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CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

November 5, 2021

A Message from the Principal



I always think about November and December as my season of gratitude. The onset of winter, time with family, and holiday celebrations always give me reason to give thanks. Next week Cherry Creek Schools celebrates our annual Veteran's Appreciation Week. At Challenge School we will celebrate with our Veteran's Appreciation Breakfast on Thursday, November 11. For those who serve, thank you for your service and your sacrifice!

We are very excited to launch our Kindness Bingo here at Challenge. I'm proud of our students who brought forward the idea to start a schoolwide "kindness challenge" in response to negative social media campaigns promoting destructive and offensive behavior. One of my favorite things about Challenge is the care and compassion that so many of our students show every day! More information is listed later in this letter.

Please join us for our [virtual PASS meeting on Tuesday, November 9, at 5:00 p.m.](#) Our school accountability committee will meet the following week on [Tuesday, November 16](#). We look forward to seeing you "there!"

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Veteran's Day



Planning for family events and community celebrations, take care of yourselves and one another. Be safe - Be well!

Principal Strohfus

Please join Challenge School in honoring our Veterans on Thursday, November 11th. Please click [here](#) for information.

Kindness Bingo



KINDNESS AT CHALLENGE! Some of the middle school connection classes at Challenge are starting a new campaign called Kindness at Challenge. Each month the students in these connection classes will be putting out a Kindness Challenge for all students (k-8) to complete. Challenges will be debuted at the start of each month via wolf tracks and daily announcements. November's kindness challenge will be revealed soon!

Students who complete the November challenge will be put in a raffle for prizes. We are hoping parents and/or the companies parents work for might donate some prizes. If you can help please contact Ms. Eggleston at meggleston2@cherrycreekschools.org and Mr. Pierce at jpierce20@cherrycreekschools.org.

Challenge School Application



The Challenge School Application for the 2022-2023 school year is now available from the CCSD Office of Gifted and Talented Services. Please click [here](#) for more information on the application process. Current Challenge students do not need to reapply, however all siblings not currently attending must apply in order to be considered for acceptance at Challenge. Deadline for submission is **Friday, December 3, 2021** at the Office of Gifted and Talented Services.

Upcoming School Events

Monday, November 8
Intramurals Grades 6-8
3:00-4:00

Math Club
3:00-4:00

Tuesday, November 9
Lego Robotics
3:00-5:30

Speech and Debate
3:00-4:30

Intramurals Grades 3-5
3:00-4:00

Jumpstart to Homework
3:00-4:00

Reader's Theater Club
3:00-4:00

Student Senate
3:00-4:00

Elementary Student Council
3:00-3:45

Homework/Study Skills
3:00-4:00

[PASS Meeting](#)
[5:00-6:00](#)

Wednesday, November 10
Elementary Chess Club
2:00-3:00

International Club
3:00-4:00

News from the Clinic



Please click [here](#) for important information from the clinic on preventing the spread of illness. Please click [here](#) and [here](#) for information on flu shot clinics for the 21-22 school year. These pages will be updated as needed.

Howler Delivery



Howlers have been delivered! Parents, if you ordered one, please check your student's backpack. There are a few Howlers that can be purchased at the front office. If you have any questions, please contact [Amy Henry](#).

Challenge Spelling Bee



Words, words, words! If you can't get enough of correct spelling and cool vocabulary, sign up for the Challenge School's written spelling test. Third through eighth graders are eligible. This preliminary test will be held on Tuesday, November 30th in the cafeteria during Minicourse. Sign up by November 29th with Mrs. Beattie in Room 225 and get the study packet ahead of time! The top spellers from the written round will advance to the Challenge School Oral Spelling Bee to be held on Tuesday, December 14th from 8:10 through its completion. Go spellers!

Rich Morrow Math Challenge



The **Rich Morrow Math Challenge** is back (and better than ever!). This is an annual math event (usually the first Saturday in December) that Challenge School's LEGENDARY math teacher Rich Morrow created back in 2001, and we've kept it going ever since! And it can't happen without a bunch of VOLUNTEERS! No "mathiness" is required for volunteers; just a desire to help make this event a success! If you'd like to help out, please sign up [here](#).

MC Choir Rehearsal
3:00-4:30

Thursday, November 11

Veteran's Day Breakfast
8:20-9:30

TSA Meeting
3:00-5:30

LEGO Robotics
3:00-5:30

STEM Blazers
3:00-4:00

Yearbook Club
3:00-4:00

MC Choir Concert
2:15-3:00

Friday, November 12 No School

Upcoming District Events

November
National American Indian
Heritage Month

November 8
Board of Education Meeting
Falcon Creek
Middle School
7:00-8:30 p.m.

November 8-12
CCSD Veterans
Appreciation Week

Wednesday, November 17

District P.A.S.S. Meeting
6:00-7:30 p.m.
Grandview High School

PTCO Board Election



We are happy to announce that Lalita Shah is running for the Co-Secretary position on the PTCO board. The election is slated for November 16th, 2021 at the PTCO general meeting. Meeting time and details will be shared in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please reach out at ptcochallenge@gmail.com.

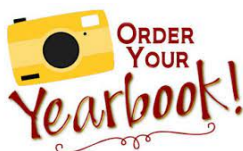
Homework and Study Skills



Hello! If you are interested in having additional time at school to complete homework, study, get organized, and/or plan out your schedule, Challenge School's Homework and Study Skills club is the place to be! Ms. Haralson (school counselor) and Dr. Coggin (GT teacher) will be available after school on Tuesdays from 3:00-4:00 pm in Dr. Coggin's room #174 to provide support and supervision. We will put out new dates for each quarter. Please sign-up before 8:30 am on Tuesdays. For any questions, email eharalson@cherrycreekschools.org and/or ecoggin@cherrycreekschools.org.

Please sign up for dates using this link:
<https://forms.gle/iPzCjZP3QLqHdT4B6>

Yearbooks on Sale



The 2021-2022 Challenge School Yearbook is now on sale. Please click [here](#) for information and [here](#) to order.

District PASS Meeting

Our next in-person District P.A.S.S. meeting is **Wednesday, November 17, 2021 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**, at Grandview High School, 20500 E. Arapahoe Rd., Aurora, CO 80016, in the cafeteria on the first floor. Childcare is provided. We will be sharing the evening with Superintendent Chris



Smith, and we encourage you to join our discussion.

Please note: District P.A.S.S. meetings are not recorded or live streamed. Cherry Creek School District will require masks inside ALL school buildings for ALL students, staff, and visitors.

We look forward to seeing you on November 17, 2021. If you have any questions or concerns, please email CCSDEquity@cherrycreekschools.org. For more information on District P.A.S.S. visit the Cherry Creek School District website: <https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/4015>.

Walk in Wednesdays



Food and Nutrition Services is hiring! Please click [here](#) for information on our walk in interviews.

SEAC Meeting



The next Special Education Advisory Committee meeting will be on Thursday, November 11. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Leaders of the PACK



Week of October 29

Tani Sanghavi	Connor Zhang-Sanders	Archer Austin
Hannah Davis	Margaret Harley	Avi Khadka
Catherine Nadeau	Gynelia Nyakundi	Annabelle Ross

Decker Roth	Laila Shah	Jane Coleman
Caylee Howe	Daniel Ioris	Isaac Ji
Olivia Livingston	Kate Meier	Polina Merkulov
Nathan Minn	Alexis Nsanji	Christian Nyakundi
Jovian Sherrell	Diem Welch	Anand Zolboo
Ikran Abdullahi	Ali Al-Musawi	Phoenix Cannavo
Lucas Coleman Sell	Abiel Hailu	Aksel Hanson
Lada Kalmykov	Shem Lanre-Ahmed	Lillian Lombard
Alexandra Schmidt	Adler Tuley	Amira Tulk
Sahil Balani	Isabella Delhierro	Yohanna Gideon
Hafsa Khizer	Kavya Krishna	Emma Pak
Simar Singh	Everest Tuley	