

Announcements

March Is Social Workers Month

Social Workers have supported students in District 11 since 1944! Their work includes helping students learn problem-solving skills, deal with obstacles such as mental health issues and family and community challenges. Social workers teach character education in classrooms, small groups and with individual students; they collaborate with community resources for students and their families; assess for suicide and threat risks; are members of crisis response teams that support schools when there is a student/staff death or other crisis; and assess students for eligibility for Special Education services in the socio-emotional area. Social workers believe in and advocate for, the power of systems change and social justice.

CSEA's Read Across America Donation

In honor of Read Across America, for the last several years, CSEA has donated books to a child-centered non-profit serving the children of Colorado Springs. On behalf of all the members of CSEA, this year, we were pleased to make a donation of books Early Connections Learning Center of Colorado Springs. We thought you'd like to know what they said in their thank you letter:

"Dear CSEA, Thank you for your wonderful donation of books in celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America Day! The books will be loved and enjoyed by many young readers. What a gift! Graciously, Early Connections Staff"

Thank you to Helen Murphy (Steele) for spearheading this CSEA project.

Homebound Tutoring Opportunity

Over the last couple of months, the Homebound Tutoring Program has lost several tutors through resignations due to family and personal health issues. Coupled with that, there is an influx of high school students on homebound as we progress into the second semester. Consequently, there is a need for additional tutors who can work with high school students through the end of the year, especially those who can teach high school math and science.

Would you be interested in working with homebound students just a few hours a week? If so, please contact Pam Blackwell at nora.blackwell@d11.org for more information. The rate of pay for Homebound tutors is \$26.41 per hour. You must possess either a teaching and/or sub license issued by CDE to be eligible to tutor students.

Thank you in advance for your interest!

Ezra Jack Keats Mini-Grants for Literacy

Have an idea for a fun literacy project for your classroom or library? Need funding to get it off the ground? Each year, the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation provides small, one-time grants to educators to support innovative and inspiring literacy and creative projects. Find examples of past winning projects online. Projects that are fun, inspiring, collaborative and have the potential to become an annual event

are preferred. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2017. Grants up to \$500 are available. Details are available [here](#).

NEA Representative Assembly Election

The candidates are Deborah Boisselle, Lori Duffy, Rick Garcia, Amanda Hawkins, Leslie Miller, Joe Schott, and Johnny Yates. Five will be elected as representatives and two will be elected as alternate successors. In addition, the CSEA President, Kevin Vick, is elected by virtue of having been elected to the office of CSEA President by the membership at large.

The candidates' campaign statements are attached. Election information will be provided via email to CSEA members prior to the election, which will be conducted electronically March 17-21.

Events

Fun Times With the Extension

Thursday, March 9 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Dublin House, 1850 Dominion Way
Come join us for some laughter, conversation and companionship. We've been promised half price on wine, well drinks and draft beer, along with a happy hour appetizer menu of tater tots, Frito pie, zucchini and nachos chips & cheese.

St. Patrick's Day Parade Cycling Event

Saturday, March 11 7:00 a.m. CSEA, 2520 North Tejon
The kickoff of CSEA recreational cycling and camaraderie is this Saturday. Let's ride together on the intermediate route and then ride in the parade to show our unity by wearing CSEA or D11 shirts. Register for the charity ride at <https://csstpats.com/pedaling-for-st-pats>. You'll have fun outside, meet some other members, and get in your first ride toward earning a CSEA jersey. Afterwards, we'll have appetizers at Southside Johnny's.

Please join us, and let Joe Schott know (c.schott@d11.org), so we can plan accordingly.

Contract Fact

Article X.B. Change In Grade Or Subject Assignment

When the District determines to change the teaching assignment of a teacher, whether by transfer, reduction in positions, or otherwise (referred to herein as a "change of assignment"), and such assignment is to be effective as of the beginning of the next school year, the teacher shall be notified in writing of this intention no later than May 1; if notice by such date is not feasible due to circumstances beyond the control of the District, then such notification shall occur promptly after such determination is made.

Articles

[More Colorado High School Students Are Going To And Staying In College](#)

[It's Time to Rethink School Schedules, Report Says](#)

[5-Minute Film Festival: Celebrate Pi Day! Find videos, lesson plans, and activities for every grade level here.](#)

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