



JAGC December 2024 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

How to Interpret CogAT

Watch the on-demand videos: Understanding the CogAT Assessment for Families and Students

- Part 1: [Understanding the CogAT Data](#)
- Part 2: [Understanding the GT ID / Advanced Learning Plan \(ALP\) Process](#)

After watching the pre-recorded videos on “[Understanding CogAT Data](#)” and “[Understanding the GT ID / Advanced Learning Plan \(ALP\) Process](#),” please complete [this form](#) if you have additional questions and/or would like to attend our Q&A session on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. [RSVP](#)

Jeffco GT Department: GT Office Hours for Parents

The GT Department is excited to announce that we will be offering office hours for our Parents. We will provide a connection opportunity for parents and families to ask general questions that they have about our department, GT programming in Jeffco, Center Schools, and other higher level topics with our Resource Teachers, Social Emotional Learning Counselors, and department leadership. Please see [our website](#) for more information and to complete the [short registration](#) form in order to get a link to participate virtually.

Here is the schedule of office hours for the remainder of the school year:

12/16 (Monday) 3:30-4:30 pm
1/22 (Wednesday) 4-5 pm
2/26 (Wednesday) 4-5 pm
3/11 (Tuesday) 5-6 pm
4/17 (Thursday) 5-6 pm
5/6 (Tuesday) 3:30-4:30 pm

[CU Wizards: Simplifying the Quantum World!](#)

Not only is this a completely new show on the latest and biggest technology trend, but it is also an education experiment where YOU can help.

This show was designed by undergraduate and graduate students as part of an official CU course. We want to understand, and publish, how effective their demos are at communicating quantum concepts.

We are asking you, parents and children, to join us in this teaching experiment, not only during the show but also for a few minutes before and after the show.

Specifically, we prepared a few short, multiple choice [pre-show questions to be filled out on an anonymous Google Form](#). We don't expect you to know the answers to all (or even many or any) of these questions – that's fine! If you do want to work together with your child to generate responses, that's fine - we just ask you to identify as “child working with adult.”

After the show, we will send you (at the same email) a link to another anonymous Google Form containing the same questions – this will allow us to understand how effective our show was!

Thanks so much in advance for your participation – and we hope you enjoy the show!
Saturday, December 7, 2024

9:30am

Cristol Chemistry Building, Room 140, CU-Boulder

Click [here](#) for more information and to find a QR code for the survey.

Save the Date

[Jeffco GT Department Events](#) (please check their [website](#) for dates and times)

- Spring 2025 date TBD - Guest speaker

Check out JAGC's [Events](#) page for updates.

If you ever have questions about anything in our newsletters, or any questions about gifted & talented, always feel free to contact us at info@JeffcoGifted.org. We are parents helping parents and have many resources to help you advocate for your child(ren).

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The Happenings

Your source for all gifted and talented events happening in Colorado and beyond!

The Happenings provides access to events, articles, videos, podcasts and webinars to help educators, parents, counselors, administrators and leaders support children who are gifted.

What's Happening in December?

Notes

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Events

Wild Things: The Art of Maurice Sendak

Sponsored by The Denver Art Museum

This exhibit showcases 450 artworks by the famous artist and writer! Sendak is known for his picture books, but he also designed theater sets and collaborated on films.

Location: Denver Art Museum, 100 W. 14th Avenue, Denver

Cost: \$5 for students / \$30 for adult (Colorado resident) + admission to museum (tickets required)

Now until February 17, 2025



Conversations with CAGT

Conversations with CAGT invites expert speakers from Colorado and beyond to share their knowledge and expertise about any and all things regarding the needs and education of gifted students. At any time, you can [check out past Conversations with CAGT programs on our website!](#) In the archived recording section of our website, you will find interviews with gifted education leaders from local, state and national levels!



Donate to CAGT Scholarships!

Would you like to help more educators and students attend next year's CAGT Conference? Are you looking for a way to ensure your money has a lasting impact on others? Then, consider donating to the Colorado Association of Gifted and Talented! Each year, CAGT provides scholarship money to selected educators, counselors, students, administrators, and gifted advocates to attend our CAGT Conference. Help us grow the number of people who can benefit from these scholarships by donating today!

All CAGT donations made online are done securely through PayPal. You can make a one-time or recurring donation of any amount you choose. To donate in recognition or in memory of a special person, make sure you enter his/her name in the "Add a note" text box during checkout.

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[CU Wizards: Simplifying the Quantum World](#)

Sponsored by University of Colorado-Boulder

Join Professor David Nesbitt to learn more about quantum physics! Students ages 8-18 are invited!

Location: Cristol Chemistry Building, Room 140, CU-Boulder

Cost: Free

December 7th at 9:30am

[Jeffco GT Department: GT Office Hours for Parents](#)

Sponsored by Jefferson County Schools

Join other parents of gifted students in the Jefferson County Schools district to ask general questions about the district's GT Department, GT programming in Jeffco, Center Schools, and other higher level topics. Resource Teachers, Social Emotional Learning Counselors, and department leadership will be available. Complete the [short registration form](#) in order to get a link to participate virtually.

Location: Virtual

Cost: Free

December 16th from 3:30-4:30pm

[Afternoon Creative Writing Club](#)

Sponsored by Denver Writes

Creative Writing Club is a space for writers ages 10 and up to work on writing projects, collaborate with other writers, share and receive feedback from other participants, and join in mini-writing games and challenges.

Location: varies depending upon the day throughout the Denver Metro area

Cost: Free

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:00-6:00pm

[Budgeting for Fun, Saving and Investing](#)

Sponsored by Wealthy Habits Workshops

This one-hour workshop will help students understand personal financial literacy topics around how to create a budget and how to save and invest for future fun! Other financial workshops are also available throughout the month. Designed for students ages 10-17.

Location: Virtual

Cost: \$5

December 27th at 6:00pm Eastern

CAGT Affiliates

Interested in learning more about CAGT and the work we do to support gifted and talented youth, their parents and educators in Colorado? [Join CAGT](#) and reach out to an Affiliate organization in your area to get involved!

Adams County: Adams 12 GT Parent Group
(AD12 GTPG [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

Boulder County: Boulder Valley Gifted and Talented
(BVGT [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

Colorado Springs, Fort Carson and Fountain:
Pikes Peak Association for Gifted Students
(PPAGS [Facebook](#))

Denver: Denver Association for Gifted and Talented
(DAGT [Facebook](#))

Douglas County: Douglas County Association for Gifted and Talented (DCAGT [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

Fremont, Custer, Pueblo: Lower Arkansas River Affiliate
(LARA CAGT [website](#))

Jefferson County: Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children
(JAGC [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

Northeast BOCES and Sterling: Northeast CAGT
(NECAGT [website](#))

South Metro including Sheridan, Englewood, Littleton and Centennial:

South Metro CAGT (SoMe CAGT [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

Southwest Colorado including Bayfield, Ignacio, Mancos, Cortez, Dolores, and Durango: Southwest Gifted and Talented Community
(SWGT [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

Summit County: Summit Advocates for Gifted Education
(SAGE [website](#) and [Facebook](#))



In the News & GT Articles

[“Multi-Tiered Supports for Gifted Students in Eagle County, Colorado”](#) (Vail Daily)

[“Holiday Gift Ideas to Inspire Gifted Kids”](#)
(Gifted Weekly)

[“The Unique Needs and Strengths of Gifted Bilingual Students”](#) (Wisconsin Association for Talented and Gifted)

[“LAUSD abruptly ends new admissions rules for gifted students amid parent fury over standards”](#) (Los Angeles Times)

[“3 Tips for Teaching Gifted Students in Middle School ELA”](#) (The Sparkly Notebook)

[“Independent Math Activities for Gifted Students”](#) (Stress Free Math for Kids)

[“Think Again: Are Education Programs for High Achievers Inherently Inequitable?”](#)
(Thomas Fordham Institute)

[“High-Ceiling Math Tasks for Gifted Learners”](#) (Teaching with a Mountain View)

[“Giftedness Identification and Cognitive, Physiological and Psychological Characteristics of Gifted Children: a Systematic Review”](#) (Frontiers in Psychology)

Advocacy Toolkit

It is especially important to be an advocate for our gifted and advanced learners in Colorado! Effective advocacy is more than just being passionate about gifted education; it is knowing how to convey your message without alienating those who influence the decision-making process.

[Visit CAGT's Advocacy Toolkit resource page to learn more.](#)

LEGISLATION

Stay in the Know about Colorado Gifted Education Legislation!

Visit the [CAGT website](#) to read about state and federal legislation, past and current bills that have impacted gifted education and a continually updated link to legislation from this year's session. CAGT will work to keep you informed of bills that will not only benefit all children, but also those that address the specific needs of our gifted students.

Links

[CAGT Calendar](#)

[CAGT Affiliates List](#)

[Conference Info](#)

If you would like for your gifted and talented event information to be included in The Happenings, then email your event information by the 20th of each month to Molly Gibney at cagtmolly@gmail.com.



Recorded Media & Resources

[Understanding Gifted Learners: A Parent's Perspective](#) (Gifted Parent Support Group Video)

[Teaching Resilience to Support Educators of Gifted Learners](#) (NAGC Webinar Video)

[What Options for Acceleration Can Parents Discuss with a School](#) (Davidson Gifted Perspectives Video)

[Advocating for Neurodivergent Kids at School](#) (Neurodiversity Podcast)

[Episode 12: Sensory Needs of Gifted Students with Dr. Matt Zakreski](#) (Gifted Chat Podcast)

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