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The February 2024 Happenings

Your source for all gifted and talented events happening locally, throughout Colorado, and beyond!

The Happenings provides access to a variety of online and in-person events, the latest news, articles, and books about gifted education, recorded videos and webinars, and other resources to help support children who are gifted. The Happenings is shared with all members of CAGT and anyone connected with a CAGT Affiliate organization. Enjoy!

What's Happening in February?

Notes

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Live Events

Understanding Giftedness: Two-Hour Book Study for Parents, Guardians and Educators

Sponsored by the Boulder Valley Gifted Department

This book study, led by gifted counselor, Catherine Zakoian, will focus on supporting middle-school-age gifted adolescents at home.

Location: BVSD Education Center, 6500 Arapahoe Rd, Boulder

Cost: Free

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

5:00-7:00pm

[Click here for registration information](#)

JAGC Town Hall Video

Watch the video from [JAGC's Town Hall: Ask Us Anything](#). This is a great overview of Jeffco's Gifted & Talented program for both new to GT and seasoned parents. The video is hosted by JAGC board member Heather Groff, Jeffco GT Social-Emotional Learning Counselor Laurie Perea, and Jeffco GT Resource Teacher Jennifer Webb.

SPARKS Summer GT Camp

Jeffco GT Department's [SPARKS Summer Enrichment Program](#) is a wonderful opportunity for gifted students in Jeffco entering grades 1st-8th to choose classes of interest, from art to computer coding, and to spend time with other gifted students.

June 3rd-7th, 2024

Registration open March 1st-11th

Early Access

[Early Access Application](#) - To meet the needs of highly advanced children who have not yet entered kindergarten, Jeffco Public Schools may grant early entrance to school, for highly advanced gifted children, with a body of evidence at or above the 97th percentile, who do not meet the age requirements outlined in [Board Policy JEB](#).

The [application](#) is open January 3, 2024 - April 1, 2024.

GT College Planning Night

Sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: A12GTPG

This presentation will focus on unique challenges and opportunities for gifted students as they apply to college.

Location: Legacy High School

Cost: Free

Thursday, February 8, 2024

6:30-8:30pm

[Click here for more information](#)

GT Parents Social Hour

Sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: A12GTPG

Summer camps and other activities for kids will be the focus of the gathering, but bring any questions you have or just come for conversation!

Location: Ziggi's Coffee, 5139 W 120th Ave, Broomfield, CO

Friday, February 9, 2024

10:30am-12:00pm

[Click here for detail and to RSVP](#)

Playdate for K-8 Gifted Students

Sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: BVGT

Come join other families of gifted children in the Boulder, Louisville, Superior, Broomfield area for board games, Legos and crafts! While the kids play, adults can mingle and share resources.

Location: Superior Community Center

Cost: Free

Sunday, February 11, 2024

1:30-3:00pm

[Click here for more information](#)

The Gifted Learner

This 6-week online, asynchronous course is open to anyone wanting to learn more about the basics of gifted education! *Sponsored by the Boulder Valley Gifted Education Department*, you do not have to be an educator nor do you have to be in the Boulder area as anyone is welcome to join!

Cost: \$55 for ASU graduation credit: \$15 for BVSD employees or \$40 for non-BVSD persons

February 12th-April 14th course time

[Click here for more information](#)

Gifted & Talented Youth-Friendly Summer Camps & Opportunities

NOTE: The following list is for informational purposes only and is provided by Colorado Association for Gifted & Talented (CAGT) in partnership with Boulder Valley School District (BVSD). BVSD and CAGT do not endorse the organizations and programs listed below (except BVSD does endorse their own offerings).

[Gifted-Friendly Summer Camp & Opportunities Planning Resource List](#)



Conversations with CAGT

Conversations with CAGT provides timely, relevant topics by preeminent local, national, and international specialists in the field of gifted education! CWC programs premier on the **first and third Tuesdays of the month** at 5:00 pm MST on Facebook Live. [Check out past *Conversations with CAGT* programs on our website](#), where you may rewatch past videos anytime! *Conversations with CAGT* is an incredible opportunity to get expert advice on topics regarding giftedness for FREE with time to ask your questions. Questions from CAGT members get priority!

Click the Facebook link below to access *Conversations with CAGT*.



Tuesday, February 6th: Julie Rutkovsky
"The Intersection of Queerness and Giftedness"

Tuesday, February 20th: Catherine Zakoian
"Gifted Empaths"

Using Depth and Complexity with Gifted Learners

This 8-week online, asynchronous course will focus on differentiation strategies. **Sponsored by the Boulder Valley Gifted Education Department**, this course is open to anyone interested in learning about Depth and Complexity!

Cost: \$55 for ASU graduation credit: \$20 for BVSD employees or \$60 for non-BVSD persons
February 12th-April 14th course time
[Click here for more information](#)

Addressing the Social Emotional Needs of Gifted Students

This 8-week online, asynchronous course will review ways to support gifted learners' affective needs. **Sponsored by the Boulder Valley Gifted Education Department**, this course is open to anyone!

Cost: \$55 for ASU graduation credit: \$20 for BVSD employees or \$60 for non-BVSD persons
February 12th-April 14th course time
[Click here for more information](#)

NAGC Teachers Summit: Supporting Gifted Students in Your Classroom

This virtual workshop provided teachers with tools and strategies to serve GT students. Attend live and interact with presenters, then follow up with 15 additional hours of recorded professional learning.

Cost: \$249 for NAGC members
February 13 and 14, 2024
12:00-4:30pm each day
[Click here to register](#)

Davidson Fellows Scholarship

These scholarships recognize students age 18 and younger for completing a significant piece of work that has the potential to make a positive contribution to society. \$10,000 to \$50,000 scholarships awarded.

February 14, 2024 is the application deadline.
[Click here for more information](#)

CU Wizards: Batteries! Recharge, Reuse, Recycle!

Sponsored by University of Colorado at Boulder Various professors from the university will speak to students in grades 5-12 (though all ages are welcome) about the physics behind batteries!

Location: Cristol Chemistry Room 140, CU Boulder
Cost: Free

Saturday, February 24, 2024
9:30-10:30am

[Click here for more information](#)

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.](#)



Imagine, Believe, Grow! Virtual Conference

CAGT is excited to bring you the virtual piece of our 2023 Conference! This event provides the opportunity for you to view and learn from 30+ recordings from our fall conference **Imagine, Believe, Grow!** Select from four different series to suit your needs! Each series caters to different topics that pertain to gifted learners:

Series 1: Assessment/Identification

Series 2: Classroom Practice

Series 3: Social/Emotional

Series 4: Special Populations/2e

Each series is priced individually at \$80. For each additional series you purchase, you'll receive a discounted price. If you choose to purchase all four series, you'll also receive a free

CAGT membership (a \$40 value which includes the monthly *Happenings*, the quarterly *Kaleidoscope* and more!). If you attended the 2023 in-person Conference this past fall, then your access to the recordings is FREE!

7.5 hours of professional development credit is available per series.

[Click here to register](#)

Jeffco GT Department & JAGC

Parent Discussion of the Gifted/2e Journey

This Presentation Will Not be Recorded

Please join us as we watch a 45-minute video from Conversations with CAGT "[The Gifted/2e Journey: The Parent's Perspective](#)" presented by Dr. Karen Arnstein. Afterwards representatives from Jeffco's Gifted and Talented Department and JAGC will facilitate a discussion about the video.

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

6:00 – 7:30pm

Virtual - [RSVP](#) - Google Meet Link will be sent out Monday, February 26th.

Leap into Games with SoMe!

Sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: SoMe (South Metro)

Students and parents in Sheridan, Englewood, Littleton and Centennial are invited to a night filled with board games!

Location: Sheridan Library, 3425 W. Oxford Ave, Denver

Cost: Free

Thursday, February 29, 2024

5:30-7:00pm

[Click here](#) for more information and [click here](#) to RSVP

Jeffco GT Department's Parent/Family Night **Presentation TBD**

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

6:00-7:30 pm

Virtual - Please check [JAGC's Events webpage](#) for updated information and RSVP links.

Jeffco GT Dept: Gifted Students and Underachievement

This Presentation Will Not be Recorded

Do you have a child who performs lower than their capabilities in school? Please read these articles and come discuss strategies for addressing underachievement.

[Combating Underachievement in Gifted Students Through Social-Emotional Training and Development](#)

[Underachievement in Gifted Students Avoiding, Reversing & Handling](#)

[Underachievement in Gifted Students](#)

Thursday, March 14, 2024

6:00-7:30 pm

Virtual - [RSVP](#) - Google Meet Link will be sent out Wednesday, March 13th.

CAGT Affiliates

Interested in learning more about CAGT and the work we do to support gifted and talented youth, their parents and educators? [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](#))

Eastern Plains: Eastern Central Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented (ECCAGT [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

[“Tips for Exploring Interests and Developing Talent in School Settings”](#) (Davidson Institute)

[“Rigorous Literature Instruction: Pairing Texts to Amplify Learning for Gifted Secondary Students”](#) (NAGC Blog)

[“Why Parenting a Gifted Child is Difficult”](#) (Baby Chick Blog)

[“5 Signs Your Kid is Highly Gifted, According to Neuroscience Experts”](#) (CNBC)

[“Unveiling the Secrets of Intelligence and Giftedness”](#) (Psychology Today)

[“7 Strategies to Help Gifted Students with Autism Succeed in College”](#) (UConn Today)

[“How to Parent and Build Confidence in Your Highly Sensitive Child”](#) (Parenting for Brain)



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.



Recorded Media & Resources

[“Can Spelling Bees Help Anxious Children?”](#) (The Gifted Guru)

[“Could Reflex Integration Change Your 2e Child’s Life?”](#) (Gifted Development Center Blog)

[“Why Gifted Children Burnout”](#) (TEDxYouth@DIA)

[“Pros and Cons of Acceleration for Gifted Students”](#) (EducationalWave)

[“Guide on Identifying Gifted Children”](#) (Education Corner)

[“Tips for Students – Choosing All Your Passions: The Life of a Multipotentialite”](#) (Davidson Institute Blog)

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