

Union Pulse

Colorado Springs Education Association
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CEA Supports Governor's Decision To Keep Schools Closed

CEA President Amie Baca-Oehlert issued a press release on April 20 supporting the Governor's decision. In part, the statement says:

"We support Gov. Polis' difficult, yet necessary decision to close schools for the remainder of the 2019-20 academic school year due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Many school districts had already made the prudent decision to cancel in-person learning for the remainder of the school year so this announcement is not unexpected. Still, it is crushing news to know with finality that we will not see the daily gathering of students and educators in these wonderful places of learning and inspiration, our public schools."

The full statement is available [here](#).

Observe And Photograph Nature

The City Nature Challenge 2020 will be held April 24-27. This event is described as an international effort for people to find and document plants and wildlife in cities across the globe. In the past, it has been a contest, but this year the focus is on using the healing power of nature by getting people observing and photographing nature in an urban area, and Colorado Springs is one of the participating cities. Last year there were 963,000 observations documented, and 1,100+ rare/endangered/threatened species were documented internationally! The weather on Sunday is supposed to be beautiful, and we hope some of you will want to participate. The City of Colorado Springs asks that all appropriate social distancing be followed, and that if you are on trails or in parks you wear a mask. You can learn more [here](#).

For Families

As a reminder, CNN and Sesame Street are hosting a town hall Saturday, April 25 at 7 a.m. focused on kids and parents that will address "education, anxiety, screen time and playdates." Big Bird will be one of the moderators, and various Sesame Street characters will join with experts to answer questions.

For Your Pleasure And Health – There's Something For Everyone Here!

KKTV is inviting the community to [give a shout out to a 2020 high school senior](#) or an entire class at a particular school.

On this NFL draft weekend, here's a repeat of ["If We Treated Teachers Like Pro Athletes"](#) to lighten your day.

In honor of National Poetry month and Earth Day, *The Washington Post* conducted a contest for students to submit poems to honor planet Earth. The newspaper highlighted ten, which are available [here](#).

Get moving with a [Zumba class featuring country music](#).

Craving some culture? Take a one-half [tour](#) of Florence, Italy, with Rick Steve any time, or watch the [New York City Ballet](#) perform Justin Peck's *Rotunda* Friday, April 24 at 6 p.m.

Did you know that The Food Network is offering a free 60-day trial to on demand online [cooking classes](#)?

We hope you enjoy your weekend and take the time to do something that nurtures your soul and your body. You are Rock Stars!

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