

Announcements

Play And Picnic In The Park

September 21

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Bonforte Park, 2323 N. Wahsatch

CSEA invites members, their families, and friends to join us for an afternoon filled with fun activities and a picnic in the park. We will provide BBQ, sides and beverages. All you need to provide is your family, friends, and maybe a lawn chair. We'll take care of the rest. We will have cornhole, ladder golf, giant Jenga, washers, badminton, and other games to play. Please join us for the festivities.

Sick Leave Bank

September is the month for enrolling in the Sick Leave Bank. We highly recommend that every teacher participate in the Sick Leave Bank. If you would like to check to see if you are a member of the Bank, you may use People Soft or contact Human Resources at 520-2169. Every year we have people who need extended leave for health reasons and run into financial difficulty because they did not participate in the Sick Leave Bank. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this voluntary employee benefit that has been bargained and is a part of the Master Agreement. (See Contract Fact below.)

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month

Each year from September 15 to October 15, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month. This observation celebrates the culture and contributions of Hispanic Americans. NEA has resources for classroom use that are available [here](#).

TLI Application Window Extended

CEA is giving teachers two more weeks to apply for the Teacher Leader Institute fellowship. Members can apply [here](#) now through Monday, September 30. More information is available [below](#).

Touched By Trauma Conference

Regis University will host the education conference *Touched By Trauma: Resilience in an Uncivil World* on Saturday, October 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The conference features keynote speaker David Hogg, the resilient Stoneman Douglas High School shooting survivor. Register through Monday, September 30 [here](#).



Thumbs Up! Thumbs Up to **Natalie Real** (Mitchell) for arranging two College Nights at Mitchell, informing students about, among other things, FAFSA, how to apply for it, and what it might look like for students. There were two sessions, one night in Spanish and one night in English. Resources that were available included Catholic Charities and a DACA representative. Testimonials from former students who are in different parts of their college journey were included.



Thumbs Up! Thumbs Up to the **teachers** who donated a day to the Sick Leave Bank. The deadline to donate a day is September 30.

Voter Registration

If you aren't registered to vote in El Paso County, now is the time to so you can vote this November. More information is available [below](#).

Classes Available

Our sister organization, PPEA, has several class offerings (some can be for credit) they are making available to CSEA members. More information is available [below](#).

Events

First Friday

October 4

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m

Trails End Taproom, 3103 W. Colorado Ave.

Please join CSEA as we unwind with friends. You don't need to RSVP; just come and enjoy the time together. We'll provide some appetizers to get the fun started. We hope to see you there!

Walk For Board Of Education Candidates

October 12 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Location To Be Determined

As it's nearly impossible for a school board to make a decision that does not affect school employees, CSEA members know how important it is to be involved in school board elections. Help get our recommended candidates elected by joining us as we walk and talk to District 11 voters.

CSEA 5th Annual 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. (Spoiler alert...the very popular Potato Potato food truck will be there with food to purchase!) This is a family friendly event.

Giant Pumpkin Festival

October 19 10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Old Colorado City

We are sponsoring a booth at the Festival and will give away books to children. We need volunteers to help sort books at CSEA on Thursday, October 17, and to help transport books on Friday, October 18. This is a fun event and we invite you to be one of the friendly faces representing CSEA in our community. If you would like to help, please contact [Beth Waller](#). More information will be coming soon.

Contract Fact

Article X. B Sick Leave Bank

Teachers shall be able to participate in and apply for days from the District sick leave bank. Participation is voluntary and may be initiated by any teacher through a one-time donation of one (1) day of unused sick leave or paid leave during September of any year. New hires will be informed by the District that they may join during their first thirty (30) days of employment by making a day's contribution. If a new hire is not so informed, he/she will have ten (10) days from the time he/she is informed to join the sick leave bank by making a day's contribution. Only those contributing to the bank will be eligible to request use of days from the bank

Articles

[In Record Year For Measles, 24,000 Colorado Students Are Back In School With Exemptions From Shots](#)

[The Irrefutable Case For Taking Class Outside](#)

[To Prevent School Shootings, Districts Are Surveilling Students' Online Lives](#)

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Details From Above

TLI Application Window Extended

TLI will uniquely prepare members for leadership roles in their locals, in policy-making arenas, and in their profession. TLI learning will take place through discussion threads, webinars, and Zoom video conferences. Fellows are expected to dedicate four to six hours each month and will receive a \$500 stipend after completing the requirements and capstone. Contact [Joshua Quick](#) for more information.

Voter Registration

If you have a Colorado State driver's license or ID card issued by the Colorado Department of Revenue, you may register online at [Register Online](#). If you have not been issued a Colorado State driver's license or ID card issued by the Colorado Department of Revenue, you may register to vote by completing a Voter Registration Form. You will need to print and sign the form then return by fax, email, mail, or hand delivery. Here is the [Voter Registration Form](#). Please fax, email, or mail completed forms to:

Fax (719) 520-7327 Email elections@elpasoco.com
Mail Election Department, PO Box 2007, Colorado Springs, CO 80901

Classes Available

The Pikes Peak Center For Teaching, Learning & Public Education is opening several upcoming classes to CSEA members. All classes will be held at the CSEA/PPEA building, located at 2520 N. Tejon St. Information regarding cost, renewal credit, and registration is available by contacting [PPEA](#).

Thursday, October 3 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Identity Mapping & Culturally Relevant Pedagogy: Teaching Across the Lines of Difference

We all know teaching does not happen in a vacuum. In order to respond to student needs and help students grow, we must consistently incorporate their identities into the classroom – and that's hard, especially since it means we must also unpack our internal biases and socialization about those identities. Come for the identity mapping; stay for the pedagogy and development!

Monday, October 14 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Engaging Your Students With Google Tools

This session is packed with a variety of lessons that can be downloaded and customized for your class. You will get a deeper understanding of the power of using Google Tools in the classroom. This session has been taught with great reception at InnEdco, the Colorado conference that focuses on increasing the role of technology in education. It is being submitted for presenting at the Google Summit for Education this November in Arvada.

Saturday, October 26 and Saturday, November 23 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Yoga For Personal Health And Classroom Instruction

Join us for an hour of relaxation, meditation, mindfulness, life balance, and stress reduction to help you be the best you can be in the classroom and everywhere else. Our first 30 minutes will be devoted to self-care and the next 30 minutes will be devoted to incorporating the practice into your classroom.