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The Happenings October 2023

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 internet resources to help you support children who are gifted. *The Happenings* is shared with all members of CAGT and anyone connected with a CAGT Affiliate organization. CAGT members also receive *The Kaleidoscope*, a quarterly periodical with articles of interest about the world of gifted education. Be sure to check out our website for more resources and up-to-date information about our online events and our conference. Enjoy!

What's Happening in October?

Notes

- * All events and resources listed below are free, unless otherwise noted.
- * CAGT/JAGC does not endorse individuals and/or companies. The information included in this publication is intended for informational purposes only.



Live Events

[Jeffco GT Department](#)

Anxious Kids, Anxious Parents Book Club

This is a 6-week long book study of [Anxious Kids](#),
[Anxious Parents](#) (by Lynn Lyons and Reid Wilson)

Mondays

October 2, 16, 23, 30, and November 6 & 13 from
6:00-7:00 pm

Location: Westridge Elementary School Library,
10785 W. Alamo Place, Littleton, CO

Click [here](#) for more information and a [link to RSVP](#).



Conversations with CAGT

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**1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month at 5:00 pm MST
on Facebook Live**

Conversations with CAGT is back with an all-new season of 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! Join us on the **first and third Tuesdays of the month** at 5:00 pm MST on [Facebook Live](#)!

Tuesday, October 3rd: Dr. Deborah Gof

"Is High Intelligence a Ticket to Ease and Prosperity? Not Exactly!"

Tuesday, October 17th: TBD

Check our [website](#) for details!

[Jeffco GT Department](#)

“It’s Going to be Okay...I Promise!”: The Dilemma of Parenting Neurodivergent Kids in a World Beyond Our Certainty and Control

Presentation by Jenny Hecht

Virtual

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

6:15-8:00 pm

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

[Jeffco GT Department & JAGC](#)

Learn How to Effectively Advocate for Your Gifted Student

Learn what advocacy looks like, what it shouldn't look like, how to know when to step in and when to let your child work through something, and how to collaborate with the educators.

Virtual

Thursday, October 5, 2023

6:00-7:30 pm

[Click here to register](#)

Adams 12 Gifted Parents Social Hour

Virtual event by CAGT Affiliate: AD12 GTPG

Join this informal meet-up for parents of gifted and talented students in the Adams 12 school district! We help parents of gifted students find support and a feeling of belonging.

Thursday, October 5, 2023

6:00-8:00pm

[Click here to sign up](#)

CAGT 2023 Conference: Imagine! Believe! Grow!

In-person conference for parents, educators, mental health providers, administrators, and students
\$220 (one-day registration) or \$320 (two-day registration)

Location: Embassy Suites Convention Center, 4705 Clydesdale Pkwy, Loveland, CO

October 8-10, 2023

[Click here to register](#)

GT Liaisons in Adams 12 Schools: Who Are They and What Do They Do?

In-person event by CAGT Affiliate: AD12 GTPG

Location: Adams 12 Educational Support Center, 1500 E. 128th Ave., Thornton, CO

Monday, October 23, 2023

6:30-8:30pm

[Click here for more information and to signup.](#)



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Countdown to CAGT’s 2023 Conference!

We hope you join us this year from October 8-10, 2023 in Loveland, Colorado! One of the many great reasons to attend is our Keynote lineup! We are honored to have the following experts share their knowledge, wisdom and expertise with our attendees:

Donna Ford, Brian Housand, Ron Beghetto, and Matt Zakreski

To register, please [click here!](#)

Preview the Conference Schedule!

To get a quick glance of the Keynotes, Signature Series and Breakout Sessions that will be offered at this year’s CAGT Conference, [click here!](#) All educators, parents, mental health personnel, administrators and students are invited to attend. We hope to see you at the conference!



CAGT Conference T-Shirts For Sale!

We are selling conference t-shirts this year. Don't miss out! Cost: \$20.

Pre-order yours today through this [link](#).

JAGC Ask Us Anything! Bring Your Questions

Virtual

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

6:00-7:00 pm

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Celebration for DCAGT President: Becca Koster

Virtual event sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: DCAGT

Join this virtual event to celebrate Becca Koster, retiring DCAGT President and DCAGT Volunteer since 2015!

Thursday, October 26, 2023

7:30pm

Email [Jenn Stricklin](#) for the virtual link.

CU Wizards!: Christopher Marelli's Colors of Chemistry!

Free presentation by a CU-Boulder University professor for students in grades 5-12 (though all ages are welcome!)

Location: Room 140 Cristol Chemistry and Biochemistry, 1606 Central Campus Mall, CU Boulder

October 28, 2023

9:30-10:30am

[Click here for more information.](#)

Jeffco GT Dept: Young children who are gifted and who have overexcitabilities

This session will focus on the 5 Overexcitabilities (OEs) and talk about the blessings and challenges of each one. Strategies to help young students manage them will also be discussed.

[Recognizing Social and Emotional Traits of Young Gifted Students](#)

[Five Traits of Gifted Students](#)

[Overexcitability questionnaire](#)

Thursday, November 9, 2023

6:00-7:30 pm

Virtual - [RSVP](#) - Google Meet Link will be sent out Wednesday, November 8th.

Jeffco GT Department's Understanding the CogAT Assessment

Understanding the CogAT Assessment for Parents and Students.

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

6:00-7:30pm

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

CAGT Affiliates

Interested in learning more about CAGT and the work that we do to support gifted and talented youth, as well as 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](#))

Jeffco GT Dept: Twice Exceptional with Anxiety

Do you have a twice exceptional child with anxiety? If so, please join us as we watch a session of Conversations with CAGT (Colorado Association of Gifted and Talented) together and then discuss it and the strategies that can be helpful. We are including the link in case you would prefer to watch it beforehand and just join for the discussion.

[Anxiety and the G:2E Child](#)

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Watch: 6:00-6:50 pm

Discuss: 6:50-7:30 pm

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

Jeffco GT Dept: Let's Talk 2E

"Twice-exceptional students are difficult to identify and support because they possess the characteristics of gifted students and the characteristics of students with disabilities. Gifted characteristics may mask disabilities, or disabilities may mask gifted potential; either students' strengths, disabilities, or both may not be identified. This difficulty in identifying and supporting twice-exceptional students can put them at risk of having their academic or social-emotional needs misunderstood or go unnoticed." (Colorado Department of Education website)

Please join Jeffco's 2e specialist Tina Glass and GT SELC Casey Gardner for a discussion on how to identify and support the unique needs of our 2e students.

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

6:00-7:30 pm

Virtual - [RSVP](#) - Google Meet Link will be sent out Tuesday, January 9th.

Jeffco GT Department's Parent/Family Night Presentation TBD

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

6:00-7:30 pm

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

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Parent Discussion of the Gifted/2e Journey

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.

Advocacy Toolkit

It's especially important to be an advocate for our gifted and advanced learners in Colorado! The COVID-19 pandemic is causing the state to slash school funding, and gifted education could become a target. Effective advocacy is more than just being passionate about gifted education; it's 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.



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.

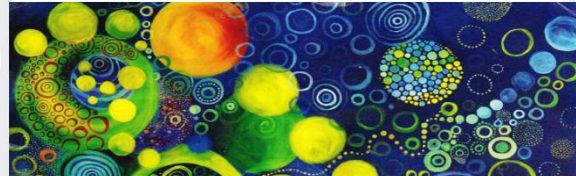
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Jeffco GT Department's Parent/Family Night
Presentation TBD

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

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.



New GT Books

Note: CAGT does not officially endorse book titles; this list is simply to inform you of the most recently published books related to gifted education.

[Gifted and Distractible: Understanding, Supporting and Advocating for Your Twice Exceptional Child](#) by Julie F. Skolnick



In the News & GT Articles

["These Latina moms in Boulder are concerned about equity in advanced courses. The district says it's responding."](#) (Chalkbeat Colorado)

["Fight Between Gifted and Advanced Programs Exposes Deeper Problems"](#) (The Washington Post)

["Creating Room for Optimal Growth of Your Child's Giftedness"](#) (Psychology Today)

["Screen Time During the Pandemic and Twice-Exceptional Students: What Parents Should Know"](#) (Thomas Fordham Institute)

["The Dangerous Diminishment of the Term Gifted"](#) (With Understanding Comes Calm)

["Boredom: A Real Challenge for Gifted Children and Their Parents"](#) (Washington Parent)

["Ten Non-Obvious Signs Your Child is Highly Intelligent"](#) (Hack Spirit Blog)

["The Big Lesson Parents of High Achieving Kids Must Teach Again and Again"](#) (Fatherly Blog)



Recorded Media & Misc. Resources

[“Gifted Teacher Toolbox: Affective Resources”](#) (Gifted with Goldens)

[“Profoundly Gifted Children Can Talk A Lot About and Passionately About Their Interests”](#) (Video: The Davidson Institute)

[“The Gift of Vision for the Gifted”](#) (Gifted Development Center)

[“Websites for Gifted Students”](#) (The Kid Story: Resources for Gifted Students)

[“Sources of Resilience for Gifted and 2E Children”](#) (SENG)

[“Parent Webinar Recording: Connection Before Content for Gifted Children”](#) (Texas Association of Gifted Children)

[“My Child is Gifted...Now What?”](#) (Belin-Blank Center Gifted Education and Talent Development)

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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.