

## Announcements

### Situation in Jefferson County Schools

We want to inform you of a situation our colleagues in Jefferson County are facing. It is an all-out attack from the extreme Board of Education majority. This Board majority has been in office less than a year and already has a lengthy record of harmful actions and decisions. They have:

- voted against funding full day kindergarten
- wasted tax payer money by voting against advice from district legal counsel regarding district property
- hired a superintendent without public input and increased his salary by \$50,000
- refused to ratify the tentative agreement that was reached during negotiations
- refused to honor the salary schedule
- refused the recommendations from an independent review on tying salary to teacher effectiveness
- been disrespectful to community members and staff

To read more about the harmful actions of this Board majority go to [www.standupforallstudents.org/](http://www.standupforallstudents.org/)

Although these challenges are happening in Jefferson County and not El Paso County, it does not mean that we are exempt from such onslaught in the future. The attacks on public education, teachers and students are occurring in many communities, and are increasing in Colorado.

Please take the time to visit website above, and be prepared to help our fellow educators if there is a call to action.

## Articles

It turns out that the old saying about all work and no play making us dull is true! This article, ["In Praise of Play"](#) reminds us of the importance of play in our daily lives.

## Events

### Happy Hour With The Extension

Thursday, September 25, 3:30 – 6:00 Dublin House

Back by popular demand...Happy Hour With The Extension! Once again we're happy to invite you to join The Extension **this afternoon** 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!

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