

Union Pulse

Colorado Springs Education Association
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Contract Negotiations (IBB) Update

CSEA and Board of Education representatives have been in lengthy bargaining meetings regularly over the past two weeks. The issues of Supportive Learning Environments, Safe Learning Environments, Sick Leave Bank, Term of Agreement, and Hard to Staff Positions have been concluded. Negotiations on financial issues have to wait for the State Legislature to develop its budget by the end of May, so that D11 can develop its own budget. That means your bargaining team will be returning in June to finalize the process. It also means **the ratification vote for the contract will come in June**. Watch for updates.

Above And Beyond

Ann Yenne, West Elementary, went over the top to make sure that all of the intermediate students at West have the resources they need for remote learning. When distance learning began, Ann was concerned that some of the students would not have access to online learning, so she put an ask out on Facebook for technology. She collected, set up, and distributed approximately 25 laptops and tablets, some of them brand new, to our students in need. She did her very best to ensure equity for the students at West. **Thumbs Up, Ann Yenne!**

If you know a member who has gone above and beyond, we invite you to submit the information for consideration for inclusion in this newsletter.

Teaching And Academic Resources

The Pikes Peak Library District invites submissions to be featured in its [virtual art exhibition](#) for kids and teens! This year's Homeschool Art Show is now online and open to all K-12 students in El Paso County. The submission deadline is Sunday, May 31.

For Your Pleasure And Health

We mentioned this earlier, but just in case you missed it, you can watch certain HBO movies and shows free [here](#).

Teachers, don't forget to [take care of yourselves](#) during this stressful time.

With a beautiful weekend ahead of us, it would be great to enjoy some of the spectacular parks and trails our area has to offer. Rather than visiting the most popular parks, which might be crowded, why not visit a park or open space that is new to you. [Here](#) are some options for you to consider.

If you're not able to get out and about physically, you can take a tour of The Fairy-Tale Mossy Rainforest, [Olympic National Park](#).

'Here are some concerts you might enjoy this weekend:

Friday, May 1, 5 pm
[Tory Lanez](#) (hip hop)

Friday, May 1, 5:30 pm
The Metropolitan Opera: [Verdi's Aida](#).

Saturday, May 2, 10 am – 6pm
[WWOZ Jazz Festing In Place](#): Archival Sets From New Orleans Jazz Fest

Saturday, May 2, 2 pm
Pickathon Presents a Concert a Day: [Lauren Morrow](#)

Sunday, May 3, 9 am
[The Pop Ups](#) (children's music)

And finally, a Friday chuckle with [Coronavirus videos](#).

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