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JEFFERSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION
FOR GIFTED CHILDREN

The December 2023 Happenings

Your source for all gifted and talented events happening locally, throughout Colorado, and beyond!

The Happenings provides access to a variety of online and in-person events, the latest news, articles and books about gifted education, recorded videos and webinars, and internet resources to help you support children who are gifted. *The Happenings* is shared with all members of CAGT and anyone connected with a CAGT Affiliate organization. CAGT members also receive *The Kaleidoscope*, a quarterly periodical with articles of interest about the world of gifted education. Be sure to check out our website for more resources and up-to-date information about our online events and our conference. Enjoy!

What's Happening?

Notes

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Live Events

Computer Science Education Week

Sponsored by Girls Who Code

Coding workshops available to anyone who starts a free [Girls Who Code Club](#)! Clubs are open to students in 3rd-12th grades where students learn to build websites, applications, and online games.

Cost: Free

December 4th-10th

[Click here for more information](#)

Cognitive Disengagement Syndrome: A Distinct Kind of Inattention

Sponsored by ADDitude Workshops

Learn about the unique type of attention problems experienced by children with CDS. Up to 40% of children with ADHD also experience symptoms of CDS.

Cost: Free

Tuesday, December 5, 2023
12:00-1:00pm (Central Time Zone)

[Click here to register](#)



Conversations with CAGT

Conversations With CAGT

1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month at 5:00 pm MST
on Facebook Live

Conversations with CAGT provides timely, relevant topics by preeminent local, national, and international specialists in the field of gifted education! CWC programs premier on the **first and third Tuesdays of the month** at 5:00 pm MST on Facebook Live. [Check out past *Conversations with CAGT* programs on our website](#), where you may rewatch past videos anytime! *Conversations with CAGT* is an incredible opportunity to get expert advice on topics regarding giftedness for FREE with time to ask your questions. Questions from CAGT members get priority!

Click the Facebook link below to access *Conversations with CAGT*.



Tuesday, December 5th with Mark Talaga
"Gifted Kids and Gaming"

Tuesday, December 19th: no event due to winter holidays

Jeffco GT Department's Understanding the CogAT Assessment for Parents and Students

Learn more about the Cognitive Abilities Test which is administered to all 2nd grade students in Jeffco and how to interpret the results to understand how your child learns.

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

6:30-8:00pm* **note the time change**

Virtual – [Information](#) and [RSVP](#) for a virtual link.

LEGO Club for Ages 6+

Location: Erie Community Library, Erie, CO

Cost: Free

Saturday, December 9, 2023

2:00-3:00pm

[Click here for more information](#)

Responding to Social and Emotional Needs and Underachievement

Sponsored by the Renzulli Center for Creativity, Gifted Education and Talent Development

This event offers a full day of professional learning focused on the social and emotional needs of gifted learners and how to support underachievement.

Location: Virtual

Cost: \$99

Saturday, December 9, 2023

10:00am-4:00pm

[Click here to register](#)

Parents of Gifted Students Leadership Meeting

Sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: Ad12GTPG

Anyone interested in learning about the Adams 12 GT Parent Group is invited to attend this meeting and help join in planning future events!

Location: Virtual

Monday, December 11, 2023

6:00-8:00pm

[Click here to register](#)

Bright and Quirky 101: A Quick, Shareable Overview of Twice Exceptional (2e) Kids

Sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: BVGT

Following a virtual video screening of Dr. Dan Peters "Bright and Quirky 101," participants will discuss the characteristics of 2e learners and this can look in our own kids at home and in the classroom.

Location: Virtual

Cost: Free

Monday, December 11, 2023

7:00-8:00pm

For more information go to [bvgt.org](#) or [click here](#).



CAGT 2023 Conference Spotlight



CAGT Educator of the Year Award

Aubrey Daschel-Lloyd

Aubrey is originally from Milwaukie, Oregon. He began his educational career at the University of Arizona, where he received a degree in education. Following his time in Arizona, he moved to Denver to further his own education.

He received a Master's degree at the Relay Graduate School of Education. Meanwhile, he was a 4th grade teacher and gifted & talented point of contact at STRIVE Prep – Ruby Hill. After several years in this split role, he transitioned to a full-time GT coordinator. Currently, he is the gifted and talented coordinator at Rocky Mountain Prep – Ruby Hill and Rocky Mountain Prep – Federal. His largest accomplishment to date has been expanding a program from 1 identified student to a program of 50+ identified students at the two schools!

CAGT Affiliates

Interested in learning more about CAGT and the work we do to support gifted and talented youth, their parents and educators? [Join CAGT](#) and reach out to an Affiliate organization in your area to get involved!

Adams County: Adams 12 GT Parent Group
(AD12 GTPG [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

Boulder County: Boulder Valley Gifted and Talented
(BVGT [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

Jeffco GT Dept: Twice Exceptional with Anxiety

Do you have a twice exceptional child with anxiety? If so, please join us as we watch a session of Conversations with CAGT together and then discuss it and the strategies that can be helpful. We are including the link in case you would prefer to watch it beforehand and just join for the discussion.

[Anxiety and the G:2E Child](#)

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Watch: 6:00-6:50 pm

Discuss: 6:50-7:30 pm

Virtual - [RSVP](#) - Google Meet Link will be sent out Wednesday, December 13th.

Belin-Blank Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development

Students in grades 1-12 can apply to participate in a variety of programs through the University of Iowa's Belin-Blank Center including [Secondary Student Training Program](#), [Summer Writing Online](#), and [Junior Scholars Academy](#)
December 15th applications open
[Click here for more information](#)

Introduction to Coding in Python for Ages 10+

Sponsored by Boolean Girl

Participants will learn to write a simple Python turtle program during the event with support from coding instructors.

Location: Virtual

Cost: Free

Saturday, December 16, 2023

3:00-4:00pm EDT

[Click here to register](#)

Panasonic Student Eco Citizenship Program and Eco Diary Competition

Sponsored by Foundation for Impact on Literacy and Learning

Student Teams, composed of students in grades 5-8, maintain an "Eco Diary" which include specific details of the actions to protect the environment during the time period the Eco Diary is maintained.

The Eco Diary consists of four different action items undertaken by the Student Team during the time period.

[Register by December 30th](#)

[Click here for more information](#)

Colorado Springs, Fort Carson and Fountain:
Pikes Peak Association for Gifted Students
(PPAGS [Facebook](#))

Denver: Denver Association for Gifted and Talented
(DAGT [Facebook](#))

Douglas County: Douglas County Association for Gifted and Talented (DCAGT [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

Eastern Plains: Eastern Central Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented (ECCAGT [Facebook](#))

Fremont, Custer, Pueblo: Lower Arkansas River Affiliate
(LARA CAGT [website](#))

Jefferson County: Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children
(JAGC [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

Northeast BOCES and Sterling: Northeast CAGT
(NECAGT [website](#))

South Metro including Sheridan, Englewood, Littleton and Centennial:
South Metro CAGT (SoMe CAGT [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

Southwest Colorado including Bayfield, Ignacio, Mancos, Cortez, Dolores, and Durango: Southwest Gifted and Talented Community
(SWGT [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

Summit County: Summit Advocates for Gifted Education
(SAGE [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

Advocacy Toolkit

It is especially important to be an advocate for our gifted and advanced learners in Colorado! Effective advocacy is more than just being passionate about gifted education; it is knowing how to convey your message without alienating those who influence the decision-making process.

[Visit CAGT's Advocacy Toolkit resource page to learn more.](#)

Jeffco GT Dept: Let's Talk 2E

"Twice-exceptional students are difficult to identify and support because they possess the characteristics of gifted students and the characteristics of students with disabilities. Gifted characteristics may mask disabilities, or disabilities may mask gifted potential; either students' strengths, disabilities, or both may not be identified. This difficulty in identifying and supporting twice-exceptional students can put them at risk of having their academic or social-emotional needs misunderstood or go unnoticed."
(Colorado Department of Education website)
Please join Jeffco's 2e specialist Tina Glass and GT SELC Casey Gardner for a discussion on how to identify and support the unique needs of our 2e students.

Wednesday, January 10, 2024
6:00-7:30 pm

Virtual - [RSVP](#) - Google Meet Link will be sent out Tuesday, January 9th.

JAGC Townhall – Early Access

Join JAGC and Jeffco GT Department to discuss how students qualify for Early Access. The purpose of early access is to identify and serve the few highly advanced gifted children who require comprehensive academic acceleration. Find more about Jeffco's Early Access process [here](#).

Wednesday, January 17, 2024
6:00-7:00 pm

Virtual – Updated information and Zoom Link will be posted on [JAGC's Events webpage](#) when available.

Jeffco GT Department's Parent/Family Night Presentation TBD

Either Wednesday, January 24, 2024
6:00-7:30 pm

Virtual - Please check [Jeffco's GT webpage](#) for updated information and RSVP link.

Jeffco GT Department & JAGC

Parent Discussion of the Gifted/2e Journey

Please join us as we watch a 45-minute video from Conversations with CAGT "[The Gifted/2e Journey: The Parent's Perspective](#)" presented by Dr. Karen Arnstein. Afterwards representatives from Jeffco's Gifted and Talented Department and JAGC will facilitate a discussion about the video.

Tuesday, February 27, 2024
6:00 – 7:30pm

Virtual - [RSVP](#) - Google Meet Link will be sent out Monday, February 26th.

LEGISLATION

Stay in the Know about Colorado Gifted Education Legislation!

Visit the [CAGT website](#) to read about state and federal legislation, past and current bills that have impacted gifted education and a continually updated link to legislation from this year's session. CAGT will work to keep you informed of bills that will not only benefit all children, but also those that address the specific needs of our gifted students.



In the News & GT Articles

["Piloting an Advanced Learning Curriculum for Typically Underserved Students"](#) (Thomas Fordham Institute)

["I Don't Think Of It At All As a Gift: Why It's Complicated Being a Gifted Child"](#) (Sydney Morning Herald)

["Missouri to Boost Access to Gifted Programs"](#) (MissouriNet)

["The Gifted Enigma: Unraveling the Complexities of Gifted Children"](#) (BNN)

["For the Love of Gifted and Talented Students"](#) (For the Love of Teachers Blog)

["3 Ways Choice Boards Easily Differentiate Gifted Learning"](#) (Inspired to Enrich Blog)

["When the Adults in Charge Dissappoint: Helping Your Gifted Child Endure"](#) (Gifted Challenges Blog)

["Socratic Dialogue + Thinking Tools for Grades 3-8"](#) (Big Ideas for Little Scholars Blog)

Jeffco GT Department's Parent/Family Night
Presentation TBD

Wednesday, March 6, 2024
6:00-7:30 pm

Virtual - Please check [JAGC's Events webpage](#) for updated information and RSVP links.

Jeffco GT Dept: Gifted Students and Underachievement

Do you have a child who performs lower than their capabilities in school? Please read these articles and come discuss strategies for addressing underachievement.

[Combating Underachievement in Gifted Students Through Social-Emotional Training and Development](#)

[Underachievement in Gifted Students Avoiding, Reversing & Handling Underachievement in Gifted Students](#)

Thursday, March 14, 2024
6:00-7:30 pm

Virtual - [RSVP](#) - Google Meet Link will be sent out Wednesday, March 13th.



Recorded Media & Misc. Resources

["Understanding and Supporting Twice Exceptional Children"](#) (Discerning Parenting Podcast)

["12 Signs of a Gifted Child"](#) (Care.com)

["The Young Gifted Child"](#) (Ohio Department of Education)

["Episode 197: Exceptional Minds – Understanding and Nurturing Profoundly Gifted Children"](#) (The Neurodiversity Podcast)

["A Bright Future Fueled by Curiosity and & Technology with Brian Housand"](#) (Adventures in Being Gifted Podcast)

["Gifts for Especially Smart and Gifted Children"](#) (twentytwowords)

["Supporting Gifted Students: A Conversation with Joyce Miller"](#) (Texas Association for Gifted and Talented Podcast)

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