The History of Labor Day and What It Means Today

If you work at a job that offers good pay, solid health and wellness benefits, a growing retirement plan, reasonable hours, and upward mobility, give special thanks on Labor Day to those workers who came before them for the rights of all workers (and risked bloodshed to do so), and paved the way for better workplace conditions for all Americans.
DCTA members are eligible for a $500 scholarship. We have funding for up to 5 scholarships every year. If interested, you must complete an essay that is due Nov. 1.

1. Teachers are asked to write a 1 page paper that shows why they should receive support from DPS/DCTA for NBPTS funding. The essay would reflect the 5 Core Propositions of the NBPTS:

   Proposition 1: Teachers are Committed to Students and Their Learning
   Proposition 2: Teachers Know the Subjects They Teach and How to Teach Those Subjects to Students.
   Proposition 3: Teachers are Responsible for Managing and Monitoring Student Learning.
   Proposition 4: Teachers Think Systematically about Their Practice and Learn from Experience.
   Proposition 5: Teachers are Members of Learning Communities.

2. Essays will be scored with a rubric:

   4: Clear convincing and concise evidence
   3: clear and concise evidence
   2: Limited evidence
   1: little or no evidence

3. Submit essays to DCTA office at 1500 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203 or email it to DCTApresident@coloradoea.org

4. Based on the number of applications and scores, we would select the scholarships by January of the next calendar year.

Student Loan/ Tuition Reimbursement

As a result of bargaining last spring, the Student Loan/ Tuition Reimbursement maximum increased to $6,000! Every teacher is eligible to receive $1,000 per year to a maximum of $6,000. Click below for the application.

Congratulations!
Meg Cypress, a fifth-grade teacher from Bradley International School in Denver Public Schools (DPS), was named the 2019 Colorado Teacher of the Year during a surprise assembly at her school on October 30, 2018. Ms. Cypress was selected for the honor based on her energy and for her exceptional ability to inspire and excite students, parents, other teachers, administrators.

At Bradley since 2003, Ms. Cypress started as a reading specialist as the school faced the possibility of closure. Cypress worked with the staff to bring the International Baccalaureate Program's Primary Years Programme to Bradley to keep it open for the surrounding neighborhood. Since then the school has become a high-performing school with a waitlist.

Ms. Cypress has built connections with the community, organizing family events such as Math Night, the Cardboard Challenge and the Annual Bradley Science Fair. In addition, she started a summer camp at Bradley with more than 150 students and was assistant volleyball coach for Thomas Jefferson High
School. She is a Colorado native who received her bachelor of arts from the University of Northern Colorado. She has previously received the 9News Teachers Who Care Award and was nominated for the Denver Public Schools’ LAMP Leadership award by her colleagues at Bradley.

As the 2019 Colorado Teacher of the Year, Ms. Cypress is participating in many professional development opportunities through the National Teacher of the Year program and will attend a ceremony at the White House. Over the summer, she will attend the Honeywell Educators at Space Academy at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama and the College Football Playoff National Championship Game in January 2020.

Amber Wilson_Elected CEA Secretary-Treasurer

Congratulations to DCTA member Amber Wilson on winning a special election to serve as our next CEA Secretary-Treasurer. Amber will fulfill the term ending July 2022 that was vacated when Lawrence Garcia resigned to take a position with the Denver UniServ Unit. Voting was open to delegates who attended the 2019 CEA Delegate Assembly.

Amber is a teacher at Thomas Jefferson High School and currently serves at our DCTA Secretary. She has also been a member of both the DCTA and CEA Board of Directors.

Too Hot To Learn

DCTA educators invited DPS School Board Members into their classrooms last week to see the the impact of the heat on students first hand. Thanks to Dr. Carrie Olson, Jennifer Bacon, and Angela Cobian for accepting their invitations and visiting schools. After visiting schools, Jennifer Bacon joined DCTA at Bryant Webster for a press conference. Watch the press conference by clicking on the button below. DCTA is continuing to examine all options to improve our students’ learning conditions.
When: **WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4th**  
Doors at 6:00 p.m., movie at 7:00 p.m.

Where: **THE ORIENTAL THEATER**  
4335 W. 44th Ave., Denver, CO 80212

Why: Learn the importance of the DPS school board election.

*One of the ways that you exhibit as a government and a society your love for children is in the institutions you build around them and one of the most central of them is the public school.*  
— HELEN GYM, Parents United for Public Education, Philadelphia City Council member
## Backpack Full Of Cash
Free Movie Screening

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## Board Of Directors
Committee Discussion

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## Rep Council
Turn in Ballots and Bylaw Discussion.

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## Rep Training
Are you an Association Rep who needs training or are you a member who wants to be better informed and more involved? Join us!

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