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CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

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A Message From the Principal



Friends, we made it! On behalf of the entire Challenge School family, we wish you a fun and restful fall break! We all have a lot to be proud of in working together to successfully reenter school this year, and the break is well deserved. We couldn't have made it this far without the tremendous partnership from home.

Our PTCO is on a roll this year! We thank them for a wildly successful fall festival last Saturday. What a great time for kids of all ages. The decorations, wands, and numerous booths really made for a magical day for our students. Thanks a million for your hard work!

I want to announce one change to the calendar for the second semester. Friday, April 15 will be a non-contact day for students. Teachers will engage in professional learning activities. We're working on getting a fully updated calendar from the district, but I wanted to announce that for future planning.

Look for a special message from CCSD Superintendent Chris Smith today. In this week's letter to our community he discusses accomplishments for the first quarter, district priorities, the upcoming Board of Education

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	<p>election, and COVID vaccinations and testing.</p> <p>Whether you're traveling to exciting destinations or enjoying a "staycation" next week, be safe, be well, and enjoy the time with loved ones. We look forward to returning to classes on Monday, October 25.</p> <p>Principal Strohfus</p>	<p>PIN Meeting</p> <p>Leaders of the PACK</p> <p>Upcoming School Events</p> <p>FALL BREAK</p> <p>OCTOBER 18-22</p> <p>Saturday, October 16 Chipotle Spirit Night 2300 S Parker Rd 4:00pm-8:00pm</p> <p>Monday, October 25 Acting Club 3:00-4:30</p> <p>Intramurals Grades 6-8 3:00-4:00</p> <p>Math Club 3:00-4:00</p> <p>Tuesday, October 26 Lego Robotics 3:00-5:30</p> <p>Speech and Debate 3:00-4:30</p> <p>Intramurals Grades 3-5 3:00-4:00</p> <p>Jumpstart to Homework 3:00-4:00</p> <p>Reader's Theater Club 3:00-4:00</p> <p>Homework/Study Skills 3:00-3:45</p> <p>Wednesday, October 27 Picture Retakes</p>
<p>News from the Clinic</p> 	<p>Please click here for important information from the clinic on preventing the spread of illness. Please click here for information on flu shot clinics for the 21-22 school year. These pages will be updated as needed.</p>	
<p>SOS</p> 	<p>Dr. Simmons (school psychologist) and Ms. Haralson (school counselor) will be providing Signs of Suicide lessons to Team E and Early Warning Sign lessons to Team D throughout October. Signs of Suicide is a district-wide, research-based program to help provide students with skills to help themselves or peers in need of mental health support. For Signs of Suicide with Team E, students will learn about how to identify signs of depression, self-injury, and suicide in themselves and others and how to respond effectively. The acronym ACT (Acknowledge, Care, and Tell) helps students learn to notice warning signs, how to be supportive of the person of concern, and how to get help from a trusted adult. For Early Warning Signs with Team D, ways to identify signs of depression in a peer are discussed, as well as ways to help them get support. Team D and E parents/guardians have been sent an email with more information and resources. If you have further questions, please reach out to msimmons2@cherrycreekschools.org and eharalson@cherrycreekschools.org.</p>	

	<p>The resources shared with students are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A state-wide, 24/7 support service for children and adults, Colorado Crisis Services https://coloradocrisiservices.org/, 1-844-493-8255, or Text "TALK" to 38255. • Resources available specific to non-crisis, Challenge school related concerns • A way to report a concern or threat in a safe, anonymous way, to help someone who is struggling or hurting, Safe2Tell, https://safe2tell.org/ and/or 1-877-542-723 	<p>Lost and Found Donation Day</p> <p>Elementary Chess Club 2:00-3:00</p> <p>International Club 3:00-4:00</p> <p>Thursday, October 28</p> <p>TSA Meeting 3:00-5:30</p> <p>GSA Meeting 3:00-4:00</p> <p>STEMBlazers 3:00-4:00</p> <p>Yearbook Club 3:00-4:00</p>
<p>Exceptional Volunteer</p> 	<p>Each year, the Cherry Creek School District presents the Exceptional Volunteer Award to one volunteer from each school for that volunteer's dedication to the students, faculty and the school community. This year, the PTCO Executive Board, along with Mr. Strohfus, will select the award recipient at their October board meeting. All parent and staff nominations will be considered.</p> <p>To nominate a volunteer, please fill out this form. Self-nominations and anonymous nominations will not be considered.</p>	<p>Friday, October 29</p> <p>Middle School Chess Club 3:00-4:00</p> <p>Upcoming District Events</p> <p>Fall Break</p>
<p>Rich Morrow Math Challenge</p> 	<p>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.</p>	

Veteran's Day



Please join Challenge School in honoring our Veterans. Please click [here](#) for information. Team C, your help is needed. Please click [here](#) to find out how you can take part.

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.

Chipotle Night






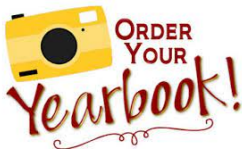
Support students at Challenge by ordering your favorite Chipotle meal from the Chipotle restaurant located at 2300 S Parker Rd on Saturday, October 16th between 4-8 pm. You may order online with the code A932K32. If you have any questions, please contact [Amy Henry](#).

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 3-3:45 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.

	<p>Please sign up for dates using this link: https://forms.gle/iPzCjZP3QLqHdT4B6</p>
<p>Art Competition</p> 	<p>The Schreiber Research Group (TSRG) is organizing an art competition centered around the theme of what health, wellness, and hope look like in the time of COVID-19. Students will have the opportunity to submit an original art piece that follows the requirements listed here.</p> <p>Please submit artworks to Mr. De la Cruz no later than October 29th and include your name, grade, and connections teacher on the back of your artwork.</p>
<p>Challenge Garden</p> 	<p>Put the Garden to bed - Work Day on Sat, Oct 30 @ 10:30-12:20. Harvesting anything that remains, pulling the remaining annuals, pruning and mulching perennials, and planting cover crops. We will also spend some time at the beginning talking over garden plans for next year. Ideas are welcome! Sign up here.</p>
<p>Howler and Wolf Wear Purchase</p> 	<p>At Challenge, parents provide support in many different ways, one of which is through the Howler event. Please use the link below and your login info to make a purchase to support your school. Howler</p> <p>Proudly represent Challenge School in a unique way by wearing gears made especially for this purpose. Please use the link below to make a purchase and to show your support to Challenge School. wolf wear</p>
<p>Yearbooks on Sale</p>	<p>The 2021-2022 Challenge School Yearbook is now on sale. Please click here for information and here to order.</p>



8th Grade Students



8th Grade Students, please check your school email for important yearbook information or follow this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdA8vG_PdICxdGpjE7zdHte_E2M-HVa4EVPgbBfl4ynhg6ldQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

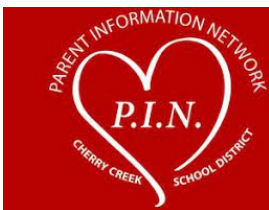
Please respond no later than October 31st!

Food & Nutrition Services News



Please [click](#) here for important information from Food and Nutrition Services regarding upcoming menu changes.

PIN Meeting



The Parent Information Network will have their next meeting on November 2. Please click [here](#) for details.

Leaders of the PACK



Week of October 8th

Audrey Hamp	Molly Mong	Graham Pennymon
Judi Al Hakeem	Caleb Ayana	Manvi Chauhan
Kayli Han	Deeksha Kaza	Kanishkar Madhu
Nathania Melak	Mimi Onuorah	Ermuun Byambaragchaa
Sophia Diemert	William Dosch	Isabella Feldstein
Sammy Gab Ojukwu	Raphael Melak	Amber Namugenyi
Kamsi Onuorah	Oliver Smith	Odelia Song
Evan Sun	Nobel Woldu	Solvie Youde
Paxton Dabasinskas	Jake Gebicki	Eliana Gebreegziabher
Preethi Gurumurthi	Haanie Mohammed	Alaynah Sheppard
	Dannica Ward	