

Union Pulse

Colorado Springs Education Association
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Return Rights And Rules

As we approach the newly scheduled re-entry of students to Elementary and Middle Schools, you have been working long hours teaching *and* preparing and even assessing your school's readiness. Your CSEA representatives, too, have been working with schools, central administration, and the Board of Education to determine readiness and establish rules around the work and the levels of preparedness. Guidance has its place, but so does simple clarity. Tomorrow we will send you information about re-entry to add some of that clarity to a number of hot-button items, so you can know your rights and options, as well as a review of the school scorecards, so that you yourselves can see what administration has heard.

Announcements

Ballot Tracking Statewide For November's Election

Earlier in the week, Colorado's Secretary of State, Jena Griswold, announced that all Colorado voters will be able to track the status of their ballots in the General Election. Voters can receive notifications about the status of their mail ballots from the time they are mailed to the voter until they have been returned to and received by the County Clerk and Recorder. You can sign up to track your ballot [here](#). In addition, you can register to vote or check your voter information to make sure everything is current [here](#).

Honoring The 2020 Crystal Apple Award Recipients

Since the traditional Crystal Apple Banquet was cancelled last spring, the recipients didn't have their well-deserved celebration. While we can't replace the special moments that evening would have held for them, we would like to introduce them to you and give you the opportunity to learn a bit about them. We are going to honor last year's Crystal Apple Award recipients with a spotlight article here on one of them each week. Be looking for these articles honoring CSEA members **Becca Daugherty** (Fremont), **Richelle Gittens** (Queen Palmer), **Lori Koeser** (Jenkins), **Bart Mann** (Penrose), and **Becky Marsh** (Sabin).

Southern Colorado College Fair 2020 Is Going Forward Virtually!

This forum will provide students and families an opportunity to attend virtual information workshops and hear college presentations. There are workshops on September 28, 29, and 30. Participants will hear from college admission officers, get information on scholarships and financial aid and more. The Fair is free for students and families. You can learn more [here](#).

Thumbs Up!



Thumbs Up to the CSEA members at Stratton Elementary! Every member of the Bargaining Unit at Stratton is a member of CSEA! Stratton's Association Representative, **Angel Chavez**, has worked successfully to help create a culture of belonging at the school, and we tip our hat to Angel and all of the members who share in the vision of professionalism and solidarity.

Thumbs Up to **Carla Miller, Scott Elementary**, for receiving a \$1,000 grant from Mountain West's College Football Playoff's Foundation in their "Extra Yard for Teachers Week" recently. Her work to coordinate both the Backpack and Harvest of Love program were factors in the Foundation's awarding the grant to her. Congratulations to **all of the staff at Scott** that have worked together to provide opportunities for the Scott community. You can watch Carla receiving her award [here](#).

Articles Of Note

[Colorado Teachers Unions Launch Merger Talks](#)

[25 Fun Classroom Brain Breaks That Maintain Social Distancing](#)

[Back-to-School Giveaways, Just for Teachers!](#)

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