

Announcements

Fairplay Teachers Vote To Strike For Students' Futures

Yesterday educators took a major step today toward fighting for fair compensation to retain and attract quality educators for Park County students. More than 90% of South Park Education Association (SPEA) members voted to authorize a strike if the Park County School District (PCSD) fails to join educators at the bargaining table to negotiate a professional salary schedule.

According to Taya Mastrobuono, the SPEA President, "A strike is not inevitable. We took a strike vote today because we are serious about quickly resolving this urgent need to hold on to caring, dedicated school employees who love educate our students daily and who believe in this community. If the District is equally serious about resolving this crisis for our community, they will meet with us at a bargaining table before seeing us on a picket line."



Thumbs Up! Thumbs Up **Kevin Coughlin** (Twain), Mitchell Region Director on the CSEA Board, for organizing the Book Giveaway at the Hot Air Balloon Festival, to the **members who staffed our booth** during the Festival, and to the **many members who donated books**. The event was a huge success, and *thousands* of books made it into the hands of children in our community.

We Need Books, Books, And More Books!

We will once again be giving away gently used books to the children of our community at the Giant Pumpkin Festival in October. Please give any books you are able to donate to your building's Association Representative by Tuesday, September 10. We are asking our ARs to bring books to their monthly meeting that day. We would love to repeat the success of the Book Giveaway at the Balloon Festival, and need donations to make that happen.

Last Call For safeTALK Reservations

Reservations will be accepted for the safeTALK training on September 7 through Friday at noon. Please see details [below](#). You may make reservations [here](#).

Fall COpilot Classes Are Here

CEA is offering up to three free classes to union members so they can easily meet the new license requirement stating that teachers who are endorsed in elementary, math, science, social studies, or English language arts must demonstrate 45 hours of English Learner PD during their next, new license renewal period. Learn more [below](#).

Events

CSEA Friends and Family Picnic

September 21

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Bonforte Park, 2323 N. Wahsatch

Come join with other educators as we gather for a day of festivities and fun. We are planning multiple activities for everyone to enjoy and will be serving pulled pork and sides.

CSEA Oktoberfest

October 12

12:00 noon

CSEA Parking Lot, 2520 N. Tejon Street

Mark your calendar now for this annual CSEA event, and be watching for more information to come.

Giant Pumpkin Festival

October 19

10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Old Colorado City

We will be sponsoring a booth at the Festival and will once again be giving away books to children in our community. If you would like to help organize books or work at the Festival, please contact [Beth Waller](#). More information will be coming soon.

Contract Fact

Article XI.E.2.b-c: Access to Classrooms and Buildings

Steven Lambert, Itinerant Director on the CSEA Board, describes your right to access to your school building(s) in the video [here](#).

XI.E.2.b. The District shall honor a request by a teacher, as soon as reasonably possible, for a key to his or her classroom(s) and/or work area, and will check out to a teacher for the entire school year a key to at least one classroom to which he or she is regularly assigned so that the teacher can pursue work related activities during non-standard hours of building operation, subject to school closing.

XI.E.2.c. Pending finalization of an electronic access system throughout the District, teachers shall have access to their classrooms or work areas on a work-related basis. Without disrupting present practice at buildings that allow freer access, teachers wishing to gain entry to their buildings during non-work hours shall make arrangements with the building administration by employing a collaboratively developed plan which will include a check-out system for building keys. In events when the building administration cannot be contacted to provide accessibility, a teacher shall make arrangements with the District Security Department. Teachers may reactivate the building alarm system themselves or call the District Security Department. Access to buildings will not be available between the hours of 11:00 PM and 5:00 AM. An explanation of the building access procedure will be provided to teachers at the first staff meeting of the school year.

Articles

[Poll: Parents Continue To Stand Beside Educators In Fight for Funding](#)

[Teenage Brains Are Elastic. That's a Big Opportunity for Social-Emotional Learning.](#)

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Details From Above

Fall COpilot Classes Are Here

School is back in session, so it's time to start thinking about adding new strategies to your educator toolbox. CEA has over 100 COpilot classes this fall that will help you get ready for the new, learn some great practices you can use right away, and continue making you the best possible educator for your kids. Don't let the beginning of the year busyness stop you from investing in some high-quality professional learning that will positively impact you, your school, and your students. Learn more [here](#). Apply [here](#) now through Friday, September 13.

safeTALK

Most people with thoughts of suicide don't truly want to die, but are struggling with the pain in their lives. Through their words and actions, they invite help to stay alive. safeTALK-trained helpers can recognize these invitations and take action by connecting them with life-saving intervention resources, such as caregivers trained in ASIST.

The program's clock hours count with CDE toward license renewal. Additional information is available at <https://www.livingworks.net/safetalk>

There is a \$10 material/registration fee for this class. CSEA will cover this fee for members as a benefit of belonging. Space is limited and reservations are required. To reserve your space, please RSVP [here](#).