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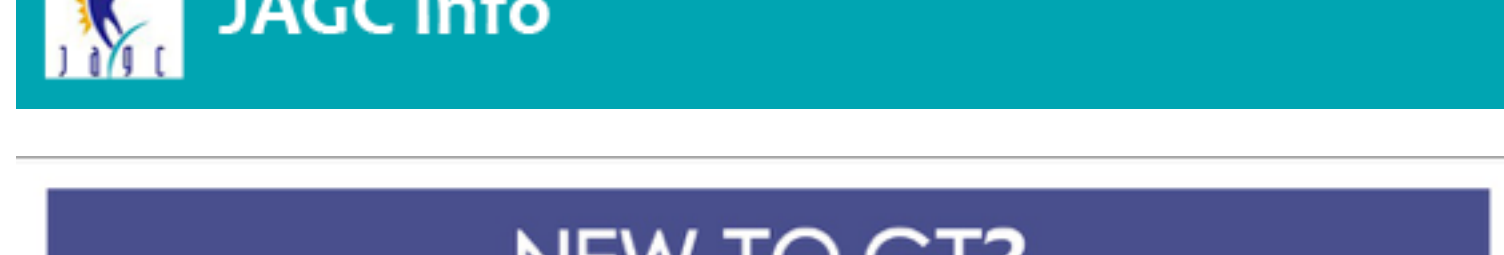
Hello Families,

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a relaxing break. There are lots of student and parent opportunities in the next few weeks. See below for more.

- Jeffco Early Access for 4- and 5-year-olds opened Jan. 3.
• EnrollJeffco round 1 enrollment runs through Jan. 13.
• Get info about gifted education at JAGC's parent GT chat on Jan. 18. Join us on Zoom to discuss "New to GT? What Families Need to Know."
• Jeffco GT Dept. Parent/Family Learning Night is Jan. 25 in the Jeffco Ed Center Board Room with several breakout sessions.
• CDE FEP conferences supporting students with disabilities and their families is Feb. 26-28 in Fort Collins.

Thank you for helping us advocate for our kids!

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NEW TO GT? WHAT FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW
Free webinar from Jeffco Association for Gifted Children
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 7-8 PM On Zoom

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:

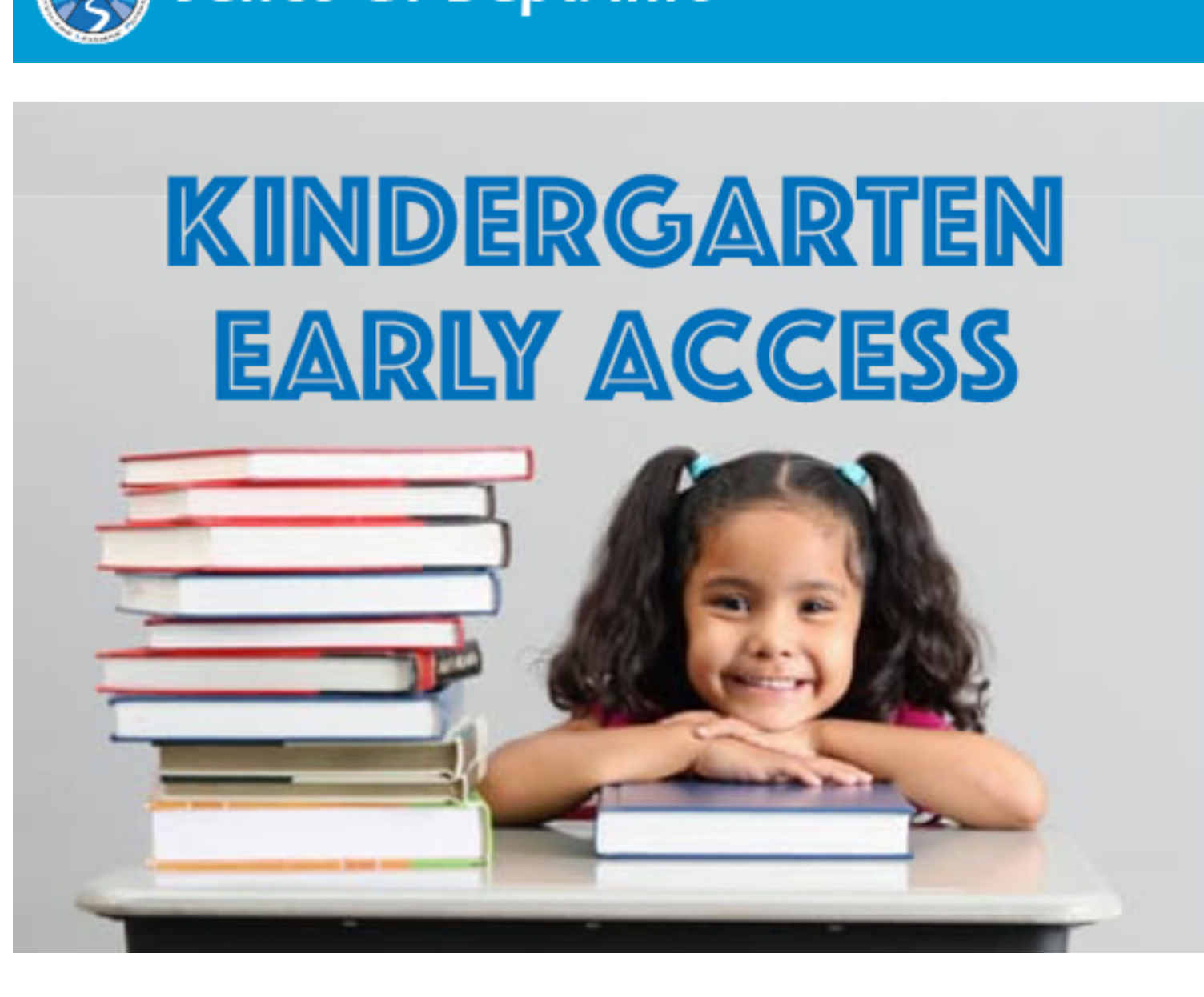
- What does a GT child look like? Characteristics and intensities identified
• What is an ALP and what do I do? Collaboration, goal setting and advocacy explored
• Center program vs. neighborhood school-what's the difference? Comparisons shared
• and more

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

Gifted & Talented RESOURCES
Helpful Gifted Resources
Check out the JAGC website for information on a variety of topics including these:
Gifted in elementary school
Gifted in middle and high school
School options

Join JAGC
Visit Jeffcogifted.org for more info

Jeffco GT Dept. Info



Early Access for Kindergarten Now Open

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.

For the requirements of Early Access to Kindergarten, see Jeffco Board Policy JHBB. The Early Access packet/portolio 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.

Parent/Family Learning Night Jan. 25
Join the Jeffco GT team for an evening on a variety of topics on Jan. 25 from 6-8 PM in the Jeffco Ed Center Board Room. See the website for details coming soon. Attendees can select two breakout sessions:
• ABCs of ALPs
• Early Access
• Identification & Programming
• Anxiety & Overexcitabilities
• Strengths & Superpowers
• Executive Functioning
• Next Steps for Seniors



Jeffco Writing Challenge - Submit Entries by Feb. 24

The Jeffco Writing Challenge is open to all Jefferson County School students in K-12. Poetry, short stories, nonfiction and dramas are all welcome. Please, no paired grades submitted together. Each writer must do their own work! Deadline for submissions is Feb. 24. Questions? Call 800-978-4290 or 720-354-1444, or email bartabraham@jcsd.com

- K-12th grade prompts:
1. If you could give someone a gift that would positively change the world, what would the gift be? OR
2. When you wish upon a star, what do you wish for?

Make sure your reader can understand your purpose in 500 words or less.

To submit your entry, complete the entry form/permission slip. Then:
1) send a printed copy of your story and
2) attach a copy of the permission slip/entry form completed online to: ENC-JWC

Your child's grade number
P.O. Box 688, Golden, CO 80402

- * First place winners in each grade win \$100
* Second place winners win a \$25 gift card
* Third place winners win a \$15 gift card

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

Resources for High School Students

- Secondary Extensions & Contest Opportunities
• Jeffco Postsecondary Opportunities searchable database
• Jeffco Postsecondary Opportunities searchable database-Charter schools

Have Questions About Gifted & Talented Services? Here Are Staff Who Can Help!

List of Jeffco GT Resource Teachers, Social-Emotional Learning counselors and Building Leaders

Jeffco News

Enroll Jeffco First Round Closes Jan. 13

Round 1 for the 2022-23 school year is open until Jan. 13. Round 2 opens January 19. Choice application offers will go out in late January. See the website for details.

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 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 Jeffco website for preschool info.

Jeffco Virtual Academy 2023-24 Enrollment

Students interested in Jeffco Virtual Academy can enroll through Enroll Jeffco. Round 1 closes on Jan. 13. JVA offers online learning during the school year and summer credit advancement for independent learners, where students can complete a semester course in just four weeks. See the JVA website for details.

Warren Tech 2023-2024 Application

The Warren Tech application is open through Enroll Jeffco. Round 1 enrollment deadline is Jan. 13. Check the Warren Tech website for details. Warren Tech is the designated Career and Technical (CTE) education center for Jeffco Public Schools and the springboard to a competitive edge in college readiness and career opportunities.

Students in 36 innovative programs work with experienced faculty and industry partners to engage in real-world professional projects and students earn over 13,000 free college credits and 1,600 industry certifications yearly. An extension of all Jeffco high schools, juniors and seniors attend Warren Tech Central, North, or South for half the day and their home high schools the other half. Credits earned at Warren Tech count toward graduation from students' home high schools.

JEFFCON Student IT Conference Feb. 3

Mark your calendars for our 6th annual student technology conference on Feb. 3. JEECON is a one-day, interactive event open to all students that allows them to learn about various IT roles from experienced Jeffco staff and industry professionals, and explore various career paths in the field of IT! Visit www.jeffcon.net for more information and registration.

Calendar & Events

JAGC calendar - activities, events & conferences
CU Wizards science exploration monthly programs
Denver Writes Workshops virtual and in-person
PEN Parent Engagement Network events
Belin-Blank Center Gifted Education online classes and conferences
Hoagies Gifted list of conferences

Register for CAGT Legislative Day - Apply by Jan. 20

Legislative Day at the Capitol is back in person. This is a unique opportunity for students in grades 9-12 to experience firsthand how state government works, shadow a legislator and experience the legislative process firsthand. All students will register to shadow a legislator and will be placed depending upon the quality of the short essay and availability of participating legislators. For those students not chosen, they will be part of a Gallery group and placed on a waitlist to shadow. Cost is \$40 per person. Submit applications early - registration will close early if slots are filled before the deadline. Register here.

Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP) Conference Jan. 26-28

PEP Academy Online will be in-person this year from Jan. 26-28 in Fort Collins. The PEP conference is free and designed for parents who have children with disabilities. PEP conferences are family-centered and offer support, information, and education to parents and professionals. See FAQs about PEP for more information.

Colorado Student Leaders Institute - Apply by Jan. 31

The Colorado Student Leaders Institute (COSLI) is a state-legislated, summer residential program. From July 2 to July 29, students live and study on the University of Colorado Denver campus and earn three hours of college credit. Students choose one of two majors through which to explore an interdisciplinary curriculum: International Social Studies or STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math), and explore diverse topics through a lecture series by university professors and three hands-on projects--Colorado Social Problem Lab, Short-Term Business Lab, and National History Day. COSLI students do not have to be formally designated as gifted and talented students, but they must demonstrate through their application that they meet the academic rigors that the program requires.

Resources

2022 Gifted Articles and Podcasts
Gifted education articles from 2022 - Gifted Challenges
6 reasons why we should see students as changemakers - Education Week
Ed Department to update 45-year-old federal law Protecting children with disabilities from discrimination - The 74
In Black and White podcast: Why programs for gifted students leave behind many children of color - Columbus Dispatch
15 tips for improving the identification of gifted ELs - National Association for Gifted Children
Oppinion: The complexities of the burnt out 'gifted' child - Los Angeles Times
How schools can help overloaded teens (Great Schools)
Gifted Underachievers: Not a Contradiction in Terms (TEDx)

The "4 E's" of Gifted Parenting - Gifted Challenges
Parents of gifted kids face an array of challenging emotions, often juggling multiple feelings at once. Some of the most perplexing emotions and reactions can be summarized as "the 4 E's." Not to be confused with 2e, a term used to describe twice-exceptionality (when gifted children also struggle with a condition such as ADHD or anxiety), the concept of "the 4 E's of Gifted Parenting" is shorthand for some of the most common pressures and emotions parents of the gifted face: exhilaration, envy, embarrassment, and (high) expectations.

Newsletter Links

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

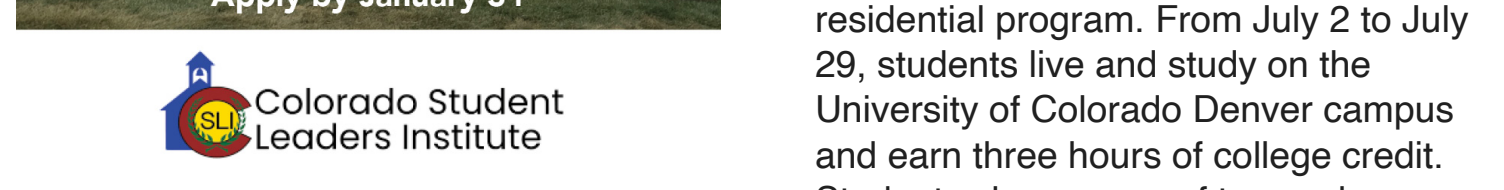
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