

Announcements

Delegate Assembly Election

Elections for CSEA representatives to the CEA Delegate Assembly will be held after winter break. Delegate Assembly will be held April 28-29 in Denver. CEA policy is established at this assembly of members from across the state that convenes each spring. At CEA Delegate Assembly, representatives make decisions regarding school reform issues, legislative agendas, philosophical resolutions and member rights advocacy. We'll send nomination and timeline information soon, and ask that you consider getting involved in your Association by nominating yourself to be a representative.

Ho! Ho! Ho!

It's almost December, and that means it is North Pole time! We are pleased to once again offer discounted tickets for CSEA members and their families for this local favorite. The tickets are available for \$17 each, which means they are a \$5 savings off of the normal admission price for everyone two through 59 years old. Children under 2 and those over 59 are free. The tickets are non-refundable and must be used by December 24. New to the North Pole is Santa's Sleigh Ride Zipline. North Pole dates and times can found [here](#).

Tickets are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. We will not be placing a second order. Please email lzeitz@coloradoea.org to make arrangements to purchase your tickets.

Events

Bicycle Eclectic - Photographs by Greg Siple

December 3rd-30th

The Pedal Station, 527 S. Tejon

Since 1982, National Geographic-published photographer and Adventure Cycling Art Director Greg Siple has been documenting cyclists from all over the world who visit the headquarters of Adventure Cycling Organization. As one of the founders of this premier, national bicycle-travel advocacy organization, Siple has demonstrated his dedication to cycling for over four decades.

From more than 4,000 photographs, Mr. Siple has selected 21 to share in this traveling exhibit, *Bicycle Eclectic*. The captioned photographs showcase engaging people with their unique and memorable stories of bicycle travel on the roads of America.

The Colorado Springs Education Association is excited to team up with Kids on Bikes to bring this exhibit to The Pedal Station in December. Safe cycling for everyone in our city, safe routes to school, the promotion of healthy, responsible exercise, and the creation of bike clubs that introduce our students to the joys of cycling are things we can all rally around.

Join us to celebrate cycling at the opening event, December 3rd.

[Check](#) for the Pedal Station's daily hours [here](#).

Educating Children of Color Summit

Saturday, January 14, 2017

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Colorado College

The theme for this year's Summit is We Can't Wait. The mission of this event is to dismantle the cradle to prison pipeline for children of color and children in poverty through education. High school and undergraduate students, parents, education professionals, child welfare and juvenile justice professionals are invited to attend.

The Summit is free to students and parents and \$35 for professionals. Graduate credit (.5) through Adams State is available for an additional \$27.50.

75% of registration fees will be returned to youth as scholarships and educational gifts for post-secondary education. To date in excess of \$120,000 in scholarships and over 120 laptops have been given away.

For additional information or to register, visit <http://www.educatingchildrenofcolor.org/ecoc-summit.html>

Student Loan Reduction Workshop

Wednesday, January 25 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The Tim Gill Center 315 E. Costilla

The latest NEA Member Benefits research shows recent graduates are leaving schools with greater and greater debt. This presentation focuses on how teachers who teach in “high impact schools” can get a portion of their Stafford and Perkins loans forgiven. Only applies to undergraduate degrees and those who have not consolidated their loans. Reservations are required. Reserve your space [here](#).

Contract Fact

Article IX.A.4.a Hot Zone Days Defined

Hot Zone days are those student contact days immediately preceding and following a scheduled school break, including the first and last day of student contact and as further defined in the Definitions under Appendix A of this Agreement. In order to avoid days being charged at the rate of an extra half day (1/2), a teacher need only give notice to the principal, or their designee, of his or her intent to use a Hot Zone Day, five (5) work days in advance. If a teacher gives notice by providing acceptable substitute plans and a substitute has been arranged through contacting the SEMS system, the teacher will not be subject to Hot Zone charges.

Articles

[40 Cool Science Experiments](#)

[Learn About Betsy Devos, Secretary of Education Appointee](#)

[When Finnish Teachers Work In America’s Public Schools](#)

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