

## Announcements

### The deadline to apply for the TLI program is this Friday, September 5

Recently we sent information regarding the Teacher Leadership Initiative (TLI), to identify, develop and reward teacher leaders in our state. CSEA, in collaboration with our sister unit in Pikes Peak, will select 15 members for this initiative. Each member of the cadre will receive a \$1000 stipend for their work and time commitment. We anticipate that members will be eligible for recertification credit and/or graduate credit hours. This group will meet with our local coach, a CSEA member, who facilitates and monitors projects as well as coordinating the additional modules of study. The deadlines set forth in the application have been extended. Applications are available [online](#) and must be completed by **September 5, 2014**. The application requires your NEA Member ID number. Please contact us at [csea@coloradoea.org](mailto:csea@coloradoea.org) if you need that number. We look forward to seeing your application.

## Events

### 3-2-1 Blast Off!

Saturday, September 6 9 am-4pm      Downtown Colorado Springs

CSEA is sponsoring a booth at this year's What If celebration. At our booth, participants can build and launch a real rocket made of straw as we join in this community celebration of exploring and celebrating the wonderful world of possibilities. There is something for everyone in this day full of interactive experiences for all ages, including lots of music and great street foods! Find us on Tejon Street near the Pioneer's Museum. We hope to see you there! [Learn more.](#)

### The Extension

Friday, October 17      Colorado Mountain Brewery on 21<sup>st</sup> and 24

Once again The Extension has planned a fun Happy Hour. You're invited to join with other educators for food and drink specials and the guarantee of a good time! No RSVP is necessary; just stop in and enjoy the companionship!

### Political Activity

Saturday, October 18, morning      Location to be announced

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,      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.

### Foundation Day at the Air Force Academy

Saturday, October 18      Air Force Academy

What could be more fun than a beautiful day cheering on the Fighting Falcons? Help support the District's Foundation by purchasing your discounted tickets at only \$13 (regularly \$45). For every ticket purchased, The Foundation will receive \$3. The Foundation uses its proceeds to provide grants for District 11 teachers for their classrooms and projects. For additional information, contact [Carolyn.Simon@AirForceAthletics.org](mailto:Carolyn.Simon@AirForceAthletics.org).

## Articles

"Let's treat our teachers well. Let's support them on a human to human level, so they have the stamina to be there for our kids when they need them." In this article, a former teacher shares her insights on [why we need to love teachers](#).

Looking for lesson plan ideas? [NEA](#) has some great tips for you.

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