

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

May 2022

Hello Families,

We made it to the final lap of the school year! Thank you to the teachers, staff and parents who worked together to help our kids continue to learn and thrive.

Farewell to Jeffco GT Director Roger Dowd who is retiring. Thank you for leading the gifted and talented program and staff for the past 6 years!

Are you interested in summer courses at Jeffco Virtual Academy? Summer credit advancement courses are now open. Classes fill quickly, so register soon.

Enjoy your summer! Check out the summer programs list on the JAGC website.

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JAGC Info

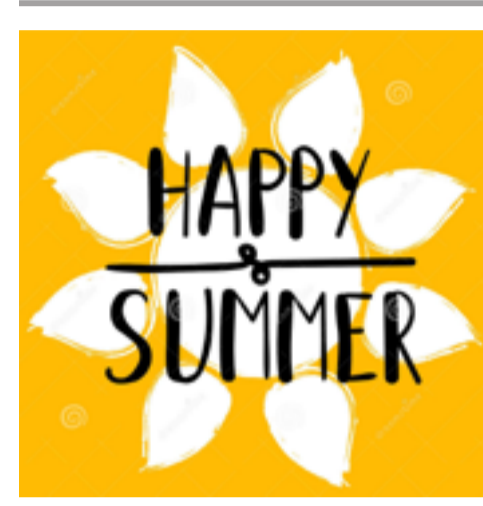


JAGC Board of Directors Election Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's voting. Congratulations to this year's elected directors:

Treasurer: Katherine Rickard Member at Large: Julie Southern

We look forward to working with you all as we continue to serve the GT children and families of Jeffco and beyond.



See You in the Fall!

JAGC newsletter takes a break during the summer. We're here year-round if you have questions and concerns until school starts. Email info@jeffcogifted.org or visit our Facebook page for news and updates throughout the summer.



Check Out These JAGC Web Resources

Each month we highlight resources available to families on the JAGC and other websites. Here are some for summer and preparing for fall:

- Talking With Your Child About Giftedness Navigating Middle School Mental Health Resources

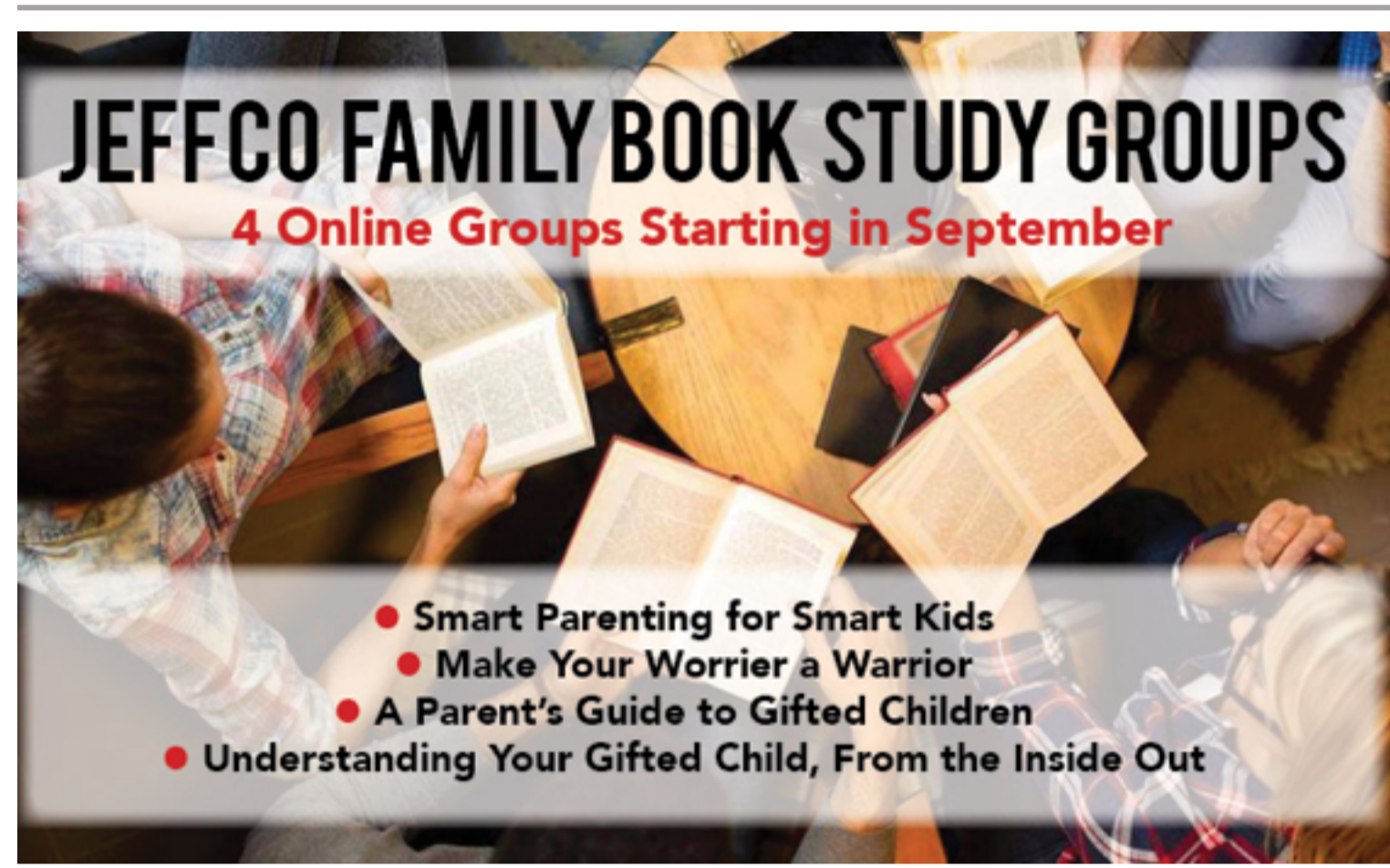
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Jeffco GT Dept. Info



Farewell to Jeffco GT Director Roger Dowd

As we say goodbye to Roger, we look back on his six years leading the Jeffco Gifted & Talented Dept. We appreciate all he has accomplished for our advanced learners, especially these last couple of challenging years. Thank you for your leadership and partnership with the Jeffco Association for Gifted Children!



Fall Book Study Groups

Jeffco GT Dept. will offer free SENG book club groups in the fall. This is a great resource for information and connection with other families. Look for more info in the fall.

Jeffco News



Upcoming Town Halls with Board of Education Members

Want to learn more about Jeffco Public Schools' new strategic plan - Jeffco Thrives 2025? Join an upcoming town hall this spring to meet Board of Education members and share input on the district's mission, vision, and values. These open forums also provide an opportunity to discuss topics of interest with Board members. The town halls with our board members will take place in the school's library and are scheduled for:

- Saturday, May 7 - 9:30 am at Arvada West High School with President Stephanie Schooley Wednesday, May 18 - 6:00 pm at Pomona High School with Director Danielle Varda



Jeffco Graduation Requirements Update Information on Jeffco graduation requirements, academic standards and school progress was shared at the March 3 board of education meeting. See slides 13-14 for a list of individual high school progress toward meeting English and math graduation requirements.



Summer Credit Advancement for Grades 10-12 Application Now Open

Credit Advancement is for Jeffco students in grade 10-11 who are independent learners who want to take a class they haven't attempted before to get ahead in credits. Courses are taught entirely online by licensed Jeffco teachers and are NCAA approved. Students can complete a semester course in just four weeks. The cost is \$165 per class.

Calendar & Events



Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented (CAGT) Conference in October

The 2022 CAGT annual conference is October 16-18 in Loveland, CO.

Call for Proposals - Proposals are due June 27 and should complement this year's conference theme "Unconventionally, Unconditionally Gifted." See the website for details.

Leadership Award Nominations - Each year individuals are honored for their outstanding achievements and contributions in our gifted community throughout Colorado. Leadership Awards are presented in the following categories: George T. Betts Inspiration Award, Jacquelin Medina Visionary Leadership Award, Parent of the Year, Educator of the Year, Administrator of the Year, Special Advocate of the Year, and the Lifetime Achievement Award each year at our CAGT annual conference. If you would like to nominate someone for their extraordinary efforts in the field of gifted education, submit your nomination by Aug. 22.

Conference Scholarships Available - This year CAGT is offering four scholarships for educators, administrators and mental health providers to support gifted students and programming at their schools. There are also two new scholarships for teachers of color and mental health support personnel. See the CAGT website for details. Apply by Aug. 22.



Conversations with CAGT - Tuesdays at 5 PM

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

- JAGC calendar - activities, events & conferences Broomfield area events Denver area things to do Denver area TedX conferences Denver Mensa speaker series PEN Parent Engagement Network events Belin-Blank Center Gifted Education online classes and conferences Hoagies Gifted list of conferences

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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