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Dear District Communication Director,

Please consider forwarding this information to the fifth grade teachers in your district.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to ask that you help to announce that the **Colorado School and Public Employees Retirement Association (CSPERA)** and **Colorado AARP** are sponsoring 2017's...

Fifth Grade Grandparent Essay Contest

WINNER AWARDS ARE:

Four Student 1st Prizes of \$75 Visa Gift Cards and Four Student 2nd Prizes of \$50 Visa Gift Cards and a Pizza Party for all 1st place classrooms.

Teachers of all 1st Place students will also receive a 1 year free membership to CSPERA.

Four SCHOOL Prizes of \$500 each from Colorado AARP

The CSPERA Grandparent Essay Application is available on the CSPERA website, www.cspera.org. Students may simply be given contest directions by the teacher, and then do their work at home, or the essay could be a part of in-class writing instruction and practice.

This contest is for fifth grade students only. The essay's content should be about
"Why my Grandparent(s) is/are the Best in the World."

We hope your fifth grade students and teachers will engage in the topic, which has generated many family-appreciated and remembered essays in prior years.

We ask that teachers collect the essays and verify that each essay contains the student and grandparent names, and the school's name and location. Each essay and its Entry Form should be forwarded to the CSPERA office. Judging of the entries will be done by CSPERA members. First and Second Place winners will be selected from each of CSPERA's four regional divisions: Northeast, Metro, Southern, and Western. The First Place winner will receive a \$75 Visa gift card and the Second Place winner will receive a \$50 Visa gift card.

Also, each of the four schools that the First Place student in each region attends will receive a \$500 stipend, generously given by AARP, to be used at each school's discretion. The teacher of all 1st Place students will also receive a free 1 year membership to CSPERA.

CSPERA's essay receipt deadline is **March 24, 2017**. Winners will be announced April 14, 2017. Essay winners will win a pizza party for their class to be held at their school. It will be hosted by a CSPERA and AARP representative at a date and time to be determined.

Thank you for taking time to give this information to teachers and students. Questions? Call the CSPERA office at 303.326.1808 or 800.748.2846, or via email at cspera@aps.k12.co.us.

John M. Dale, CSPERA Grandparent Essay Committee Chair

PARENT CONSENT FORM

MEDIA RELEASE

Student name _____
 First Last

I hereby give permission for Colorado School and Public Employees Retirement Association (CSPERA) to release the use of my child's name, photograph, and/or Grandparent Essay writing in publications such as those produced or sponsored by CSPERA, and mass media.

This Media Release shall remain in effect through the duration and presentation of the Grandparent Essay Contest, unless it is revoked in writing by me or another parent or legal guardian.

Printed name of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Mail or e-mail entries, along with this completed form, to CSPERA via the addresses below.

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