

Announcements

Congratulations to Elmer Harris!

CSEA member **Elmer Harris**, fifth grade teacher at Mc Auliffe, was recently selected as a U.S. Department of Education Fellow. The purpose of the program is for the Department to hear from teachers and only seven teachers in the nation were accepted as Fellows. You can learn what some of his students say about him, his classroom methodology, and his goals [here](#).

D11 Unity Walk To Pass 3E and Elect CSEA Recommended Board of Education Candidates

Saturday, October 14, 2017 9:00 a.m.
Grant Elementary School [3215 Westwood Blvd.](#)

We are continuing our efforts to make sure that 3E passes in November and that the candidates recommended by CSEA are elected to the Board of Education. We will be joining with other employee groups in this D11 Unity Walk in support of the mill levy override our District so badly needs.

To learn how your school will benefit, please click on the 2017 MLO Spending Plan Items By School tab [here](#).

Please sign up to help in these efforts by emailing tgemski@coloradoea.org.

Sick Leave Bank

The **deadline to enroll in the Sick Leave Bank this year is tomorrow**, September 29. We highly recommend that every teacher participate in the Sick Leave Bank. If you would like to check to see if you are a member of the Bank, you may use People Soft or contact Human Resources at 520-2169. Every year we have people who need extended leave for health reasons and run into financial difficulty because they did not participate in the Sick Leave Bank. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this voluntary employee benefit.

PERA Discussions

You may be aware that conversations are being held about potential changes in PERA. CEA is taking an active role in these conversations and will advocate on behalf of teachers. There will be opportunities to have your voice heard. More information will be coming, so please stay tuned.

Events

Union House Food Co-Op Pickup

Fridays until November 10 CSEA/PPEA Building
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. [2520 North Tejon](#)

Friday Afternoon Hike

Friday, September 29 4:00 p.m., finishing around 5 p.m.
CSEA/PPEA Building Dogs and kids welcome!
We would love you to join us at [2520 N. Tejon](#). Dogs and kids welcome. Snacks and water will be provided! If you can join us, please RSVP to ryan.tenbrink@d11.org

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 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.

Walk To Support 3E and CSEA Recommended Candidates

Saturday, October 21, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Details to be announced.

Contract Fact

Article X.a.4.b Voluntary After School Activities

Supervision of students at after-school activities beyond those required in this Agreement shall be on a voluntary basis. Each teacher shall use his/her District identification badge which will admit the teacher and immediate family members or a guest of District 11 teachers to attend District events at no charge. In addition, upon request each school year, teachers shall be provided a District Athletic Pass or may use their District identification badge, which will admit the teacher.

Articles

[Why People Who Marry Teachers End Up The Happiest](#)

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[5 Tips for Parent-teacher Conference Success](#)

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