

Union Pulse

Colorado Springs Education Association
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Our Contract, Our Rights

Article II.D Collaboration ...what's *that*?



How do decisions get made at your school? Who defines the issues? Who decides who gets to do that defining? This is about nothing less than you as a professional, sharing in the process of determining how your school works and how you go about teaching your students. It's the difference between joining in setting a course and being told what to do.

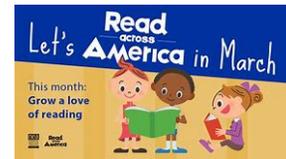
If you are affected by and responsible for the outcomes of decisions, then in almost every case you have the right to be part of the process from the very start. You share the authority along with the responsibility. Collaboration identifies teachers as leaders.

Are teachers part of making decisions at your school? Can you participate if you choose? This is fundamental to a strong educational culture aimed at student success.

For And About Educators

You're Never Too Old, Too Wacky, Too Wild, To Pick Up A Book And Read With A Child

Once again, CSEA will commemorate Read Across America March 2 and throughout the month of March. We hope that your school will make a community celebration out of this event. If you are looking for new ideas to implement in your classroom, you'll find many resources and suggestions for planning a perfect event [here](#). Among the variety of creative options you'll find are a incorporating a reading and gratitude garden, a Read Across America Storypalooza, book tasting, multicultural festival, book scavenger hunt, and a poetry town. You can find additional resources [here](#).



Two Elections Coming Soon

- CEA will conduct an election for state and regional representatives to the NEA Representative Assembly (RA) from March 15-31.
- CSEA will conduct an election for our local representatives to the NEA RA, members of the CSEA Board of Directors, and Bylaw revisions in early April. We will provide additional information as the time comes closer.

Garden Of The Gods Rotary Sponsors A Teacher Of The Year In D11

The deadline for applications is next Friday, February 14th. If you want to suggest a teacher we should contact about applying, don't wait until the last minute! Applications are available in the Resource section on the CSEA website [here](#). Please contact [Joe](#) if you have questions.

Win A Jeep Compass from California Casualty

Multi-tasking is a way of life; however, doing so behind the wheel is the worst time to try to balance it all. Taking your mind and eyes off the road for just a quick second is dangerous. Make the promise to stop distracted driving and you could drive home safely in a new 2020 Jeep Compass, compliments of California Casualty. A CEA member has won this car contest before; [enter today](#) and try to become Colorado's second lucky winner.

Events

Around The World Food And Beer Dinner Pairing

February 14 7:00 p.m. Peaks N Pines Brewing Company, 4005 Tutt Blvd.

Hola! Hallo! Aloha! Geia! Around the world is the theme for this event featuring four international courses, each with a perfectly paired beer. From jalapeno poppers with Berry Yummy sauce paired with a Mexican lager, German potato salad with a Hefeweizen, Kalua pig and rice with an Ohana Nut Stout, to orange twist cheesecake with a pineapple mango wheat, this menu is sure to delight everyone lucky enough to attend. The full menu is available [here](#). We still have a few spaces left, so please make your reservations **today**. To secure your reservation, please bring a check for \$30 per person to CSEA. This event is limited to CSEA members and their guests only. In the event District 11 is closed because of inclement weather, the dinner will be rescheduled to February 28. Don't miss out...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.

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

[In Utah, Recess Now Counts As Instructional Time](#)

[Teens Need to Know They Can Make Money in Trade Careers](#)

[Lives Are At Stake: Students, Teachers Plead For Denver District To Do More In Face Of Rising Gun Violence](#)

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