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Misperceptions of Giftedness: Are You Struggling With What Those Around You Believe Gifted Is?

This month we wanted to take a look at [misperceptions of giftedness](#) and give you some tools to communicate to parents, teachers, and school administrators, what gifted is and what gifted is NOT. Check out our [article](#).

Jeffco GT Parent Seminar - Understanding Your Student's CogAT Data - Jan 9, 2018

The next Jeffco GT Parent Seminar will explain the CogAT test and how to understand your child's report.

Understanding Your Student's CogAT Data

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 (make-up date in case of inclement weather is January 10, 2018)

6:30pm - 8:00pm

1829 Denver West Drive, Bldg #27

[Flyer](#) [En Espanol](#)

More information about this school year's Parent Seminars can be found [here](#). [En Espanol](#)

Next Parent Seminars (typically held in the 5th Floor Board Room at 1829 Denver West Drive, Bldg #27, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.)

January 29, 2018 Various GT Topics based on parent feedback [Flyer](#) [En Espanol](#)

February 26, 2018 Creating 21st Century Innovators Presented by Ian Byrd [Flyer](#) [En Espanol](#)

In Case You Missed It - Last Month's Parent Seminars: "Nurturing Your Child's Creativity" and "Jeffco GT Center Information Night"

[Nurturing Your Child's Creativity](#) Presented by Dr. Rick Shade, from [Curiosita Teaching](#), discussed some ways to bring creativity back into education in an effort to give children the problem solving skills they will need for jobs after they graduate.

[Jeffco GT Center Information Night](#) - The Gifted Center Application Process

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Friday, October 27, 2017

Lunch bunch 11:30am - 1:00pm (feel free to bring your own lunch or buy something 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)

The 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.

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.

Jeffco News - Creighton Middle School GT Information Night October 23rd

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Monday, October 23rd

Creighton Middle School

50 S Kipling St, Lakewood, CO

5:00pm - 6:00pm

GT Center teachers and staff will talk about what the 6th and 7th grade GT program looks like and what GT looks like in middle school.

Diverse Learners Jeffco School Board Candidate Forum October 25th

Diverse Learners Candidate Forum: Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children and Edgewater Collective are co-sponsoring a Jeffco School Board candidate forum on Diverse Learners (including special education, gifted, and students eligible for free and reduced lunch; this group accounts for approximately 50%, or more than 43,000, of Jeffco's student population). For the past number of school board election cycles, JAGC has held school board candidate forums focused on diverse learners. We are excited about joining forces with the Edgewater Collective this year for our School Board Candidate Forum. The focus on the forum is at-risk students, including special education, gifted, and students eligible for free and reduced lunch. This group accounts for approximately 50%, or more than 43,000, of Jeffco's student population. We are looking forward to a great evening of conversation. Questions affecting gifted learners and those with special needs will be asked of the candidates running for the open Jeffco School Board positions (District 1: Brad Rupert and Matt Van Gieson, District 2: Susan Harmon and Erica Shields, and District 5: Ron Mitchell). If you have any subject area or specific questions you would like us to ask, please forward them to info@jeffcogifted.com by October 23rd. We look forward to seeing you there! And if you can't join us on October 25th, there are several other [forums](#) scheduled for you to learn about the candidates.

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Jefferson High School's Library

2305 Pierce St, Edgewater, CO 80214

[Flyer](#) in English and Spanish

For more information contact: [Joel Newton](#) or [Susan Miller](#)

Find a list of all candidate forums [here](#).

Center for Bright Kids Western Academic Talent Search (WATS) - PSAT 8/9, SAT, ACT Testing for Gifted Students in Grades 3-9

The Center for Bright Kids (CBK) is the regional talent center in the Rocky Mountain area, serving 7 states, providing summer programs and other youth programs. The goal of CBK is to "offer K-12 enrichment and acceleration programming for high interest and high ability kids. Our focus is not only on how kids think and learn, but how they discover ways to navigate the world while thinking and learning differently. CBK is focused on providing safe spaces for kids to laugh and play while being intellectually challenged with intensive academic experiences and actively engaged in meaningful, authentic learning experiences."

In addition to their youth programs, CBK also offers testing without ceilings, provided by the Western Academic Talent Search (WATS). The benefit of this testing is to find a child's true potential in Reading, English, Math, and Science at the given time they take the test. Typical assessments used by school districts only test one or two grades up, not demonstrating some children's true potential in a subject. WATS testing goes far beyond one or two grades. WATS uses ACT, SAT, and PSAT 8/9 tests. PSAT 8/9 is used for grades 3-6, while ACT and SAT are used for grades 6-9.

Testing is currently being offered. If your child has an ALP (Advanced Learning Plan) in Jeffco, you should have received a letter from the district allowing your child to test. Your child can qualify to test in other ways too if you are interested. If you allow results to be reported to your school district, at least in Jeffco, they will become part of your child's ALP, further aiding your child's teachers in challenging him or her academically.

Information about [WATS testing](#). [Application](#).

Information about CBK [youth programs](#).

Enrichment Corner - Jeffco Writing Challenge

The Jeffco Writing Challenge is open to all Jefferson County School students in K-12. Poetry, short stories, non-fiction or dramas (up to 500 words max) are all welcome. Deadline for submissions is February 23, 2018. [Flyer](#)

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CAGT Parent Institute - Panel of National Experts October 16th

Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented (CAGT), at their annual conference, hosts a Parent Institute. This is a time for parents, guardians, and educators interested in gifted children to come together to hear national experts share their knowledge and answer some of your questions. Find more information and registration [here](#).

This year's panel will include:

Susanne Keeley, M.A., CCC-SLP
Jonathan Plucker, Ph.D
Matthew McBee, Ph.D
AnneMarie Rossi - Be Mindful

Monday, October 16, 2017

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Embassy Suites Loveland, 4705 Clydesdale Parkway, Loveland, CO 80538

The fee is \$20 per person or \$20 for two adults from the same household (you can pre-register [here](#) or they welcome walk-ins).

[Flyer](#) [En Espanol](#)

Girls in STEM Presents Mocktail Networking & Social Event October 17th

"Calling all high school girls and professional women working in STEM fields to join us for a FUN evening. Professionals will participate in activities and work with high school students as mentors on the importance of networking and how to network. This is a FUN event for high school girls to socialize and network with their like-minded peers and professional women working in STEM fields. Our theme this year centers around Wonder Woman; Find Your Confidence & Super Power - Become Your Own Wonder Woman!"

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Commons on Champa, 1245 Champa Street, Denver, CO 80202

Information and free registration [here](#).

"[Girls in STEM](#) works to create numerous pathways for middle school and high school girls to explore various STEM industries and careers, in an effort to fill the pipeline and close the gender gap in tomorrow's workforce. In addition, we aim to provide information, guidance and support for potential scholarships and internships." Find a list of all Girls in STEM events [here](#).

BVGT Hosts Susanne Keeley: Encourage, Enhance and Expand Executive Functions in Your Gifted Child - October 18th

Boulder Valley Gifted and Talented hosts Susanne Keeley who will present "Encourage, Enhance and Expand Executive Functions in Your Gifted Child"

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Summit Middle School, 4655 Hanover Ave, Boulder

Find more information [here](#).

Jeffco Library Fall Whale of a Used Book Sale October 27th-29th ** New Dates ******

The Jefferson County Library Foundation and Friends will hold their annual [Fall Whale of a Used Book Sale](#) Oct. 27-29 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds (15200 W. 6th Ave., Golden). Hours are 9am - 5pm Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27-28, and 11am - 3pm Sunday, Oct. 29. Admission to the sale is free.

Colorado School of Mines Society of Physics - Student's Haunted Physics Lab Saturday, October 28th

The Colorado School of Mines Society of Physics will once again be hosting the Student's Haunted Physics Lab. Great fun for all ages to experience physics in action. Walk through science demonstrations created by physics students.

Saturday, October 28, 2017

10:00am-1:00pm

Colorado School of Mines

Student Activity Center Building (Ben H. Parker Student Center)

Ballrooms A and B - follow the signs

[Flyer](#)

Find a campus map [here](#). #6 on the map.

Tattered Cover Book Store Presents The Colorado Teen Book Con November 4th

The [Colorado Teen Book Con](#) is a full day event exclusively for teens with two keynote presentations, a bunch of author panels, a special writing workshop, a special panel with local literary agents, and a big author signing party at the end of the day. Books will be available for purchase throughout the day.

Join Tattered Cover as we present 20+ of your fave teen authors...

You meet them.

You hear them speak.

You talk to them.

You get lots of books signed.

Snap some selfies with them.
And food trucks. Of course, food trucks.

This event is free, open exclusively to teens, but you must register.

Saturday, November 4, 2017
8:30am - 5:00pm
Littleton High School (199 East Littleton Blvd, Littleton, CO 80121)
[Registration](#)

Free Night at the Museums - Saturday, November 4, 2017

Denver's best museums are open late and admission is FREE between 5 and 10pm. FREE shuttles make it easy to explore all evening. See the list of participating museums and more information [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](#):

Empowering Gifted Learners Through Self-Advocacy
Presented by Deb Douglas
Thursday, October 19, 2017
7:30pm EST - 9:00pm EST
Find more information [here](#).

Understanding Creative Adolescents
Presented by Barbara Kerr
Thursday, October 26, 2017
7:30pm EST - 9:00pm EST
Find more information [here](#).

Born Digital: The 21st Century Social Norms Established by Millennials
Presented by Dr. Kevin Besnoy
Thursday, November 16, 2017
5:30pm MST - 7:00pm MST
Find more information [here](#).

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CAGT Conference The Heart of the Rockies: Elevating the Gifted Connection October 16-17, 2017 Loveland, CO

Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented (CAGT) Conference - The Heart of the Rockies: Elevating the Gifted Connection on October 16 and 17, 2017 is CAGT's 40th Annual Conference. Find all the information you need [here](#).

NAGC 64th Annual Convention: Shining a Light on Gifted Children November 9th-12th, 2017 Charlotte, NC

National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) will have their annual convention and exhibition in Charlotte, NC this year. This is the largest convention devoted to gifted and talented learners. Find more information [here](#).

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Policy Symposium: February 7, 2018 4:30pm - 7:00pm
Conference: February 8, 2018 8:00am - 5:30pm

University of Denver - Morgridge College of Education
Katharine A. Ruffatto Hall
1999 E. Evans Ave.
Denver, CO 80210

[Tickets](#)

"Designed for teacher leaders, building and district leaders, parents, mental health professionals, and education service providers, the conference is intended to provide specific topical information about selected areas in gifted education. This year, we are planning another dynamic and informative Symposium and Conference that focuses on identification of and service to all gifted learners. Join us to learn strategies for recognizing talent, and tools for the development of programming and service models. Important policy issues and trends facing gifted education today will be highlighted and discussed during the Symposium. The Gifted Education Conference will join leading educators and researchers with participants to explore gifted education through an equity lens with a recognition of all gifted learners. Our 2018 speakers include Dina Brulles, PhD, Stephen Chou, PhD, and Judy Kiyama, PhD and the 2017 Palmarium Award winner James Webb, PhD!"

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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? Find out [here](#). 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. Download a [JAGC Membership Form](#).

Donate

Your contributions make a difference. 100% of your tax-deductible donation to JAGC will directly support distribution of information and GT advocacy in Jefferson County. Click here to download a [JAGC Donation Form](#).

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.

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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