

## **Announcements**

### **Labor Day**

*"History is a great teacher. Now everyone knows that the labor movement did not diminish the strength of the nation but enlarged it. By raising the living standards of millions, labor miraculously created a market for industry and lifted the whole nation to undreamed of levels of production. Those who attack labor forget these simple truths, but history remembers them." - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Since the late 1800's, education workers organized to make a difference for our students, profession, and communities. We continue to advocate for public education, children, community and professionalism, despite the growing attacks on public education throughout our nation.

As education professionals, your work is particularly important. You teach children the values of a free society, the importance of civic engagement, and the power of collaboration. In essence, you are charged with stimulating imagination and developing faith in our system. Thus, on this Labor Day weekend, we want to thank you for your tireless efforts and important work to cultivate the next great generation. Relax and enjoy this well-deserved celebration.

In solidarity,

Joe Schott, President

Denise Brown, Office Manager

Thad Gemski, UniServ Director

Laura Zeitz, Bookkeeper

### **Out And About**

By Joe Schott

In these first three weeks of school, open houses in our Elementary, Middle, and High Schools showcase our skills, ideas, and approaches to students and their families. I've been to 23 of them so far, talking to ARs, principals, and teachers, and I can say that the energy our staff commits to their profession is very real and meaningful. The students are proud to show their parents their schools, and if hugs and bright eyes are an indication, they genuinely care for their teachers. 12 more schools will have open houses, and while I couldn't make it to every school yet—some nights have seven or eight open houses simultaneously—I will soon enough. The dedication of teachers to children and communities is evident everywhere you turn in D11. This is the right work to be doing!

### **CSEA Cycling Jerseys Available**



The 2018 CSEA jerseys are in and available for \$60. Of course if you've been doing our group rides (at least five), you've earned your jersey already! We have a variety of sizes for men and women, but as they sell out, we'll have to wait to reorder sizes and styles. Available now at the CSEA office. Contact [Thad](#) if you're interested.

### **Seniority List**

The seniority list will be available after October 1. When it is available we will post it on our website.

### **CSEA Member Benefit Offsets The Cost of Dues!**

Charlie Brown, RE/MAX Properties, Inc. and CSEA are proud to offer a benefit that is exclusive to members of the Colorado Springs Education Association. If you are interested in buying or

selling a home, please be sure you check out this benefit which can recover the cost of your combined CSEA, CEA and NEA dues! Details are available [here](#).

### **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. In 2016 alone, District 11 programs were granted \$35,000 by the proceeds of the auction.

CSEA is proud to be a sponsor in this project which supports the arts in our District's schools.

This year, two of the butterflies will be awarded to the winners of a raffle drawing. CSEA has raffle tickets available for members to purchase for \$10 per ticket. Please let us know [here](#) if you would like to buy a ticket. You will need to come to the office to pick up the ticket.

### **Events**

#### **Seven Habits of Highly Effective People**

##### **Multiple dates**

This series of classes is once again being offered by CSEA member **Scot Kocher**, Jenkins, and are available as stand-alone classes or as a group. The classes may be used for credit.

All classes are for two nights, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each night. Classes are held at Jenkins Middle School. Additional information, including costs, credit, and dates are available by contacting [Scot](#). Classes begin September 13, so be sure to act now if you're interested.

**Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction      September 17 – November 12      4:30 – 6:30  
Every Monday For Eight Weeks      CSEA/PPEA Building, 2520 North Tejon**

This course will enhance health and wellness with its focus on prevention and learning the "how" of taking good care of yourself and feeling a greater sense of balance in a hectic world. This course is offered to CSEA members through our sister organization, PPEA. For additional information, please contact [Maryann Barrett](#).

### **Contract Fact**

#### **Article XIV G. 4 Salaries**

A teacher will have salary installments directly deposited into a financial institution of his/her choice on the first (1st) banking day of each month.

### **Articles**

[Six Ways To Build A Rapport With Students](#)

[Nine Things To Do In Colorado This Labor Day Weekend](#)

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