

Events

CEA All Member Town Hall Call-In Meeting

Wednesday, January 27 7:00 p.m.

We will provide information on how you can participate in this event when we receive it.

Beer and Food Pairing

Friday, February 19th 5:30-7:30 pm Ivywild School, Gymnasium

\$25.00 per person

This fun-filled six course food and beer pairing is brought to you by the fun-loving folks who make up The Extension! It's sure to be a big hit and we hope to see you there. If you'd like to come, please RSVP to Leslie.Miller@d11.org

Announcements

Elections For CEA Delegate Assembly

Nominations to serve as a delegate to the CEA Delegate Assembly close Thursday, January 21 at 5:00 p.m. Nominations will only be accepted electronically. Complete information has been emailed to all members and is available at <http://cseateacher.org/about/news-events.html>

Legislative Session Is Open

The Colorado legislative session started last week. If you would like to get text updates from CEA on what is happening at the legislature, text CEA to 64336. Look for information from us on how you can share your input with legislators.

Could a Bike Club Benefit the Students at Your School?

Getting our students outdoors and active helps them become healthier people. Learning how to navigate neighborhoods and streets safely gives them a tool to expand their range of activities responsibly. Bicycle clubs can provide opportunities for achieving these goals, while promoting children's self-confidence and developing decision-making and autonomy. You or a teacher in your school might be interested in starting such a club (*yes, it would be eligible for a stipend*). If you're ready to go--don't wait! You may want access to experience and resources, though, and that's why we reached out to *Kids on Bikes*.

As a D11 Partner already working with Bristol, Steele, and Martinez, Kids on Bikes also operates one of its "Bike Libraries" in the Hillside neighborhood. This year, too, KoB helped Columbia become a Safe Routes to School site. KoB provides tools to support teachers in developing clubs and programs tailored to the needs of *their* schools--*your* schools.

If you know a teacher who cycles, suggest a bike club to her or him. Want ideas, or support? Feel free to contact Kids on Bikes' program director, Daniel Byrd (daniel@kidsonbikes.net, 355-3573, or visit <http://kidsonbikes.net>

Peer Coaching Is Coming!

One of the outcomes of the 2013-2014 bargaining session was the development of a robust peer coaching program. We are pleased to inform you that this program is soon a reality. The details about the many facets of the program can be found on the D-11 website in the Employee's section under "quick links." There will be an informational session on Thursday, January 28th, from 4:15 to 6:15 that you need to attend if you are interested. Please check out this tremendous opportunity to pursue professional growth in your own way with a partner.

Contract Fact

Article IX. D.1. Professional Leave

Professional - Each teacher will be credited with two (2) days per year, to be used at the teacher's discretion, for the purpose of professional visitation, attendance at meetings, educational conferences, or other professional activities. These professional days shall be in addition to a teacher's paid leave days and may accumulate yearly up to a maximum of five (5) days.

Articles

As we celebrated Martin Luther King Day this week, these two articles seemed especially timely.

<https://gadflyonthewallblog.wordpress.com/2016/01/17/high-stakes-testing-doesnt-protect-civil-rights-it-violates-them/>

<http://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2016/01/18/463229557/fifth-graders-revisit-kings-dream-speech-at-the-lincoln-memorial>