

Announcements

Strike Notice!

Our brothers and sisters in the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 7 authorized a strike last week in their dispute with King Soopers/City Market. We stand with UFCW Local 7. If they do strike, we recommend CSEA members do NOT cross the picket line. If you use the pharmacy, please consider shifting your prescriptions elsewhere. Also, tell King Soopers President Dennis Gibson to value his employees: (303) 778-3292 or (614) 359-7829 or dennisgibson@kingsoopers.com.

Remember To Vote

April 2nd is the Colorado Springs Municipal election. CSEA has recommended one candidate for City Council At-Large – **Terry Martinez**, former member and D-11 teacher/principal. We have also recommended voting **YES on ISSUE 1**. For registered voters in the city limits, you should have received your ballot in the mail already. If you did not receive a ballot, lost it, or your dog ate it, there are instructions [here](#).

Election For Position On CSEA Board of Directors And Proposed Bylaw Changes

The election for the position of Middle School Grade Director on the CSEA Board and proposed changes to the Bylaws will be conducted electronically April 5-9. The candidates' position statements are in the Member area of the CSEA [website](#).



Thumbs Up! Thumbs Up to **Holly Haverkorn (Mitchell)**, who directed the drama students in “Mama Mia” for several showings last week, and for her creativity in turning Saturday night’s production into a very special Dinner Theatre night, combining the show with Mitchell’s Chef Randy offering the dinner guests some of his finest creations.

A night to remember!

New Grant for Arts Education

There is new help for Colorado public school music, art and performance programs. California Casualty has introduced the Music and Arts Grant to help support art, choir, band, dance, film, theater, computer arts and graphics, or any K-12 curriculum that employs art for learning. Members [can apply here](#) for \$250 toward a worthy music, art or performance project. The entry deadline is June 30 with grants to be awarded in September.

“Joy”ful Cruise for Deserving Teachers

In advance of Teacher Appreciation Week in May and the North American debut of ship *Norwegian Joy*, Norwegian Cruise Line will treat 15 teachers to a seven-day cruise for two and a chance to win \$15,000 for their school. [Nominate a teacher now](#) who demonstrates a passion for spreading the joy of learning (or, if you are one, nominate yourself!). Once candidates are nominated, [cast your votes](#) by April 12 to get them on the ship.

Events

CSEA/D11 Interest Based Bargaining Schedule

Tesla Educational Center 2560 International Circle Room 250

Monday, April 1 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Monday, April 15 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Monday, April 22 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Tuesday, April 23 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 24 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Monday, April 29 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Thursday, May 2 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Friday, May 3 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

All sessions are open to the public and members are encouraged to attend.

Contract Fact

Article III.F. Association Representatives

1. The principal of each school and the Association Representative shall meet at the request of either party to discuss the administration of this Agreement and to discuss procedures for improvement of the school program and policies.
2. The Association Representative shall have:
 - a. The right to schedule Association meetings which do not interfere with the normal teaching duties of the teachers or general conduct of business at the school;
 - b. The use of a bulletin board in a location agreed upon with the principal for Association information;
 - c. The use of the school's communication system to make announcements at appropriate times;
 - d. The time at faculty meetings for announcements, if requested; and
 - e. The right to be present at any meeting when requested by the teacher. Such request shall not have the effect of delaying the meeting unless discipline is contemplated.

Articles

[No Longer Every Teacher, Every year: Union-backed Bill Would Change Colorado Teacher Evaluation Law](#)

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