Unions Fighting For Workers’ Rights
Do you know that the fact that you are reading this email is because CSEA and the District have negotiated this right in the Master Agreement? (Article III. G. 4, Association Rights, Use Of Facilities and Services). As communication tools develop, you’d expect understanding of rules to keep pace, right?

Recently, the Denver Classroom Teachers Association (DCTA) had their communications challenged by management. As DCTA organized for the January 2019 strike, the District told building administrators that employees may not use District email (only physical mail) for “union organizing activities,” and a few principals told DCTA they could not use school email to send union-related communications.

DCTA filed a grievance against the District to assert members’ right to contemporary communications avenues. It progressed to arbitration. The arbitrator found in favor of DCTA, and recommended the District acknowledge the right obtained by language and past practice and revoke its January 2019 notice to administrators. The Denver School Board agreed and DCTA is using its rights to communicate through District Channels.

On-going defense of rights is no accident, but often under-appreciated. Congratulations to DCTA and CEA’s Legal Counsel for pursuing the Union’s right to communicate with their members!

Announcements
2020 Election for CSEA Board of Directors, Representatives to the NEA Representative Assembly, and Amendments to the CSEA Bylaws
Information regarding the offices to be elected, the timeline, approved election procedures, and the nomination form have been sent to members and are available in the member section of our website here. Please note that the deadline to submit a self-nomination is March 9 at 5 p.m.

Thumbs Up! to Coronado’s math and science program, which recently received the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for inspiring girls to get involved in math and science. Computer science teacher Kyle Yeh is quoted in this recent KRDO article. Congratulations to all those involved in the program’s success and recognition.

Hand Deliver Your Primary Ballot – It Is Too Late To Count On The Mail
Ballots are due by 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3. If you haven’t yet returned your ballot, it should be hand delivered in order to guarantee that it arrives on time. Drop off box information is available at here.

For And About Educators
National School Breakfast Week, March 2-6
Children who eat school breakfast are more likely to reach higher levels of achievement in reading and math, have better concentration and memory, and maintain a healthy weight. National School Breakfast Week is a celebration of the federal program that feeds nearly 12.5 million students every school day. There has never been a more important time to highlight the value of school meals as proposed changes to SNAP could push as many as 942,000 eligible children out of the free and reduced school lunch program. You can take action by:

- Sharing information on NEA-backed legislation that would prohibit schools from taking any action that shames or stigmatizes students who cannot pay their meal fees.
- Urging your U.S. Representative to support NEA-backed legislation that will improve training for school food service workers.

Events
First Friday
March 6  
Arrive between 4 and 6  
O'Furrys, 900 E. Fillmore
Please join CSEA as we unwind with friends. You don't need to RSVP; just come and enjoy the time together. We'll have some appetizers around 4:45. We hope to see you there!

St. Patrick’s Day Parade
Saturday, March 14
Please join us as we celebrate St. Paddy’s Day by participating in our community’s annual parade. Come rain or shine, we’ll be walking, marching, jogging…there will be many modes of celebrating. This will also be the first “ride” of the spring for CSEA Members Who Bike. We hope to see you there! Details will be coming soon. If you would like more information, please contact Anton Schulzki at anton.schulzki@d11.org. Bring your family to help celebrate!

Colorado Education Association March On The Capitol
March 19
Information is available here.

Community Event Supporting Immigrant Population
Saturday, March 21  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Arbol de Vida, 2403 Templeton Gap Road
Colorado Immigrant Assistants is sponsoring an event providing support for our immigrant population. There will be informative sessions on health, education, immigration and finances, as well as entertainment. This event, which is free of charge, is being sponsored by the Mexican Embassy and Guatemala. This may be valuable to someone you know, including students and their families. You can learn more about the organization here.

CSEA Annual Meeting
April 14, 2020  
4:45 p.m.  
Palmer High School, 301 N. Nevada Ave., (Eagle Wing)
All members are invited to attend the annual meeting of the corporation. The meeting is usually brief and is followed by the monthly AR meeting, to which members are also invited.

Articles Of Note

District Sparks Controversy By Busing Students To Polls

35 Of The Best 8th Grade Science Experiments For Classrooms Or Science Fairs

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