

## Announcements

### Vote Yes on Issue #1

Firefighters are walking seven days a week now in support of workplace rights - weeknights Monday through Thursday, and two shifts on Friday through Sunday. People can sign up in advance, or just show up at the Union Hall (29 S. Institute) on the day of the event. The firefighters are hoping to have over 50 firefighters from around the State join them this Saturday morning. Volunteers have really made a difference in the firefighters' morale in the face of organized and well-funded opposition. You can sign up to help here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A44A5A828A3FF2-neighborhood>. Let's show the firefighters we're with them!

### Nominations Close March 11 For CSEA Board of Directors And NEA RA

The deadline to submit nominations is March 11 at 5:00 p.m. This election is only for members of CSEA (the teachers' association). Members of ESPA (the support personnel association) do not participate in CSEA elections.



**Thumbs Up!** Thumbs Up to **Helen Murphy (Steele)**, for coordinating, purchasing, and delivering books to Court Care in recognition of Read Across America. Court Care, which operates in conjunction with Early Connections, provides a safe place for children, primarily under the age of six, to be while their parents are in court. The program provides each child with a book of their own to take with them. CSEA donated \$500 of new books and six boxes of gently used books to build this worthwhile program. Thank you to all of you who have donated books to put in the hands of these young readers!



**Thumbs Up!** Thumbs Up to **Gretchen Bitner, Penrose**, for organizing schools to provide meals for the Bargaining Team while they are in sessions. The schedule for bargaining is posted in the calendar on our [website](#). We encourage all members to attend and observe a session to get a better understanding of the process.

### CSEA At The Legislature

CSEA members **Regina Bascone (King)**, **Paul Blakesley (Palmer)**, **Adrienne Hause (Palmer)**, **Cari McKamey (Jenkins)** and **Monica Peeler (Grant)** recently attended Lobby Day at the Capitol, where they observed the legislature in session and had the opportunity to speak with local legislators.

### St. Patrick's Day Parade

*Join in the Parade!* CSEA is teaming with D11 to march, walk, ride, jog, or dance as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the annual St. Patrick's Day Festival on March 16! Invite ESP, administrators, students and parents, and other teachers to participate in this community event. Come join us wearing your school shirts, CSEA colors, or lots of green and orange! There is a way for everyone to participate. We'll have people marching, running, and cycling. Talk to your principal and students and ask them to encourage their families to participate as we proudly join together to represent CSEA and District 11! We will gather at Palmer High School—parking **will** be provided for CSEA and D11 participants—and take part in the parade, which starts at noon. See details [below](#).

### California Casualty Music And Arts Grant

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 for the grant for \$250 toward a worthy music, art or performance project. The entry deadline is June 30 with grants to be awarded in September.

## Events

### Paired Dinner and Beer Tasting Only A Few Spaces Left

Thursday, March 14, 2019 6:00 p.m. Peaks N Pines, 4005 Tutt Blvd.

The cost is \$30 per member and \$35 for non-members. Reservations are required and may be made [here](#). **There are only a few spaces left**, so if you're interested in coming, please RSVP now. Please let us know how many will be in your party. See details [below](#).

## Contract Fact

### Article XVII. D. 2.

Where multiple teachers begin work on the same date, those teachers shall participate in a drawing to determine position on the seniority list. This drawing shall be held within thirty (30) days of the initial hiring date. The Board shall notify the Association and the Association shall thus have the opportunity to have a representative present at all such drawings. The individuals affected shall be notified of the drawing prior to the date it shall be held and they shall also be notified of the results of the drawing. All drawings shall be conducted openly and at a time and place which will reasonably allow affected teachers and Association representatives to be in attendance.

## Articles

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## Details From Above

### St. Patrick's Day Parade

#### Marchers:

Those who want to march in the parade only – we will gather at Palmer High School (free parking for D11 employees, bring your ID!) in the Eagle Wing and/or courtyard. We'll walk up to the start of the parade (near Colorado College and Tejon) and then march behind CSEA and D11 banners! Gather at Palmer by 11:00 am and we'll walk up to the parade start. Bring your family and enjoy the good times! This is a great way to support both CSEA and D11 – and enjoy the parade up close!!

### **Runners**

A flat and easy route to ease back into the running season on one of the fastest 5K courses in Colorado Springs! Starting and ending at Acacia Park (Tejon and Bijou Streets), the course runs through downtown Colorado Springs mainly on Tejon Street. Come for the Run, and stay for the Parade that follows at Noon! For youngsters there is a one mile course for ages 6 to 12, and a half-mile course for those 5 and under. A parent may tag along with the 5 and under runners. Sorry, No refunds. Individuals runners are responsible for their own entry fee) and then join the parade! Register at <http://csgrandprix.com/>

### **Cyclists:**

Join hundreds of cyclists for a ride across the city. The CSEA cyclists will participate in our first group ride of the season and ride the intermediate course, which is 21.7 miles long. After the ride you are welcome to ride or walk in the parade (cyclists are responsible for your own entry fee). Register here: <https://csstpats.com/pedaling-for-st-pats/>

### **Paired Dinner And Beer Tasting**

We hope you'll join in the fun at this popular event. We're excited to once again have this year's pairing at Peaks N Pines Brewing. CSEA members **Mike Hagen, Palmer,** and **Delia Medberry-Hagen, Mitchell,** are part owners of Peaks N Pines, and Mike is the head brewer. This will be a four course dinner, with an amazing new food truck (owned by the family of **Laura Yslas, Audubon**), preparing the meal. They are excited to share their awesome food with teachers, and each beer will be carefully selected to pair with the planned menu.