



## Gazette February 2011

*A human being is not attaining his full heights  
until he is educated. ~ Horace Mann*



### Advocate for Your Child! Register Today for the Colorado PTA Legislative Conference

Our children count on us to make certain the state enacts legislation that benefits their education and well-being. This is your opportunity to watch your legislators in action and have the chance to speak with them. **This one-day conference will be held February 24, 2011**, at the Colorado State Capitol. The cost is **\$50 per person by February 5, 2011** (\$60 per person after February 5, 2011) and **\$35 per student**. [Click here to download the fillable MS Word document](#) and register today.

### Join Jeffco PTA on Monday, March 21, 2011 for Elections and a Presentation/Discussion of Facilities Management Issues/School Closures

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Jefferson County Education Association Building  
1447 Nelson St., Lakewood 80215

Dessert will be provided.

To view nominees for the 2011 - 2013 Jeffco PTA Board of Directors [click here](#).

### Mark Your Calendar for the Jeffco PTA 'Spring Fling!'

**Planning for the 2011 Jeffco PTA 'Spring Fling' Awards Ceremony** is underway! The 'Spring Fling' will follow dinner at the Colorado PTA Convention on Friday, April 15th. \$10 per person (\$15 at the door.) If you're not attending the convention, you can enjoy the convention dinner and the "Spring Fling" for \$50. The registration form will be coming your way soon! If you're interested in helping out, please e-mail the committee chair, Lindsay Woltz at [lcwoltz@gmail.com](mailto:lcwoltz@gmail.com).

**APPLY FOR A LOCAL UNIT AWARD NOW!**

#### Does your PTA . . .

- work collaboratively with your teachers and administrators?

- reach out to the community to help improve your school?
- partner with another PTA to share ideas and resources?
- have volunteers that go above and beyond the ordinary?
- have a volunteer that models integrity and hard work?

**Let Jeffco Council PTA acknowledge *YOUR* PTA's success!**

Awards are distributed at the Jeffco PTA "Spring Fling." Download the [Local Unit Awards Application](#) for more information.

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**The 90th Annual  
Colorado PTA Convention**  
*"Come Together"*  
April 15 & 16, 2011

**At the Omni Interlocken Resort  
500 Interlocken Boulevard  
Broomfield, CO 80021**

Budget now and bring your local unit leaders to this invaluable two -event filled with great food, fabulous speakers, informative workshops, exhibitors, and the ultimate networking arena.



**Two Day Registration:** *Postmarked by March 2, 2011 is \$250, after March 16, 2011 is \$300*

**One Day Registration:** *Postmakred by March 2, 2011 is \$200, after March 16, 2011 is \$225*

[Download the 90th Annual Convention registration form](#) and return it with your check today!

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**Time to Hold Your Officer Elections!**

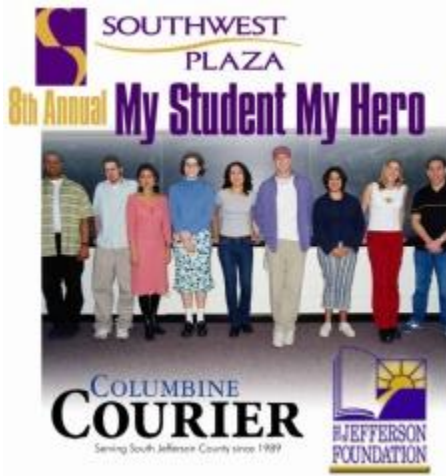
It's that time of year again! Local units should be holding elections for their officers by your March meeting so you can send newly elected board members to the state convention in April. If you need any help with the election process, don't hesitate to contact your Articulation Area Vice-President!

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**Time is Up on 990 Extension**

If you filed for an extension on your 990 tax form, the form is due today, February 15th. Questions? Email [treasurer@jeffcopta.org](mailto:treasurer@jeffcopta.org).

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## News from the Jefferson Foundation

### My Student My Hero Honors Jeffco High School Seniors

The Jefferson Foundation, Southwest Plaza, and *Columbine Courier* have announced the honorees for the 8th annual My Student My Hero award ceremony. The event will be at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 12th, on the Community Stage at Southwest Plaza in Littleton. My Student My Hero honors Jeffco high school seniors, and recognizes their scholastic achievements, leadership qualities and volunteer efforts in their schools and communities. Students were nominated by their school principals and counselors. The names and bios of the honorees are available [here](#).

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### The Jefferson Foundation Elementary Art Show

The Jefferson Foundation Elementary Art Show featuring artwork from Jeffco Public Schools K-6 students will open on March 7 and run through April 4, 2011 at Red Rocks Community College (13300 West Sixth Avenue Lakewood, CO 80228.) Families are invited to the Artists' Celebration on Friday, March 11 from 5pm to 8pm.

After various Jeffco Public Schools budget cuts eliminated the student art show, The Jefferson Foundation and its supporters committed all funds to ensure that all four shows continued in 2011.

For more information contact Anton Delgado 303-982-2212. For more information on all Jeffco student art shows, [click here](#).

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### Jeffco Public Schools Community Night with the Denver Nuggets *sponsored by The Jefferson Foundation*

**\$15 Tickets** - Seating will be throughout the Pepsi Center, (a value ranging from \$28-\$120.) Schools with the most tickets sold will receive the best seat locations, starting in the lower bowl of Pepsi Center! No additional ticket service fees! **Don't miss out on this special event! Order tickets here: <http://www.pepsicenter.com/Nuggets/JPSCN.asp> or at [www.jeffersonfoundation.org](http://www.jeffersonfoundation.org).** For any questions please contact Brady McIntyre with the Denver Nuggets at 303.405.7635 or email at [bmcintyre@pepsicenter.com](mailto:bmcintyre@pepsicenter.com)

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### Scholarship Donations & Application Deadline

This year, Jeffco PTA is hoping to award three \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors this year. If you or your PTA would like to donate to Jeffco PTA's Scholarship Fund, please mail your donations to Liz Rowland at 1432 S. Cape Way, Lakewood, 80232.

All scholarship applications must be received by March 31, 2011. Students applying for scholarships must be members of their high school's PTA and the PTA must be a unit in good standing.



On Tuesday, March 8, 2011, Carol Hedges, Director of the Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute, will provide concerned Jeffco citizens, business owners and civic leaders critical insight into the efficiency and adequacy of spending and taxation in Colorado. Along with a panel of Jeffco leaders, we'll explore what we can do to ensure the future prosperity of our Jeffco community. We need engaged citizens, business owners and civic leaders to rally around a commonsense approach - one based on facts - to develop solutions and take action. As a sponsor of this event, Jeffco PTA hopes you will join us in this conversation. We look forward to seeing you Tuesday, March 8, 2011, from 6:30-8pm at the Lakewood High School Auditorium (9700 W 8th Ave). Space is LIMITED. Please [Click here to RSVP](#).

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### **Membership Reports Were Due February 1st**

Every PTA *MUST* submit a report even if you don't have any new members.  
For forms and more information, [click here](#).

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### **Interesting/Informational Links**

[Bullying Prevention Can Reduce Hurtful Gossip](#)

[Random Acts of Kindness](#)

[Prom Pressure](#)

[Data Systems Transform Family Engagement in Education](#)

[Fitness for Kids Who Don't Like Sports](#)

[Discounts for PTA Members](#)

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