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### **Jeffco GT Parent Seminar - 4 Breakout Sessions: GT 101, Twice Exceptional, Social Emotional, and ALPs August 28th**

The next Jeffco GT Parent Seminar will have 4 breakout sessions:

- Gifted & Talented 101 (Room 3A & 3B)
- Twice Exceptional (2e) Students - Gifted with a disability (Room 4E)
- Social Emotional Needs of Gifted Learners (Room - 5th Floor Board Room)
- Advanced Learning Plans (ALPs) (Room 2A)

Monday, August 28, 2017

6:30pm-8:00pm

1829 Denver West Drive, Bldg #27

See Room Numbers Above

[Flyer](#)

More information about this school year's Parent Seminars can be found [here](#). Find a clearer copy [here](#).

Next Parent Seminars (typically held in the 5th Floor Board Room at 1829 Denver West Drive, Bldg #27, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.)

September 25, 2017 Nurturing Your Child's Creativity Presented by Dr. Rick Shade

January 9, 2018 Understanding Your Student's CogAT Data (make-up date in case of inclement weather is January 10, 2018)

January 29, 2018 Various GT Topics based on parent feedback

February 26, 2018 Creating 21st Century Innovators Presented by Ian Byrd

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## **Jeffco GT Parent Information Night - Gifted Center Application Process September 13th**

Learn about the Gifted Center Program and how to apply:

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Four Locations:

Evergreen Middle School  
2059 Hiwan Dr., Evergreen

Ken Caryl Middle School  
6509 W. Ken Caryl Ave., Littleton

North Arvada Middle School  
7285 Pierce St., Arvada

Jeffco Board Room, 5th Floor  
1829 Denver West Dr. Bldg #27, Golden

[Flyer](#) listing Gifted Center Information Meetings.

Jeffco Gifted Center applications are open now and will close October 13, 2017. Jeffco offers free testing for applicants who are 5 years of age (or older) by October 1, 2017. These children are eligible to apply for the start of the 2018-19 school year. Find the online application and process described [here](#). Testing will be Saturday, November 4, 2017, and takes approximately 2 hours. See the fall and spring 2017-2018 application process/timeline [here](#).

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## **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.

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## **Moving to a GT Center Middle School - What You Need to Know**

If your child is in a GT Center Elementary school and wants to continue on to a GT Center Middle School, they will be offered a spot in their [GT feeder Middle School](#). If your student is not in a GT Center school (maybe in their neighborhood school or a charter school), you will need to [apply](#) for Middle School Center placement. You can [apply](#) during the fall (application open 8/1/17 - 10/13/17) or spring (application open 10/16/17 - 1/16/18). With some 6th grade classes moving to middle school next year, if you have a 5th grader this year, you may need to [apply](#) this year.

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## **Jeffco News - Jeffco GT Gazette and Study Abroad Opportunities**

[Jeffco GT Gazette](#) - Jeffco GT Department's Quarterly Newsletter, August 2017 Edition

Jeffco School District has a [Study Abroad](#) webpage with a list of approved exchange agencies.

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## **Enrichment Corner - Jeffco Library ebooks, Coding for Kids, and Denver Writes**

[Jeffco Library](#) downloadable ebooks - A possible option for students who struggle with reading.

[Coding for Kids](#): How to Get Started - This article offers some website options for kids to learn how to code computers.

[Denver Writes](#) - Workshops for students ages 8-15

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## **Wings Aerospace Academy - Parent Info Night August 30th**

Wings Aerospace Academy (WAA) is a full-time, tuition-free charter program for 6th-10th-grade students that provides hands-on aerospace experiences. 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.

How would your child like to:

- Gain pilot experience
- Pilot a glider
- Fly a drone

- Build radio-controlled and actual airplanes
- Engage with giants in Colorado's aviation and aerospace industry
- Have a leg up on college and career paths
- and much more!

Wings Aerospace Academy will be hosting one final parent information night on Wednesday, August 30th. Come meet our highly-qualified team of aviation & STEM professionals while learning about how the program will help your student focus on their passion for aerospace. This parent information night will be held at Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum in the Harrison Ford Welcome Theater from 6-8 PM.

To RSVP and find more information [here](#).

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### **Empowering the Spirit Through The Virtues Project: A Workshop for Parents and Teachers of the Gifted September 23-24**

This two-day workshop will immerse participants in the vision, mission and five strategies of the virtues, giving them the tools needed to pull the virtues into their daily and professional life. The Vision of The Virtues Project is to serve humanity by supporting the moral and spiritual development of people of all cultures, by helping them to remember who they really are and to live by their highest values.

The Mission of The Virtues Project is to provide empowering strategies that inspire the practice of virtues in everyday life through programs of excellence and simplicity which support people of all ages to cultivate their virtues - the gifts of character.

The Five Strategies of The Virtues Project help us to live more reverent, purposeful lives, to raise children of integrity and compassion, develop a culture of character in our schools, and inspire excellence and service in the workplace. These strategies build foundations for safe and caring communities.

Saturday, September 23 - Sunday, September 24, 2017  
 9:00am - 4:00pm  
 Legacy Ridge West Clubhouse  
 10515 Stuart St.  
 Westminster, Colorado 80031

[Information](#) and [registration](#)

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### **Tattered Cover Book Store Presents The Colorado Teen Book Con November 4th**

The [Colorado Teen Book Con](#) is a full day event exclusively for teens with two keynote presentations, a bunch of author panels, a special writing workshop, a special panel with local

literary agents, and a big author signing party at the end of the day. Books will be available for purchase throughout the day.

Join Tattered Cover as we present 20+ of your fave teen authors...

You meet them.

You hear them speak.

You talk to them.

You get lots of books signed.

Snap some selfies with them.

And food trucks. Of course, food trucks.

This event is free, open exclusively to teens, but you must register.

Saturday, November 4, 2017

8:30am - 5:00pm

Littleton High School (199 East Littleton Blvd, Littleton, CO 80121)

[Registration](#)

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## **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:

Loving With Intensity: Gifted Couples

Presented by Sharon Barnes

Thursday, August 24, 2017

5:30pm MDT - 7:00pm MDT

Find more information [here](#).

How to Set Expectations that Work

Presented by Joanne Foster

Thursday, September 14, 2017

7:30pm EST - 9:00pm EST

Find more information [here](#).

Parenting Adventures in the Digital Realm: From Surviving to Thriving

Presented by Claudia L'Amoreaux

Thursday, September 21, 2017

7:30pm EST - 9:00pm EST

Find more information [here](#).

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## **CAGT Conference October 16-17, 2017 and Parent Institute October 16th - Loveland, CO**

Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented (CAGT) Conference - The Heart of the Rockies: Elevating the Gifted Connection on October 16 and 17, 2017 is CAGT's 40th Annual Conference. Find all the information you need [here](#).

### **CAGT Conference Parent Institute October 16th 7-9pm**

On Monday evening, October 16, please join us for the Parent Institute at our Annual CAGT Conference: "Heart of the Rockies: Elevating the Gifted Connection". This is a time for parents, guardians, and educators interested in gifted children to come together to hear national experts share their knowledge and answer some of your questions. Find more information and registration [here](#).

This year's panel will include:

Susanne Keeley, M.A., CCC-SLP

Jonathan Plucker, Ph.D

Matthew McBee, Ph.D

AnneMarie Rossi - Be Mindful

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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? Find out [here](#). Click [here](#) for additional information about this important role or [contact](#) the ambassador coordinator if you have any questions and/or to volunteer.

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### **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. Download a [JAGC Membership Form](#).

### Donate

Your contributions make a difference. 100% of your tax-deductible donation to JAGC will directly support distribution of information and GT advocacy in Jefferson County. Click here to download a [JAGC Donation Form](#).

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.

### 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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