

Union Pulse

Colorado Springs Education Association
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EAA Flight Experience

Last weekend nine intrepid folks took to the skies through an opportunity they saw here in the *Union Pulse*...and loved it!



Jo Pike and Emily Robberson

“I was able to fly with my teammate and she even took the controls for part of it! I had a blast and loved seeing my city from 8000 feet up.” Emily Robberson, Columbia

“The Flight Experience was absolutely exhilarating! It was a blast to soar high and view our beautiful city and mountains from a bird's eye view! THANK YOU, Amanda Hawkins, and CSEA for providing this unique and fantastic experience!” Jo Pike, Columbia



Jo Pike and Emily Robberson

“I felt like a bird soaring high above it all and it was amazing! The aviators were so kind and wonderful sharing their love of flying!

Thanks again for a great experience 😊”
Donna Ecks, Doherty



Junior and Anecia Molina

“The pilot was so kind and knowledgeable; it really made the experience exciting and enjoyable!”. Junior Molina, Mann

“My daughter and I had the most fun flying today! Our pilot was patient and fun, lunch was delicious, and now we have the memory of flying a plane! How cool is that?!” Laura Grant, Mitchell



Laura and Jordan Grant



“I had so much fun!! The pilots were amazing and super generous to do this for us! Thanks for the great experience!” Kara Stevens, Palmer

Kara Stevens

These were the brave members that attended:

Leah Lange
Jo Pike
Donna Ecks
Greg Gilbert
Laura Grant

Junior Molina
Emily Robberson
Kara Stevens
Amanda Hawkins



Thumbs Up – to Esther Smith for initiating the EAA Flight Experience. The flight experience was definitely a success! 14 members signed up and a good time was had by all that attended!

Upcoming Events

October 15 – SAVE THE DATE and FREE Donuts!

Over the past several months, CSEA members of all affiliations vetted local initiatives and candidates for the state legislature in our recommendation process. In this process, the team is unified in supporting the Healthy School Meals for All (Prop. FF) issue so that no student in Colorado goes hungry because they cannot afford it. The group also recommends several candidates – Tony Exum, Stephanie Vigil, Marc Snyder, and Regina English – because of their positions on public education. **We are asking every member to spend a few hours with us on October 15 to help win these campaigns.** We will be walking, texting, and calling.

October 17 - CEA President Amie Baca-Oehlert Will Meet Members in Colorado Springs

October 17th CEA President Baca-Oehlert will visit Colorado Springs to hear directly from members: 4:00-5:30 at the Hall of labor partner IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) 2150 Naegele Rd. (80904). Light food and drink provided. Save the date! Bring your questions!

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Your Evaluation – Your Perspective

Educators can now guide the Colorado Department of Education on updating the 2023-2024 Educator Evaluation System. Provide your professional opinion on evaluation! You can complete the survey through October 2: [SB22-070 Educator Effectiveness Stakeholder Survey](#). Apparently very few teacher voices have been heard so far, which means other voices are making decisions for us!

Reminder: Sick Leave Bank Open Enrollment Ends September 30!

The **Sick Leave Bank** is a voluntary paid leave benefit and is designed to provide assistance to an employee that has exhausted all sick leave time and needs more paid leave to carry them through a critical illness/injury for the employee or their immediate family. Sick Leave Bank enrollment must be completed in PeopleSoft Self Service by September 30, 2022. Please review the Sick Leave Bank Instructions: FAQ's available [here](#) for any questions.

Rotary Flight 2022 Sponsorship

Again this year CSEA supported the Downtown Rotary Club's Butterfly Flight fundraiser. Butterfly sculptures—you've seen them all over town—are created by local artists to be auctioned with the proceeds going to support scholarships and programming in the area. Flight first started 15 years ago with a funding goal of purchasing a new art supply cart for Queen Palmer Elementary and it has evolved in tandem with other functions to the point that Rotary donated \$60,000 to D11 in each of the past two years.

Ghost Stories of Old Manitou Walking Tours

These eerie yet fun ghost tours will walk you through long lost stories of real residents in Manitou Springs' history. This year, the ghostly spirits come back to visit for four weekends in October. For more information, click [here](#) or scan the QR code.



Know Your Rights

'Tis the season for stipends! Club and Activity stipends are part of the teacher compensation we negotiate each year. They are designed to recognize teachers' passion for their students when they create and sponsor enrichment clubs. It bears repeating that clubs receiving stipends differ from regular district programming—they are *not* positions created to be filled by applicants who are paid by teachers rather than D11. In other words, teachers are not the employers here. Teachers allocate their own pay as stipends to foster their development of fun ways to engage children. Find those enjoyable and entertaining ways to connect with students!

Articles of Note

[Union Power Is the Best Solution to the Teacher Shortage](#) - As the Great Resignation expands

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