

Announcements

Offset Membership Dues by Utilizing The CSEA Home Services Program

CSEA members who take advantage of our CSEA Home Services Program will receive a rebate that offsets* their annual dues when buying or selling a home using program. The rebate applies whether the property is a primary residence or investment property. Contact Charlie Brown, RE/MAX Properties, Inc. at 719.226.3552 to learn more. *Details are available [here](#).

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

Happy Hour With the Extension

Friday, August 21

3:30 – 6:00

Jose Muldoon's Downtown

Join The Extension in welcoming the 2015-2016 school year with extended happy hour specials and free salsa bar. We'll be gathering in the Skylight Room. Bring a friend from school or come meet some new friends. If you have questions or would like to RSVP contact Leslie at millela@d11.org or Shelly at weakleme@d11.org

Black Educator's Network and The Space Foundation Soiree

Creating Opportunity and Access for Educators of Color

Saturday, August 22

6:00 – 8:00

Space Foundation Hdqtrs, 4425 Arrowswest Drive

Come join the Black Educators Network and The Space Foundation as we enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and discuss creating opportunity and access for educators of color and discover the educational programs and field trip opportunities The Space Foundation has to offer. The suggested donation is \$25 per person. For additional information or to RSVP, contact BlackEdSoiree@yahoo.com.

Articles

"Here is a report on what happened this week in a New York court where a judge is hearing the case brought by Sheri G. Lederman, a fourth-grade teacher in the Great Neck public school district, against state education officials over their controversial method of evaluating her — and, by extension, other N.Y. teachers."

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/answer-sheet/wp/2015/08/15/controversial-teacher-evaluation-method-is-on-trial-literally-and-the-judge-is-not-amused/>

"Organizers of a recall campaign against three Jefferson County school board members cleared a key hurdle Tuesday when the county clerk announced they had easily collected enough valid signatures to put the issue to voters."

<http://co.chalkbeat.org/2015/08/18/jeffco-clerk-school-board-recall-organizers-collected-enough-signatures/#.VdTdQ5eLSV8>

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