

Announcements

Welcome Back!

We hope that your first days with students are exciting and fun as we kick-off the 2016-17 school year. Hopefully, your school is in terrific shape and everything is ready to go for your beginning of the year. If not, remember that we might be able to help facilitate some necessary action to help you. The important thing is for you to have the resources and materials you need to get the year off right. Best of luck this year and we hope to see you often as we visit different buildings. If there is any support you need, please contact us so we can help. Thanks and have a great year!

New Member In Your Building?

Please ask them if they received this communication. Many of our new members did not know their email addresses when they joined, and we want to be sure we communicate with them. If they did not receive this email, please forward it to them and ask them to contact dbrown@coloradoea.org or 471.1190 and let us know their email address.

Every Vote Counts!

We anticipate that this fall District 11 will be bringing mill levy override and bond questions to our community, and we want as many educators to participate in that election as possible.

If you aren't registered to vote in El Paso County, please do so now. If you have a Colorado State driver's license or ID card issued by the Colorado Department of Revenue, you may register online at [Register Online](#).

If you have not been issued a Colorado State driver's license or ID card issued by the Colorado Department of Revenue, you may register to vote by completing a Voter Registration Form. You will need to print and sign the form then return by fax, email, mail, or hand delivery. Here is the [Voter Registration Form](#). Please fax, email, or mail completed forms to:

Fax (719) 520-7327 Email elections@elpasoco.com
Mail Election Department, PO Box 2007, Colorado Springs, CO 80901

Stock Market Experience Investment Simulation Available FREE!

"The Stock Market Experience (SME) is a **FREE**, engaging, state-of-the-art, real-life investment simulation that advances student academic achievement in the core academic disciplines." This program is available for students in grades 3-12 and has received very good reviews from teachers and students alike. It is a program of the Colorado Council for Economic Education, a non-profit organization. The trading sessions begin in September and are available either quarterly or year long. Additional information and registration is available [here](#).

Events

Colorado Springs Young Professionals Social Hour

Thursday, August 25 6:00 p.m. The Mining Exchange Lobby and Alley
Learn more about this organization and event [here](#).

FAC With The Extension

Friday, August 26 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Nosh
(Plaza of the Rockies, 1st floor, south tower, 121 S. Tejon Street)
For those of you who are new to CSEA, a group of educators called "The Extension" gathers periodically for a time to relax, enjoy their time together, and have fun. It is not a meeting and there is no agenda...just a good time! The Extension plans a variety of opportunities throughout the year and you are invited to come any time you are able.

This year's first Extension event is being held at Nosh, and we're hopeful the weather will allow us to enjoy being outside on the patio, but if not, we'll take the party inside. There will be discounted beer and wine, and \$5 cocktails and martinis, as well as discounted food rates.

There is free parking in the underground Plaza of the Rockies parking garage. Enter the underground garage on Colorado Avenue and take your ticket with you into Nosh, where it will be validated.

Contract Facts

Article XII. C. 1 Timelines

Orientation will be within the first three (3) weeks of the first quarter, except for new hires, whose orientation will occur within their first three (3) weeks of employment.

Articles

[Advice for new teachers from a veteran: If you don't have their hearts, you won't have their heads](#)

[Creating an Ecology of Wonder](#)

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