

## Announcements

### For New CSEA Members

If you are new to CSEA this year, this may be the first of our weekly communications you have received. We've made our distribution list current, and from this point forward you'll be receiving our weekly emails. Our earlier communications from this year are available here:

[August 19, 2015](#)      Offset Membership Dues by Utilizing The CSEA Home Services Program

[August 25, 2015](#)      Average Annual Member Savings of \$495.00

[September 9, 2015](#)      Injunction granted to maintain current working conditions for Thompson school employees

### Every Vote Counts!

If you aren't registered to vote in El Paso County, please do so now.

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](#) ([www.govotecolorado.com](http://www.govotecolorado.com))

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](tel:7195207327) Email    [elections@elpasoco.com](mailto:elections@elpasoco.com)

Mail    Election Department, PO Box 2007, Colorado Springs, CO 80901

### Need A Notary?

Notary services are provided free of charge to CSEA members and their immediate families. Please contact us at 471.1190 to make arrangements to come to the CSEA office if you would like to take advantage of this member benefit. You will be asked to provide a driver's license for identification before we can notarize a document.

### Submit your energy lesson plan for a chance at \$500!

Interested in winning \$500 for your classroom? SaveOnEnergy.com® is looking for the best lesson plans for teaching students about energy or sustainability. Create a lesson plan that can help kids learn about energy using the following criteria:

- Encompass energy and/or sustainability knowledge.
- Be appropriate for a grade level from kindergarten through eighth grade.
- Include goals and how you plan to measure students' understanding.
- Include a fully detailed description of the lesson plan, handouts, etc., including a list of all materials needed.
- Use information found on SaveOnEnergy.com (including Kids Learning Center, blog posts, state pages, etc.).
- Be created by one teacher without use of existing prepared educational materials outside of those available on SaveOnEnergy.com.
- Encourage student development through participation opportunities

This is a great opportunity for teachers to enter for a chance to receive a \$500 grant and have their energy or sustainability focused lesson plans be recognized and featured on a nationally known energy marketplace. **Deadline is Friday, September 18.** Find out more and submit your plan to the [SaveOnEnergy website](#).

## Events

### What If Is Coming Again

Saturday, September 19                      10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.                      Downtown Colorado Springs

**The What IF... Festival celebrates lifelong learning and delights the community with the innovation, creativity, and the entrepreneurial spirit of the Pikes Peak region. Imagination Celebration** engages a team of very cool creatives to produce the annual What IF... Festival in Downtown Colorado Springs offering a day of free engaging, interactive, and exciting experiences to WOW participants of all ages. The What IF... Festival, the only event of its kind, supports economic development and intellectual vitality by welcoming over 25,000 participants to discover the breakthroughs of local businesses, organizations, artists, scientists, inventors, performers, and students." You can learn more about this fun-filled, action-packed extravaganza of a festival [here](#).

### **Get out the Vote Walk for School Board Candidates**

Saturday, October 17

morning

Location to be announced

CSEA members will be invited to participate in an event to support the CSEA recommended candidates for the District 11 School Board election. (These recommendations have not yet been made public. Information will be available in the member only section of our website next week.) Mark your calendar now and please be prepared to help in this effort.

### **Oktoberfest**

Saturday, October 17

following School Board Walk

CSEA/PPEA Building 2520 North Tejon

Following the political event, join us to celebrate the beginning of fall! This fun-filled annual party is a great time to gather with friends and fellow educators. Members and their significant others are invited to come and enjoy the afternoon with live music and adult beverages (IDs will be checked.) We'll have food trucks in the street for purchasing food. Mark your calendar now.

### **Articles**

**Colorado high school students get one-year pass on social studies tests**

<http://co.chalkbeat.org/2015/09/10/high-school-students-get-one-year-pass-on-social-studies-tests/#.VfMM-JeLSV8>

**Seattle teachers remain on strike**

[Seattle teachers strike amid statewide education turmoil](#)