

## ***Thanksgiving Message from Kevin Vick, CSEA President***

I really hope that you get some needed rest and time with family and friends this Thanksgiving break. Take some time to recharge and get ready for the final push to the end of first semester. You do so much to make a difference for students that you deserve a well earned holiday away from any work pressures. I really appreciate all of the effort that you put into making sure that our schools are a safe, welcoming place for kids. Take care and we will see you in December.

## **Articles**

Texas is such a large textbook market that it sometimes affects books used elsewhere. Academics and activists on the right and left have complained about the proposed textbooks. Read about the latest book battle here:

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/11/18/texas-history-textbooks\\_n\\_6178756.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/11/18/texas-history-textbooks_n_6178756.html)

Ian Altman's list of seven things that reformers should stop saying to teachers comes from conversations he has had with educators across the country and speaks to the fury felt by many teachers who see their expertise being devalued and their profession denigrated.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/answer-sheet/wp/2014/08/14/seven-things-teachers-are-sick-of-hearing-from-school-reformers/>

## **Events**

### **North Pole Tickets**

Get ready to celebrate the holidays at Santa's Workshop! CSEA is now offering discounted North Pole tickers. We have a limited quantity, so call or email to reserve yours today. The price is \$16 per ticket which is a \$5 discount over regular price and they are available at the CSEA office.

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