

Announcements

[Wear Blue Tomorrow To Show You Support Jeffco Teachers](#)

Last week we informed you of the concerning situation our Jeffco colleagues are facing. We have just been informed by JCEA that teachers throughout the state will be wearing the color blue tomorrow as a show of support for our fellow teachers. Please join us by wearing blue and sending the message that CSEA teachers support Jeffco teachers and students, and send us a picture of you and your fellow supporters at csea@coloradoea.org. We will forward these to JCEA to show that we are supporting them here in Colorado Springs.

State Task Force on Testing Seeking Input

The Colorado legislature has established a task force on testing. The task force, which is titled the 1202 committee, is seeking suggestions on how to change the testing requirements for the state. You may participate and provide your suggestions by sending them to 1202taskforcefeedback@gmail.com

Articles

"Despite the U.S. Constitution being a 'living document,' there are educators who are petrified of speaking out against the wrongs we are currently witnessing in education today." So says this article on a growing fear some teachers may have about speaking out. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/francesca-warren/the-deafening-silence-of-b_5157041.html?&ncid=tweetinkushpmsg00000023

Think about the best teachers you know and see if this article reflects their teaching style to an extent. <http://www.teachthought.com/teaching/the-best-teachers-dont-do-what-theyre-told/>

Events

Happy Hour With The Extension

Friday, October 17, 3:30 – 6:00

Roundhouse at Highway 24 and 21st Street

Back by popular demand...Happy Hour With The Extension! Once again we're happy to invite you to join The Extension for companionship and to spend time with fellow educators. No RSVP is necessary; just stop in and enjoy the time together.

Political Activity

Saturday, October 18, 9 a.m. – 12:00

Pavilion at Fountain Park, next to the Hillside Community Center
925 South Institute

CSEA members will be invited to participate in an event to support pro-education candidates for the State Legislature. Information will be provided to members as the time comes closer. This activity will be coordinated with other affiliates of the Colorado Education Association and members statewide will be supporting candidates in their region on the same day. Mark your calendar now to help elect candidates who will support public education in Colorado.

Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 18, 12:00 – 4:00

CSEA/PPEA Building 2520 North Tejon

Following the political event, join us to celebrate the beginning of fall! This fun-filled annual party is a great time to gather with friends and fellow educators. Members and their significant others are invited to come and enjoy the afternoon with live music and adult beverages (IDs will be checked.) We'll have food trucks in the street for purchasing food. Mark your calendar now.

Support Arts in District 11 Schools

Have you seen the beautiful butterfly sculptures throughout downtown Colorado Springs and wondered what they're all about? "Butterflies & Friends is an annual community service initiative created by the Rotary Club of Colorado Springs to raise awareness and funds to serve children and promote the arts in schools. Last year, Butterflies & Friends raised more than \$130,000 for D11 school arts programs and the Rotary Club's Service Fund." CSEA is proud to be a sponsor in this project which supports the arts in our District's schools, and invites you to [learn more](#). If you're interested in buying a raffle ticket for \$10 to win one of the butterflies, you can do so on their website. Who knows, maybe you'll be the lucky winner of your very own butterfly!

