



February 2019 Newsletter

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Jeffco Gifted & Talented Parent Seminar: JAGC "Ask Us Anything" Panel – Feb. 25

Join the Jeffco Gifted & Talented Department, in conjunction with Jeffco Association for Gifted Children (JAGC) for an evening where you decide what you want to hear. We will have a panel that includes parents and educators who will share their experiences to help you navigate your own journey on a sometimes confusing path. Get answers to your burning questions and learn some tried and true strategies. Previous GT Parent Seminar presentations can be found on [Jeffco's Parent Resources](#) page.

Monday, Feb. 25

6:30-8 p.m.

Jeffco Education Center 5th Floor Board Room
1829 Denver West Drive, Bldg #27, Golden

January Jeffco GT Gazette

Check out the latest news from the GT department. To subscribe, email gtinform@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Jeffco GT Share Fair

Due to low participation over the past few years, Jeffco is not hosting a central GT Share Fair this year. Most schools that previously participated are hosting their own share fair events. Check with your school for an upcoming event.

District GT Advisory Council (GTAC)

The [Jeffco GT Advisory Council \(GTAC\)](#) represents various regions, education levels (elementary & secondary) and stakeholders, to help the Jeffco GT Department plan their strategy to best meet the needs of gifted learners, and to review its current practices and services.

Jeffco News

Jeffco Virtual Academy Online Gifted & Talented Classes

The Gifted and Talented Department, in collaboration with Jeffco's 21st Century Virtual Academy (JVA), offers online GT courses. This school year the 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 class during their school day in their area(s) of strength. Group classes are available at some schools. All students are required to have an Advanced Learning Plan (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. Course information is [here](#).

[Jeffco Early Access for Kindergarten and First Grade – Applications Due March 21](#) **Testing for Entrance to Kindergarten or First Grade for the 2019-2020 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.”

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 Oct. 1, 2019 and for early entrance to first grade, a child must be 5 years old by Oct. 1, 2019.

How to apply for Early Access (cost is \$250):

1. Fill out the online [application](#), which opened Jan. 2.
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 are due by March 21.**
4. Parents will be contacted to schedule Cognitive Testing (DAS-II - Differential Ability Scales). Testing is typically scheduled in 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 takes approximately 2 hours.
6. Notification of acceptance and non-acceptance is typically sent to parents by early May.

Part of the Early Access process is submitting a portfolio of evidence. This may include examples of art work, writings, 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.

For questions about Jeffco Early Access, contact the Jeffco GT Dept. at 303-982-6650 or email gtinform@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Warren Tech 2019-2020 Application

The [Warren Tech](#) 2019-20 application is up and running. The online application [Apply Now](#) button can be found under the Admissions tab on the opening page of the Warren Tech website. The priority application deadline is February 11.

If you have questions about the online application, contact Denae Coates, 303-982-5614 Denae.Coates@jeffco.k12.co.us or Leslee Hampel, 303-982-8603 Leslee.Hampel@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Educational

42nd Annual CAGT Conference – Oct. 21-22

Mark your calendars for the Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented 42nd Annual Conference: *A Gifted State of Mind*, Oct. 21-22 at the Embassy Suites Loveland.

Area College & Job Fairs

JAGC News

2019 JAGC Board Election – Nominations Due March 2

We are starting the formal election process for next year's JAGC Board of Directors. Terms run for 2 years from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021. Nominations for open positions will be accepted from February 17 through March 2. Please look for an email from the JAGC Nominating Committee with details on available positions, the nominating procedure and the election process. Information will also be available on our website.

Consider joining the JAGC board! Email info@jeffcogifted.org with questions.

Gifted Support Group Littleton – Feb. 22

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.

Friday, Feb. 22

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Southwest Plaza Mall, Bowles and Wadsworth, main door entrance next to Bad Daddy's (entrance is on southwest side of mall between Dillard's and Macy's). Bring your lunch or buy it there.

Please [RSVP](#) by Monday, Feb. 18 for this Lunch Bunch. If no RSVPs are received, the meeting will be cancelled.

The next Lunch Bunch will be Friday, March 22 (RSVP by March 18).

New JAGC Website Resources

Check out the new [Mental Health](#) page on our website. Included is a handout you can download of area mental health resources, links to posters and other print materials for your school or organization, crisis information, links to resources and more.

[Become a JAGC Member to Vote in Spring Election](#)

Membership in JAGC and CAGT runs concurrent to the school year. Both are valid from September until August of the following year. You must be a member to vote in the spring JAGC election. When you register, be sure to select Jeffco as your affiliate. [Join](#) today and support gifted education in Jeffco!

Check our [Calendar](#) for Detailed Information on the Following Events

PEN (Parent Engagement Network) seminars and workshops – [Feb. 12 & 27](#)
PEAK Conference on Inclusive Education – [Feb. 14-15](#)
BVGW Workshop: Nancy Lee to Stress or Not to Stress – [Feb. 20](#)
CAGT Legislative Day for Students – [Feb. 21](#)
SENG Online Addressing the Underrepresentation of Bilingual, Gifted Students - [Feb. 21](#)
Beyond Giftedness Conference – [Feb. 22](#)
Gifted Support Group Littleton – [Feb. 22](#)
Ice Climbing World Cup Finals in Denver – [Feb. 22-24](#)
Genius Girls Gathering: Girls in Science Workshop & Panel - [Feb. 23](#)
CU Wizards: Bioinspired Engineering with Buggy Robots – [Feb. 23](#)
Denver Police Women and Girls Self-Defense Class – [Feb. 23](#)
Jeffco Parent Seminar: Ask JAGC Anything! – [Feb. 25](#)
Wings Aerospace Academy Information Night – [Feb. 26](#)
SENG Online Parenting Gifted Kids Support Group - [Feb. 26](#)
Gap Year Fair – [Feb. 28](#)
Rocky Mountain Horse Expo (featuring Temple Grandin March 3) – [March 1-3](#)
Denver Writes Workshop: Monsters, Myths and Legends – [March 2](#)
Ethnic College Counseling Center College Fair – [March 2](#)
Gap Year Fair – [March 2](#)
Girls and Science Day – [March 2](#)
Tattered Cover Family Fun Night – [March 2](#)
Rocky Mountain STEAM Fest – [March 2-3](#)
SENG Online Gifted Young Adults Support Group - [March 4](#)
PEN (Parent Engagement Network) seminars and workshops – [March 5 & 12](#)
JAGC Board Meeting – [March 7](#)
Wings Over the Rockies Cockpit Demo Day – [March 9](#)
Jurassic Quest – [March 15-17](#)
Colorado Books and Arts Festival – [March 16](#)
CU Wizards: Electricity and Magnetism – [March 16](#)
Gifted Guild Gathering – [March 16](#)
LEGO Building Workshops – [March 16](#)
Society of Women Engineers Design Lab – [March 16](#)
Wings Aerospace Academy Information Night – [March 19](#)
Gifted Support Group Littleton – [March 22](#)

Boulder Arts Week – [March 29-April 6](#)
JAGC Board Meeting – [April 4](#)
PEN (Parent Engagement Network) seminar – [April 4](#)
Tattered Cover Family Fun Night – [April 6](#)
Colorado Teen Literature Conference - [April 13](#)
CU Wizards: Electricity and Magnetism – [April 20](#)
Denver Writes: World Building Workshop – [April 20](#)
Wrightslaw Special Education Law and Advocacy Training – [April 25](#)
Wings Aerospace Academy Information Night – [April 30](#)

Enrichment Corner

[Jeffco Writing Challenge – Deadline Feb. 28](#)

Jeffco Writing Challenge has two categories, [high school students](#) and [K-8 students](#).

[Society of Women Engineers DesignLab Conference – March 16](#)

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Denver conference will draw hundreds of women in all stages of their careers. In between personal and professional advancement, there will be opportunities to make connections and expand your network of women in engineering.

March 16

Renaissance Denver Stapleton Hotel
3801 Quebec St. Denver, CO 90207

The following student competitions are associated with the SWE March Conference:

[SWENext Community Award – Deadline Feb. 23](#)

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) wants to recognize girls in grade 6-12 who are actively engaging in STEM in their classroom and/or community. If you are interested, you must apply for the SWENext Community Award. Winners of the award will attend the event for free. There will be educational sessions, role model training, and connections with women in engineering.

[Community Innovator Awards – Deadline Feb. 23](#)

Three juniors and seniors from the Community Awards applications will be deemed a Community Innovator. To be considered, students must submit a three-minute video discussing their involvement with STEM and what they are doing in their community. Community Innovators will receive a SWENext trophy and a mentoring session with a SWE Professional.

[Jeffco District-Wide Elementary Art Show – Feb. 20- March 14](#)

This show exhibits the best work from grades K-6 and features the diverse themes and lessons happening in our art rooms. The show will hang at Red Rocks Community College, 13300 West 6th Avenue, Lakewood, 80228. Art will be displayed in the main level hallway, the lower level, and the upper level/library, and can be viewed from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. The opening reception is Friday, Feb. 22 from 5-8 p.m.

[Johns Hopkins University Engineering Summer Program Open House – Feb. 23](#)

The semester-long course is condensed into four weeks and is made available to high school students in the summer. The course will be offered at Red Rocks Community College (RRCC), June 24-July 19. RRCC will host an Open House for interested students on Saturday, Feb. 23, 1-4 p.m.

[Arvada Center Art of the State – Through March 31](#)

The Arvada Center's free "Art of the State" is a massive undertaking with 10,000 square feet of gallery space, loaded with 154 works by 133 artists who live in every corner of Colorado. The exhibit is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Arvada Center, 6901 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada, CO 80003. For more information, call 720-898-7200 or visit arvadacenter.org.

[Nature Obscura: An Immersive Art Experience – Through April 28](#)

Natura Obscura is an immersive art experience at the Museum of Outdoor Arts that's like stepping into your favorite painting but where you can hear, smell, touch, and explore everything around you. It's part art museum and part virtual reality experience. Tickets are \$10-25. At the Museum of Outdoor Arts, Englewood Civic Center Building, 2nd Floor, 1000 Englewood Parkway #2-230, Englewood, CO 80110.

[Wings Over the Rockies Aviation Ground School – Feb. 16-March 16](#)

Do you know a student in grades 8-12 that has a passion for flight? Sign them up for Aviation Ground School, a five-part workshop (occurs each Saturday for 5 consecutive weeks) created to offer high schoolers the basics of pilot training and to inspire a love of flight. The first three ground school sessions will be held at Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum while the last two will be held at Wings' second location, Exploration of Flight, at Centennial Airport in Englewood, CO. The last session is a FLIGHT in a single-engine aircraft with a certified Colorado pilot.

[Wings Over the Rockies Engineering Experience Workshop – March 23-April 20](#)

Ever wondered what you need to start a career as an engineer? Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum is hosting an engineering workshop that is geared toward educating current middle and high school students about the requirements, principles and opportunities afforded to engineers and scientists in all types of industries.

[Spring Activities](#)

[Arvada Center Spring Break Camp](#)

March 25-29

Spring break camp offerings include some of our most popular camps as well as a few with new twists for spring break fun.

[Denver Art Museum Spring Break Camp](#)

March 16-31

All spring break activities are included in general admission, free for kids 18 and younger. The Print Studio, Create-n-Takes, and gallery games and activities are open every day. See special performances of the family-friendly play, Art Emergency at 11 a.m. every weekday during spring break.

Denver Museum of Nature and Science Spring Break Camp

March 16-31

Science camps include science activities, crafts, games, and a chance to see IMAX and Planetarium shows. Visit our online ticketing store or call 303-370-6000 daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Denver Zoo Spring Safari Camp

March 25-29

Get to know the zoo animals that are featured in fairy tales. Explore critters from classic stories and get to know new versions as well. Programs are designed for pre-K through 3rd grade.

School of Mines

March 25-29

The Academies for Young Minds program for grades 1-6 offers camps focused on biology, geology, chemistry, and robotics.

- Growing Up Ain't Easy: The Biology of Growth in Plants and Animals [March 25-29-Morning]
- Kitchen Chemistry: Weird and Wonderful Science [March 25-29-Afternoon]
- Rocky Mountain Geology [March 25-26-Full day]
- Rocking Robot Vehicle [March 28-29-Full day]

Visit the [website](#) for descriptions of each camp, times and dates, information about each camp leader and more.

Summer Programs

JAGC Summer Programs List

Here is JAGC's list of summer programs that includes enrichment opportunities around the area. Some camps have not updated their websites with this year's information, so check back as the list will be updated. Happy summer planning!

CSU Global Business Academy - Early Applications Due Feb. 28

The Global Business Academy is a two-week program for students in grades 9-11 from July 7-19 at CSU's Mountain Campus in Pingree Valley near Bellvue, CO. The Academy provides students with a taste of college life as they learn about entrepreneurship, decision making and negotiation, sustainable enterprise, personal financial literacy, ethics and more. Last year, the academy had 39 high school students from 14 countries immersed in the fundamentals of business, entrepreneurship, collaboration and innovation.

Applications will be accepted until May 1 but students are encouraged to apply early.

Student Opportunities

Find a list of [student opportunities](#) the Jeffco GT Department put together.

Gifted Challenges Blog

Tips for parents of gifted children: What most parents wish they had known.

Scholarships

Davidson Young Scholars Program – Applications Due First of Each Month

The Davidson Young Scholars program provides free services designed to nurture and support profoundly gifted young people and their families, including talent development, educational advocacy, an online community and the Ambassadors program. Young Scholars can also access annual get-togethers, a summer camp for 8 to 12 year olds and challenging online middle school courses. Applications are due the first of each month.

[Jack Kent Cooke Young Scholars – Deadline March 14](#)

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation application deadline is Thursday, March 14 at noon EST for its 2019 Young Scholars Program. This selective, five-year program provides middle schoolers with comprehensive academic and college advising, as well as financial support for school, summer programs, internships, and other learning enrichment opportunities.

Reviews.com has created a [Scholarship Search Platform](#).

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Shop on Amazon through Amazon Smile and a portion 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.

[Check Out JAGC on Facebook and Twitter](#)

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 content on JAGC's social media!

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