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Jeffco Annual Gifted and Talented Share Fair April 24, 2018

When students explore their passions, learning isn't a chore. This year, JEFFCO GT students have worked beyond fact acquisition to apply learning to authentic tasks. Projects presented are the culmination of identifying a passion, gathering information and analyzing research to determine what has been discovered and relating it to the real world. Please come and share your passion by participating in Jefferson County's Annual Gifted and Talented Share Fair. The deadline to [submit a proposal](#) is Friday, March 23rd, 2018.

Tuesday, April 24, 2018
6:30pm - 7:30pm
Jeffco Education Center - 5th Floor Board Room
1829 Denver West Drive, Bldg #27
Find more information and submission form [here](#).

In Case You Missed It - Creating 21st Century Innovators Presented by Ian Byrd

February's Jeffco GT Parent Seminar was presented by Ian Byrd, one of the leading new voices in the field of gifted education and creativity. Ian is the author of the website [byrdseed.com](#), which has a wealth of resources, articles and video clips on a variety of GT-related topics, including resources specifically for parents.

"Creating 21st Century Innovators" discussed rapidly developing technologies that have empowered the creative, quirky, and obsessed (sound like anyone you know?) to use those traits to create their own careers. Gifted and talented students have the potential to make their own paths while earning a living doing something they love. We'll explore some case studies and look at new tools for communicating, publishing, and even getting paid.

See the [Creating 21st Century Innovators](#) video.

JAGC 2e (Twice-Exceptional) Webpage

Are you wondering if your child is 2e (twice-exceptional: gifted with a disability like ADHD, Dyslexia, visual processing issues, etc)? Do you have a diagnosis for your child and know he/she is 2e? Check out our new [webpage](#) with resources to help you.

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Friday, March 23, 2018

Lunch Bunch 11:30am - 1:00pm (feel free to bring your own lunch or buy it there)

Southwest Plaza Mall

Bowles & Wadsworth, Main door entrance next to Bad Daddy's (entrance is on southwest side of mall between Dillard's and Macy's)

This group is a place to find support and get new ideas. Come share how things are going for your family, ask questions, and share your experiences with others who "get it." Please help JAGC volunteers plan their time and also reserve enough space. RSVP to [Shelly Morris](#), noting your name. Your RSVP also allows us to contact you in the event of a last minute cancellation.

JAGC Election

Voting just opened for open positions on JAGC's Board of Directors. It will close at 6:00pm (mountain standard time) on Tuesday April 3, 2018. Members will be notified of election results via email on April 6, 2018. If you are a current paid member of JAGC (or you are a paid member of CAGT and selected JAGC as your affiliate), you should have received a ballot by email to the email of record CAGT has on file. If you believe you should have received a ballot but did not, please contact [Heather Groff](#).

If You Need Help Navigating the GT World, or Jeffco's GT Process

Should you have questions or concerns you need help with, please join our [Facebook Group](#) (send a Friend Request) or [email](#) us. JAGC has a wealth of information for any stage of the path you are on.

Accomplish Your Dream of Being a Newsletter Editor!

Need to beef up your resume? Have an interest in communications? JAGC needs a Newsletter Editor! Each month JAGC publishes its newsletter that provides a wealth of information to our GT community. It takes approximately 8-10 hours a month and is easy to manage, especially through our new website. Please consider providing a bit of your time and talent to help us with publishing our newsletter. For questions please feel free to contact [Jean Willis-Brown](#). We look forward to hearing from you.

Help Your School Community Connect With JAGC - Become a JAGC Ambassador

[JAGC Ambassadors](#) are parent volunteers who receive training in how to serve GT students, parents, and staff at the articulation area and school building levels. Ambassadors can serve neighborhood schools, charter schools, home school groups and preschools.

Ambassadors help develop strong family-school partnerships. The process can be tailored to each school and Ambassador according to motivation and availability. An Ambassador's process for building successful partnerships and programs usually consists of raising awareness, taking positive action to cultivate involvement and celebrating successes.

Short on time? This is an understandable concern and we don't want anyone to feel overwhelmed. First, you don't have to be an expert. An easy-to-use [Online Training](#) is available that you can do anytime. Second, one of the main functions of an Ambassador is to get GT information (which we will provide to you) to members of your school community (newsletters, websites, Friday Folders, etc.) Third, you can always share the role with others in your school or articulation area. Please contact the [JAGC Ambassador Coordinator](#) for more information. Or you can register [here](#).

Jeffco Early Access Testing for Entrance to Kindergarten or First Grade for the 2018-2019 School Year

Colorado House Bill 08-1021, Early Kindergarten and First Grade for Gifted Children, extend the definition of "gifted child" to include four year olds who may be able to access Kindergarten and five year olds who can access First Grade, and adds a new classification of "highly advanced gifted child." Essentially, Early Access applies to children in the 97th percentile or above on standardized tests and functioning levels typically two years or more above peers. For early entrance to kindergarten, a child must be 4 years old by October 1, 2018 and for early entrance to first grade, a child must be 5 years old by October 1, 2018.

How to apply (the cost is \$250):

1. Fill out the online [application](#), which is open now through April 1, 2018
2. Once the application is submitted, you will receive an Early Access Packet (with portfolio requirements) and Developmental History Form from the GT Office.
3. The Early Access Packet, Developmental History Form, and portfolio submissions will be due by March 23, 2018.
4. Parents will be contacted to schedule Cognitive Testing (DAS-II - Differential Ability Scales). Testing is typically scheduled in late March or early April and takes approximately 2 hours.
5. If the child scores in the 97th percentile or higher on DAS-II, a second session will be scheduled to take TEMA-3 (Test of Early Math Ability), TERA-3 (Test of Early Reading Ability), and an observable play opportunity. This testing will be scheduled in early April 2018 and takes approximately 2 hours.
6. Notification of acceptance and non-acceptance is typically sent to parents late in April.

Part of the Early Access process is submitting a portfolio of evidence. This may include examples of art work, writing, photos or videos of things that have been built or auditions. It may be documentation of connections the child has made. It may be statements from preschool teachers. Any way you can show what were 'wow' moments for you. Things you noticed that seem advanced for a child of their age at the time.

If accepted, Jeffco has four elementary schools offering Early Access: Coronado, Hackberry Hill, Kendrick Lakes, and Parmalee. GT Early Access follows the Choice Enrollment process. Transportation is not provided to Early Access locations and is the responsibility of the parent. Jeffco [web page](#) for Early Access.

Jeffco News - Jeffco GT Gazette (New GT High School)

Jeffco GT Department's Newsletter for February can be seen here in [English/Spanish](#). Note, on page 2 there is information about the new Gifted & Talented High School - Arvada High School - beginning in the 2018-2019 school year.

NAGC Giftedness Knows No Boundaries Campaign

The National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) organized the [Giftedness Knows No Boundaries Campaign](#). National education organizations and individuals interested in promoting equity and excellence in our Nation's homes, schools, and communities can support the campaign by actively promoting and sharing key information about the nature and needs of gifted children amongst others in their networks. The Campaign begins with awareness building about children with gifts and talents and will grow into a movement to improve policies and practices that create supportive environments where these children can thrive.

Please visit www.GiftednessKnowsNoBoundaries.org often as NAGC will regularly update the site with new resources and information.

Enrichment Corner - CSM Sigma Pi Sigma Science Talk April 5th and Library Book Recommendations

The Colorado School of Mines Chapter of Sigma Pi Sigma Science Talk "The Dawn of Multi-Messenger Astronomy: New Ways to Observe the Universe" presented by Fred Sarazin.

Thursday, April 5, 2018
7:00pm
Golden High School Auditorium, 701 24th St, Golden
Free

See a [video](#) of their previous Science Talk, "Is Quantum Mechanics Hard or Is It Just Me?" Presented by Mark Lusk

[Jeffco Public Library Book Recommendations](#) - Get 5 book recommendations based on filling out a form online with your interests.

Wings Aerospace Academy Charter - Parent Information Nights

"[Wings Aerospace Academy](#) (WAA is part of Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum) is a tuition-free charter program for 6th-11th grade students that provides hands-on aerospace experiences. Each year, the program will be extended one grade until the year 2020. At which time the program will include students in grades 6-12.

Wings Aerospace Academy offers a "blended learning" format, bringing together the best of two worlds - education technology and on-line learning. Core courses are provided by a certified, multi-district charter school, the Elevate Academy; and hands-on, aerospace-based STEM curricula is provided by Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum in aerospace settings.

[Gifted and Talented Program](#)

At Wings Aerospace Academy, we strive to apply effective gifted and talented instruction. We try to differentiate these gifted and talented students through day in and day out measurements of meeting goals and levels of advancement. We want to make sure a student is being challenged and are willing to make changes in process, curriculum and environment so that they reach their highest potential."

[Parent Information Nights](#)

March 20, 2018

April 17, 2018

May 15, 2018

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum

7711 East Academy Boulevard

Denver, CO 80230 United States

Summer Camps/Programs 2018

Find JAGC's list of [Summer Programs](#).

This is an interesting resource of [camps and classes](#) around the state produced by Homeschool Treasury.

Screenagers Movie Screenings - Growing Up in the Digital Age

Are you watching kids scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span? Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston saw that with her own kids and learned that the average kid spends 6.5 hours a day looking at screens. She wondered about the impact of all this time and about the friction occurring in homes and schools around negotiating screen time—friction she knew all too well.

In SCREENAGERS, as with her award-winning documentaries on mental health, Delaney takes a deeply personal approach as she probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including her own, to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through poignant and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, SCREENAGERS reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance.

Watch the [trailer](#).

Local Community Screenings (typically cost \$5 paid online):

[Wheat Ridge](#)

Thursday, April 5, 2018

6:00pm

Everitt Middle School, 3900 Kipling St., Wheat Ridge

[Parker](#)

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Chaparral High School at 15655 Brookstone Dr., Parker

[Highlands Ranch](#)

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Cherry Hills Community Church in the Atrium, 3900 Grace Blvd, Highlands Ranch

[Boulder](#)

Friday, April 27, 2018

6:00pm - 8:00pm

BCSIS 3995 Aurora Ave, Boulder

Shown with Spanish subtitles - Question and answer period after the movie with Spanish interpretation.

Find a list of community screenings nationwide [here](#).

DCGT: Sharon M. Barnes - "No More SAD CASIGYs™! Top Ten Tools to Cope With Sensitivity, Anxiety and Depression" April 11th

Douglas County Association for Gifted and Talented Presents Sharon M. Barnes, MSSW, LCSW - No More SAD CASIGYs™! Top Ten Tools to Cope With Sensitivity, Anxiety and Depression

In this Presentation, Participants Will Learn,

- What it is about gifted adults and students that makes them so susceptible to being SAD from Sensitivity, Anxiety and Depression;
- A three step process to identify and outsmart Gifted SADness before it takes over;
- Sharon's Top Ten Tips & Tools to Overcome Gifted SADness.

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Stonegate Village Metropolitan District, 10326 Stonegate Pkwy, Parker, CO 80134

[Registration](#)

Colorado Teen Literature Conference - Saturday, April 14, 2018 Denver, CO

Keynote authors Simone Elkeles and Raúl the Third.

Saturday, April 14, 2018

7:30am - 4:00pm

Tivoli Center on Auraria Campus, Denver

Registration will open February 5th. Find more information [here](#).

Colorado Department of Education - Gifted Education Tuesdays (G.E.T.)

Gifted Education Tuesdays (G.E.T.) are interactive webinars on selected Tuesdays from 3:30pm-5:00pm MST. This school year's remaining webinar is:

April 3, 2018: RtI (Response to Intervention) and how it relates to Gifted Programming

Find more information and registration [here](#).

SENGinars

SENG (Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted) webinars (SENGinars) provide convenient access to many of the top experts in the gifted field discussing issues related to the social and emotional needs of the gifted. The webinars are designed expressly for parents, educators, and mental health professionals who work with gifted children. You will have an opportunity to ask questions at the end of each live webinar. Webinars are attended online from your own home and are \$40. Upcoming [Senginars](#):

Is That REALLY An Elephant in the Room?
Presented by Dr. Joy Lawson Davis
Thursday, March 22, 2018
7.30pm EDT – 9.00pm EDT
Find more information [here](#).

Gifted Development Center Presents Gifted Women Symposium June 2, 2018

Join Paula Prober and Linda Silverman on an unforgettable journey of self-discovery, reflection and rejuvenation.

Gifted Women Symposium
Saturday, June 2, 2018
8:30am - 4:30pm
Legacy Ridge West Clubhouse
Westminster
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JAGC GT Ambassadors

JAGC works in positive partnership with the Jeffco School District's Gifted & Talented Department to provide leadership by promoting information about the educational and social-emotional needs of gifted and talented (GT) students. JAGC's Ambassador Program extends this leadership from the district level into individual school buildings. JAGC Ambassadors are volunteers who receive training in how to serve GT students, parents, and staff at the articulation area and school building levels. If you are interested in volunteering as a family or community member to help JAGC locally support the local GT community, please think about advocating for Jeffco's GT students in this capacity. JAGC would like to have a GT Ambassador at ALL schools, so please let us know if you can help.

What's involved in being a GT Ambassador? Click [here](#) for additional information about this important role or [contact](#) the ambassador coordinator if you have any questions and/or to volunteer.

Call for Volunteers

Are You a JAGC Member?

The Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children (JAGC) is a non-profit group providing leadership and support to families and educators of gifted young people in Jefferson County, Colorado. Membership in JAGC includes joint membership in [CAGT](#) (Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented). Combined dues are \$40 annually.

Although JAGC often works in partnership with Jeffco Public Schools' Office of Gifted and Talented, JAGC is a volunteer organization. JAGC provides its newsletter and seminars to everyone in the community but membership, donations, and volunteers are essential to providing these resources. Locally, through JAGC, your membership helps support things such as: seminars, presentations, and speakers; printed literature; this website (including the JAGC newsletter); JAGC on Facebook; local advocacy. Through CAGT, your membership helps support such things as: CAGT's annual conference, CAGT's annual Parent Institute, CAGT's website, monthly "Happenings" email, the quarterly Kaleidoscope e-newsletter, state level legislative advocacy for gifted learners, and online learning opportunities.

Become a Member

Membership in JAGC and CAGT runs concurrent to the school year. Both are valid from September until August of the following year. Become a member [here](#). Be sure to select Jeffco as your affiliate.

Amazon Smile - Through Amazon Smile part of your purchase price will be donated to JAGC. When you shop at Amazon, first go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> and select "Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children" before making your purchase.

Volunteer

Your time and talents help JAGC run as a volunteer organization. We particularly would like to have at least one [JAGC GT Ambassador](#) at each school, to share information at the local level. Help in other areas is also welcome; [email](#) to volunteer your particular area of interest/skill.

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Did you know that JAGC is on Facebook?

You can "Like" JAGC on [Facebook](#) and read GT and Jeffco-related information as part of your Facebook feed. JAGC also has a private Facebook group; JAGC Online for the purposes of discussion. To join "friend" [Jeffco Gifted](#) and send a FB message to request group membership or [email](#) for more information. A big thank you to Susan Carter-Ruskell for sharing great gifted content and managing JAGC's Facebook presence!

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