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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.

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

Gifted Support Group - Littleton April 20th

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Friday, April 20, 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.

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.

JAGC Election Results

We have just concluded the 2018 JAGC Board of Directors election process. Voting was conducted via electronic means with all JAGC members eligible to participate. The official results are as follows:

Danielle Hicks, Vice President
Katherine Rickard, Treasurer
Michelle Stone, Board Member At Large
Kelly Bunnell, Board Member At Large
Beth Clark, Board Member At Large
Lisa Girard, Board Member At Large
Ayrolyn Keady, Board Member At Large

Enrichment Corner - CSM Summer Program - Web Design

EXPLORE Tech: Web Design
For girls and boys entering 6th - 9th grade

In this Colorado School of Mines camp, participants will create their very own websites by working with CodeHS, a project-based and highly dynamic and interactive web development course that is perfect for beginners and experienced coders alike. By the end of this camp, participants will be able to design, develop, test, troubleshoot, and present a portfolio-worthy website!

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

And Camp Neuro/Camp Cardiac

[Camp Neuro](#) and [Camp Cardiac](#), run by local medical students in over 30 cities nationwide, serves as an ideal introduction for any high school student interested in exploring a career in medicine or psychology. Camp Neuro Denver location: University of Colorado School of Medicine.

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.

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](#).

Gifted Education State Advisory Committee Vacancies

[Gifted Education State Advisory Committee](#) Vacancies for the Term 2018-2021. The Gifted Education State Advisory Committee (GE-SAC) is seeking applications from individuals in Congressional Districts interested in providing input about issues and strengths in gifted education, and exploring timely educational topics impacting gifted students. The Gifted Education State Advisory Committee is a council of citizens appointed by the State Board of Education. The committee provides the State Board of Education recommendations and information about ongoing and emergent needs related to the education of gifted learners. Find a flyer [here](#).

Applicants must reside in the Congressional District of representation. This year's vacancies are by role in the following Congressional Districts. For assistance in determining the Congressional District (CD) of residence go [here](#) or more detailed [here](#).

CD 2 – Community

CD 5 – Community

CD 5 – Parent (with student(s) in PK-12)

Applications are due April 20, 2018.

For more information contact:

Kirsten Carlile

Carlile_K@cde.state.co.us

(Please copy your email to MaryEllen Beltracchi – Membership Committee Chair
maryelbel@aol.com)

Office of Gifted Education

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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](#)

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

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](#).

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

[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

[Littleton](#)

Friday, April 27th, 2018

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Deer Creek Middle School, 9201 West Columbine Drive, Littleton

[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](#).

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](#):

A Culturally Responsive Equity-Based Bill of Rights for Gifted Students of Color

Presented by Ken Dickson and Donna Ford

Thursday, April 26, 2018

7.30pm EDT – 9.00pm EDT

Find more information [here](#).

An “Elder” or Just Older: Being Gifted Throughout the Latter Years of Life

Presented by Dr. Ellen Fiedler and Dr. Michele Kane

Thursday, May 10th, 2018

7.30pm EDT – 9.00pm EDT

Find more information [here](#).

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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](#)

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, Colorado 80112

Find information and registration [here](#). Registration deadline May 14, 2018.

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 Conference October 22-23, 2018 - Loveland, CO Call for Proposals and Award Nominations

Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented (CAGT) Conference - Putting the Pieces Together: Understanding Giftedness on October 22 and 23, 2018. 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.

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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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