

Announcements

KNOCKTOBERFEST – the D-11 Unity Walk To Pass 3E

Saturday, October 14, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Grant Elementary School

[3215 Westwood Blvd.](#)

We are increasing our efforts to make sure that 3E passes in November and that the CSEA recommended candidates are elected to the Board of Education. CSEA has taken the lead and asked other employee groups to join us in this D-11 Unity Walk. We are hoping for a very large turnout of support, and urge **everyone** to help with this critical effort. **You** can make a difference. Please sign up to help in these efforts by emailing tgemski@coloradoea.org.

Possible Changes To PERA

The PERA Board has developed a package that they believe will protect the long term health of PERA, and will be making a recommendation to the State Legislature, where final decisions will be made. The recommended package will impact all public service employees, and could impact your pay, the contributions that you and the District make to your retirement, and PERA benefits upon retirement. The proposed changes are available [here](#).

PERA is sponsoring an informational meeting that we encourage you to attend:

PERA Informational Meeting

Monday, October 30

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Colorado Springs Marriot

[5580 Tech Center Dr.](#)

We will keep you informed as the package is developed. In addition, you can sign up for more information from Secure PERA [here](#).

Vacancy On The CSEA Board Of Directors

The position of Doherty Region Director is currently vacant. We would like to thank Susan Strizich, who recently resigned from this position, for her service to the CSEA members and our Association. This position is to be filled by a member assigned to one of the schools in the Doherty Region, which are Carver, Freedom, Fremont, Keller, King, Martinez, Rudy, Jenkins, Russell, and Doherty.

If you are interested in learning more about serving on the Board or would like to be considered for this position, please contact [Kevin Vick](#).

Events

Union House Food Co-Op Pickup

Fridays until November 10

CSEA/PPEA Building

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

[2520 North Tejon](#)

Oktoberfest Festivities!

Saturday, October 14th

12:00 noon till 3:00 pm

CSEA parking [lot](#)

[2520 N. Tejon St.](#)

CSEA and ESPA members and their significant others are invited to join together for an afternoon of festivity and fun! We'll have free beer and snack food! (Past local craft beer donors include Peaks and Pines, Bristol, Fieldhouse, Colorado Mountain, Red Leg, Rocky Mountain and Smiling Toad.) Food trucks will be here with food to purchase. Bring your own camp chair for comfortable seating. Join us to celebrate the beginning of fall with this great time to gather with friends and fellow educators.

Giant Pumpkin Festival In Old Colorado City

CSEA is sponsoring a "Fall in Love with Reading" booth at the festival, which is expected to have 10,000 to 30,000 attendees. We will give children a free book and have them make colorful bookmarks. This is a huge community event, and having a public presence will help the association and teachers build a positive image with the community. Here are several ways you can help make this a successful day:

Event Prep - We need help getting everything prepped for the event. There are books to be sorted, craft supplies to be prepared and signs to be made. You and your children are welcome to help.

Monday, October 16 CSEA Basement, [2520 N. Tejon](#)
3:00-7:00 Pizza will be provided.
Please RSVP to millela@d11.org.

Volunteer at the Event. The booth will be open 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and we need volunteers to work a two hour shift anytime during those hours.

Saturday, October 21 Old Town Square, Old Colorado City
It should be really fun to see the children light up with the gift of a free book. Please join us by volunteering to help put CSEA's friendly face out into the community.
Please RSVP to millela@d11.org.

Walk To Get Out The Vote for 3E and CSEA Recommended Candidates

Saturday, October 21, 2017 9:00 a.m.
To be determined

The Melting Pot Teacher Night

Wednesday, November 15 The Melting Pot
4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. 30 East Pike Peak
Gather your coworkers, family and friends to enjoy this great deal!

The three course menu will include a choice of appetizer of cheddar cheese or spinach artichoke cheese fondue, entrée of teriyaki sirloin, chicken, and Pacific white shrimp, and a choice of any of the mouthwatering chocolate fondues,

The cost is only \$27.95 (plus tax and gratuity) per person, and there will be \$5 specialty martinis and \$6 glasses of select wines. This is always a hugely popular evening, so please be sure you call 385-0300 now for reservations!

Contract Fact

Article X.A.7. End of Quarter Conferences

Prior to parent-teacher conferences, the principal shall consult with the faculty and establish the time for such conferences, provided that no school shall schedule more than one evening for such conferences at each scheduled conference time, except following collaboration. Teachers shall be provided with an equivalent amount of time off during the normal school day for time spent in such evening conference(s). Teachers may have conferences scheduled five minutes apart if requested.

Articles

[What Is Trust? How Can It Help At-Risk Students?](#)

[Creativity On The Run: Apps That Support The Creative Process](#)

[NEA Identity Theft Protection Program Powered By LifeLock](#)

www.cseateacher.org

csea@coloradoea.org

October 11, 2017

This communication is provided to members of the Colorado Springs Education Association and the Colorado Springs Educational Support Personnel Association and is not intended for public distribution.