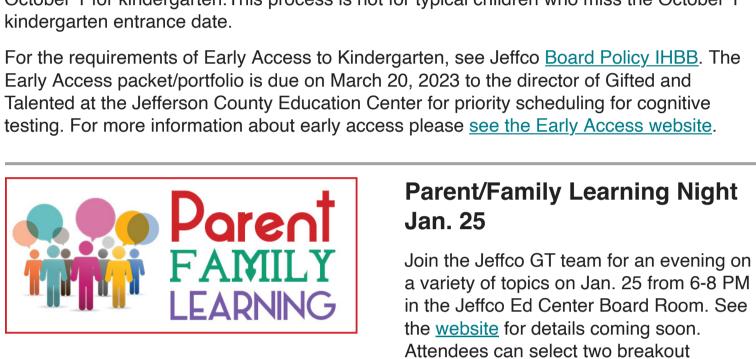
- programming and advocacy? Any amount is appreciated!
- Visit Jeffcogifted.org for more info

Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) parent

webinar on Dec. 7 from 6:30-8 PM. Learn more about the CogAT that is administered to all second grade students each year in Jeffco, including how to







sessions:

 Next Steps for Seniors **Advanced Learning Plan** ADVANCED **Monitoring Begins** Learning PLANS Schools should be starting the Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) progress monitoring



[ALPs]

Building Leaders

Round 1 for the 2022-23 school year is Dec. 6, 2022–Jan. 13, 2023. Round 2 opens January 19, 2023. Choice application offers will go out in late January. See the website for details. **School Information Events**



School

Information

EVENTS

implementation of the new UPK application, families will wait until January 2023 to apply. This change is for preschool enrollment only. More information will be available soon. See the <u>Jeffco website</u> for preschool info.

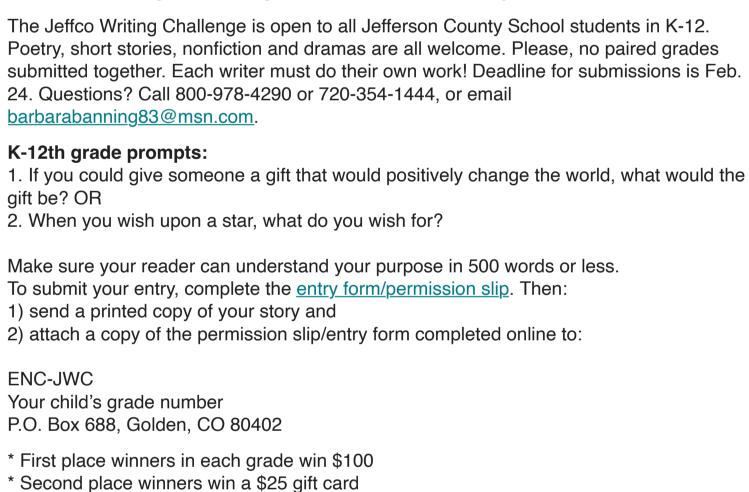
Preschool Enrollment Process

New for the 2023-24 school year, Jeffco families will use Colorado's Universal

Preschool Program (UPK) application to enroll in preschool for the 2023-24 school year. Families will not be able to apply for

preschool in EnrollJeffco. Due to

Jeffco



Destination Imagination

solutions at a tournament.

Hoagies Gifted list of conferences

* Third place winners win a \$15 gift card

Calendar & Events JAGC calendar - activities, events & conferences

Colorado Dept. of Education website for upcoming PEP events. These weekend conferences focus on parents and caregivers of students with disabilities and are free to Colorado parents/guardians. Lodging and meals are included. Topics include:

Belin-Blank Center Gifted Education online classes and conferences

Recent Articles and Podcasts

All of the sessions are on the **CAGT** website and on their Facebook page and YouTube channel.

CDE Parents Encouraging

Information will be posted soon on the

* Parenting a child with a disability and

* The law and education of children with

Conversations with CAGT-

First & Third Tuesdays at 5 PM

Parents (PEP) Disability

Conferences

rebuilding dreams

disabilities

"How MTSS Supports Gifted Students" (Branching Minds) "Seven Things Gifted Children Say (and Why)" (The Grayson School) (Newsweek) "Raising Gifted Kids? Some Strategies You Should Know" (Zen Founder) "Do You Have A Gifted Child? Signs Your Child Might Need An Extra Challenge" (Prodigy) "How to Prepare for the Competitive World of Ivy League Admissions" (New York Post) "The Education Gadfly Show: What We Know about Gifted Education" (Fordham Institute podcast)

See our website for these helpful resources: For Parents New to GT - Jeffco GT Dept. Info and GT 101 - Parent Info & Resources - Student Programs & Enrichment - Homework Help - Learning Supports - Scholarships - College Resources - National GT Resources

<u>Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children</u> (JAGC) is a nonprofit group providing leadership and support to families and educators of advanced learners in Jefferson County, Colorado.

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Hello Families,

December 2022

Zoom to discuss "New to GT? What Families Need to Know." **JAGC Info** NEW TO GT? WHAT FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW Free webinar from Jeffco Association for Gifted Children What "Perfect "Talented" WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 7-8 PM On Zoom shared and more **Helpful Gifted Resources** Gifted & Gifted websites, books and organizations emotional needs please consider a gift to JAGC to help us advocate for our kids. your purchases will be donated to JAGC. • Donate on our <u>website</u>. Will you give us \$5-10 to help with Thank you for your support! **Join JAGC**

Jeffco GT Dept. Info November Jeffco GT Department Gazette **Cognitive Abilities Test Parent** CogAT **Seminar Dec. 7** Jeffco GT Dept. is hosting a virtual

interpret the results to better understand how your child learns. For those interested in attending the second part of the session, we will discuss the use of the CogAT results for Gifted and Talented (GT) Identification to get students on an Advanced Learning Plan (ALP), and information on GT Center programming. Sign up for

EARLY ACCESS

KINDERGARTEN

Early Access for Kindergarten Opens Jan. 3 To meet the needs of highly advanced children who have not yet entered kindergarten, Jeffco Public Schools may grant early entrance to school for highly advanced gifted children with a body of evidence at or above the 97th percentile, who do not meet the age requirements outlined in **Board Policy JEB**. The student must reach the age of four by October 1 for kindergarten. This process is not for typical children who miss the October 1 kindergarten entrance date. Early Access packet/portfolio is due on March 20, 2023 to the director of Gifted and Talented at the Jefferson County Education Center for priority scheduling for cognitive testing. For more information about early access please see the Early Access website.

> ABCs of ALPs Early Access Identification & Programming Anxiety & Overexcitabilities • Strengths & Superpowers Executive Functioning

Teacher with questions. **Resources for High School Students** • Secondary Extensions & Contest Opportunities • Jeffco Postsecondary Opportunities searchable database • Jeffco Postsecondary Opportunities searchable database—Charter schools

phase. For more information about ALPs,

Plan website. Contact your GT Resource

visit the GT Dept. Advanced Learning

Jeffco News Enroll Jeffco Opens Dec. 6

> Deciding which schools to attend next year? Check your local school websites for info and dates. Events are generally scheduled through December.



Schools win awards based on student entries: * First place school wins \$500 * Second place school wins \$300 * Third place school wins \$200

Information About Jeffco

On Nov. 10, the Jeffco Board of Education approved the district's recommendation to

schools after the 2022-23 school year and one after the 2023-24 school year. See the Board statement <u>here</u>. View updated FAQ and Family Resources on the Jeffco website. If your school is affected, contact your principal for additional information.

close and consolidate 15 elementary

New Program Provides

Students

Healthy School Meals for All

On November 8, voters in Colorado

approved Proposition FF, which creates a

School Closures and

Consolidations

program to provide access to free meals to all public school students in Colorado, and to offer grants to schools to help pay for those meals. Contact your school for more information. DESTINATION IMAGINATION.

COLORADO

Destination Imagination invites students to participate in project-based learning teams and

engineering, fine arts, improvisational and service learning. Students form teams of up to seven members, select a challenge, and work together to develop their challenge solution, gaining 21st century skills including creative and critical thinking, collaboration and project

compete this spring. Choose from six competitive challenges - technical, scientific,

management. Teams have the opportunity to showcase their innovative challenge

dicolorado.com or contact Jeffco Destination Imagination at tinajeffcodi@gmail.com.

Find a team (or form your own) and more info on the Colorado DI website at

Students, Looking for a Fun Challenge? Get Involved in

<u>CU Wizards science exploration</u> monthly programs **Denver Writes Workshops virtual and in-person** PEN Parent Engagement Network events

* Living with a disability * Early childhood supports and services * The Individualized Education Plan (IEP) * The transition IEP



"What is the Gifted and Talented Program? (Everything You Need to Know)" (Classful) "Gifted/Talented Resources, Tools, and Research" (Texas Education Agency) "How to Know if You Have an Overachieving Child? Experts Reveal Key Traits"

NAGC's State of the States in Gifted Education (National Association for Gifted Children

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