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Our newsletter will return in August. But, we are always available should you have any questions or concerns at info@jeffcogifted.org.

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Wednesday, May 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)

Next Lunch Bunch will be Friday, August 31, 2018.

Please RSVP to the Lunch Bunches you wish to attend. If no RSVP's are received to a particular meeting, that meeting will be cancelled.

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.

Jeffco News - Virtual Academy GT Classes and Only 1 Testing Window

Virtual Academy Gifted & Talented Classes - The Gifted and Talented Department, in collaboration with Jeffco's 21st Century Virtual Academy, is launching Jeffco Online GT Courses for the 2018-19 school year. This program will start with 7th grade core classes: GT Language Arts 7, GT Math 7/8, GT Science 7, and GT Social Studies 7. Classes are taught by certified GT teachers and offer the opportunity for GT students to participate in an engaging online curriculum that incorporates both the academic and social-emotional needs of gifted students. Families may work with JVA and their home schools in order to arrange for their gifted children to take one or more GT classes during their school day in their area(s) of strength. All students are required to have an ALP and an eligibility form completed and approved by their home school's counselor or administrator. Please see this [page](#) for more information and to register.

Testing for GT Center Placement - Please note, beginning next school year, there will only be ONE testing window. The 2018 Fall GT Center Testing application will open on August 1, 2018. Testing will take place on Saturday, October 27 & Saturday, November 3. This testing is for GT Center placement for the 2019-20 school year. Again, **Jeffco will only be conducting GT Center Testing in the fall - there will not be a spring Center testing application window!**

Both these items are discussed in the May [Jeffco GT Gazette](#) (in [Spanish](#)).

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MAP Assessment Scores Predict ACT Scores - See How Your Children are Doing for College Options

As the year winds down and we look back at all of the various assessments our children have taken; quizzes, comprehensive subject tests, states assessments, and Measurements for Academic Progress (MAP), what can we glean from all of these tests? At the end of the day, we need to believe that somewhere in the mire of these assessments there must be some nugget of information that can benefit our child and their growth towards college/career readiness.

Well, there is. If your student took the MAP set of assessments this year, ask your teacher for your child's results. You can then log in your child's scores for Reading and Math MAP assessments to see how your child is progressing against the ACT college and career readiness assessment. "[The College Explorer Tool](#) links to MAP scores for students in grades 5-9 to colleges and universities based on the median ACT scores of students who were admitted and enrolled in those institutions."

Note: If your child is in a GT Center program in 5th grade, they may have taken the MAP assessment for 6th grade and above. It should state which MAP test they took on the report somewhere. There is a significant shift in the assessment from the 3-5 version to the 6+ version. You will also want to play with the College Explorer Tool. It seems a bit counterintuitive that the same scores used but changing the grade 'When was MAP last taken' yields more options of colleges as the class grade goes up. If you are wanting to consider certain colleges, you can click on the 'Search for School' tab instead and see what MAP RIT scores are needed by grade to determine if your child is on track to get into that college.

Research Study Help Needed

We received the following request from a doctoral student in the school of education at the University of Denver. Please help this student out if you can. (JAGC has no connection with Kristine Zytka or her study and is only providing this information in the interest of our readers.)

"I am currently completing my dissertation, which focuses on how a behavioral assessment, the BASC-3, can help differentiate between GT behavioral characteristics and common misdiagnoses. The target population for my data collection includes elementary aged gifted children (ages 6-11), with parents completing an online behavioral questionnaire regarding the students' behaviors. Essentially, I am asking parents of GT children to complete a questionnaire. This research is intended to help practitioners better understand the GT population, improve gifted identification, and help prevent common misdiagnoses that occur among the gifted population."

If you are interested in helping Ms. Zytka, please request the questionnaire [here](#). You are eligible to participate if your child is identified as Gifted/Talented, is between the age of 6-11, and does not have a coexisting exceptionality (504 plan, IEP, diagnosis, twice exceptional). In other words, they have only been identified as Gifted/Talented.

Summer Camps/Programs 2018

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

Summit Advocates for Gifted Education put together a list of [summer camps and activities](#) around the state of Colorado. At the end of the list there are internship opportunities and online opportunities.

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

Executive Function Help - Susanne Phillips Keeley Handout

[Susanne Phillips Keeley, M.A. CCC-SLP](#) has provided her [handout](#) from a presentation she gave for Boulder Valley Gifted & Talented on Executive Function.

Institute for Educational Advancement - Gifted Resource Center Guide for Scholarships and Competitions

From the Institute for Educational Advancement - Our comprehensive [Scholarships and Competitions Guide](#) provides a library of over 100 resources for students in grades K-12. The guide is indexed by topic to assist the gifted student in finding the most appropriate opportunity to suit their unique interests and talents. A handy compilation drawn from IEA's Gifted Resource Center, this guide is a useful tool for students, parents, counselors and anyone working with gifted youth.

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.

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.

Mackintosh Academy Scholarship

Mackintosh Academy - Littleton is thrilled to announce that we once again have a scholarship opening for an incoming student for the 2018-2019 school year. The scholarship is intended for a student with significant financial need who would not otherwise be able to attend our school. Special consideration will be given to a gifted seventh or eighth grade girl whose needs may not be met by her current school environment. We may also consider applicants for our younger grades (Kindergarten through 2nd grade). Information on the Mackintosh Solar Scholars Program is available on our [website](#). If you have any questions, please email Director of Admissions [Beth Steklac](#).

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
[Information and registration](#)

CDE Annual Summer Institute for Twice-Exceptionality for Educators June 11-14, 2018

A four-day professional development opportunity, which includes:

- Twice Exceptional Foundations, Part 1 June 11-12, 2018
- Twice Exceptional Foundations, Part 2 June 13-14, 2018

Location & Time:

Jefferson County Public Schools-Administration Building
1829 Denver West Drive #27, Golden, Colorado 80401
June 11-14, 2018 8:30am-4:00pm

Find more information about this workshop and credits that can be earned, along with registration [here](#).

Deadline to register for this workshop is Friday, May 25, 2018

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Gifted Education Summer Symposium: Underrepresented Populations June 28-29, 2018

Colorado Department of Education Presents a Symposium on underrepresented populations in gifted education. This Symposium is for teachers, educators, administrators, support service personnel and resource personnel

The schedule includes:

Day 1: Keynote and breakout sessions

Day 2: Full day workshop with Eric Jensen

Thursday, June 28, 2018 8:30am-4:30pm

Friday, June 29, 2018 8:30am-4:00pm

Sheraton Denver Tech Center Hotel, 7007 South Clinton Street, Greenwood Village

Find information and registration [here](#).

CAGT Scholarship for Teachers in Title I Schools

The primary purpose of the [Colorado Scholarship for Diverse Talent Development](#) is to increase and support culturally and linguistically diverse (CLD) students' access to talent development opportunities through teacher training.

The Colorado Scholarship is intended to support teachers working in Title I schools that are new to the field of gifted education. The opportunity provides teachers the tools for identifying and understanding the needs of underserved gifted learners. Selected candidates will attend the CAGT annual conference and participate in activities and/or presentations focusing on the fundamentals of gifted education with an emphasis on working with underserved populations. Upon completion of the program, candidates will complete a short "project" exhibiting their understanding of the issues addressed.

Applications must be received by Monday, May 28, 2018.

CAGT Leadership Awards Nominations

Colorado Association for Gifted & Talented (CAGT) in collaboration with the Colorado Department of Education Office of Gifted Education will present Leadership Awards in the following categories: George T. Betts Inspiration Award, Parent of the Year, Educator of the Year, Administrator of the Year, Special Advocate of the Year, and the Lifetime Achievement Award at CAGT's 41st Annual Conference. This year the award winners will be honored at our inaugural Awards Evening at the Embassy Suites Loveland on October 22, 2018 from 5:45-7:30 PM. All are invited to nominate people for one or more categories. Separate registration must be used for each nomination.

Deadline is Friday, August 10, 2018. Find more information [here](#).

SENG Conference July 20-22, 2018 San Diego, CA

"Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG) conferences prioritize recognition, understanding, and acceptance of the social and emotional needs of the gifted population. Join us for a spectacular event dedicated to education, support, and community. Learn from world renown experts across a variety of disciplines who will share their stories and expertise."

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

CAGT Conference October 22-23, 2018 - Loveland, CO Call for Proposals, Award Nominations, and Exhibitors & Sponsorships

Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented (CAGT) Conference - Putting the Pieces Together: Understanding Giftedness on October 22 and 23, 2018. Keynote speakers Temple Grandin & Tom Clynes. Find all the information you need [here](#).

[Call for Proposals](#) - Deadline Saturday, June 30, 2018

[CAGT Distinguished Student Awards Program Registration](#) - CAGT Distinguished Student Awards program for the 2017-2018 school year. This awards program is designed to recognize distinguished achievement in academics, leadership, or the arts, in children ages 7-18. Three children for the state of Colorado will be named CAGT Distinguished Students. One student for the Junior Division, ages 7-9, one student for the Senior Division, ages 10-12, and one student for the Masters Division, ages 13-18. Application deadline is June 15, 2018.

[Exhibitors and Sponsorships](#) for the CAGT Conference - If you are interested in being an exhibitor, or sponsoring some of our events at this year's conference, please check out the many options available to you. For more information please [email](#).

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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.

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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