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## CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

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### A Message From the Principal



What a week it's been, and we're in the home stretch before fall break! We have great fun planned each day before we go on break. Please join us tomorrow at Platform 9  $\frac{3}{4}$  for our Harry Potter themed Fall Festival tomorrow from noon to 4:00 p.m. We're also hosting spirit week activities next week for students to have a little fun each day. I'm especially looking forward to seeing how teachers and students dress for "Decade Day" on Thursday. This might be a great chance to loan your kids those favorite, coveted concert shirts from your teens!

Most of you have heard me speak before about the tremendous spirit of service that makes Challenge School such a special place. This year is no different. PTCO has already outdone themselves with an exceptional Wolf Run and our highly anticipated Fall Festival. Each year we have the opportunity to recognize one exceptional volunteer for their dedication to our school community. Please consider nominating a deserving volunteer. Details are listed later in the newsletter.

We hope you can join us tomorrow for some outdoor fun and fall sunshine!

Principal Strohfus

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### Upcoming School Events

**Saturday, October 9**

Fall Fest  
12:00-4:00

**Monday, October 11**

Acting Club  
3:00-4:30

## Fall Fest



Fall Fest is tomorrow! Mischief and Magic Fall Festival is slated for Saturday, October 9th from 12- 4pm. This will be a Harry Potter themed OUTDOOR event. We need volunteers to help make this event truly MAGICAL for our students. Sign up with this [link](#) for a fun way to get your volunteer hours! Visit this [link](#) if you are interested in helping with food items. To purchase tickets in advance, visit this [link](#). Advanced ticket sales ends at midnight tonight. You can purchase tickets at the door with cash, Venmo or credit card.

Fall Festival is a family event with supervision provided by families. ***In order to attend, students must have a parent/guardian in attendance for the duration of their time at the event.*** Supervision is not provided by the school.

If you have any questions, please email Veronica and Anna at [challengefallfest@gmail.com](mailto:challengefallfest@gmail.com).

## Spirit Days



Next week is Spirit Week! Here is what's happening:

Monday- Hat/ hair day  
Tuesday- Fandom  
Wednesday- Wacky Mix-up Day  
Thursday- Decade  
Friday- CHL gear day

## News from the Clinic



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.

Intramurals Grades 6-8  
3:00-4:00

Math Club  
3:00-4:00

Math Club Contest  
4:00-6:00

### Tuesday, October 12

Lego Robotics  
3:00-5:30

Speech and Debate  
3:00-4:30

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

Student Senate  
3:00-4:00

Jumpstart to Homework  
3:00-4:00

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

Homework/Study Skills  
3:00-3:45

### Wednesday, October 13

Elementary Chess Club  
2:00-3:00

International Club  
3:00-4:00

### Thursday, October 14

TSA Meeting  
3:00-5:30

GSA Meeting  
3:00-4:00

K-1 Computer Club  
3:00-4:00

**SOS**



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](mailto:msimmons2@cherrycreekschools.org) and [eharalson@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:eharalson@cherrycreekschools.org).

**The resources shared with students are:**

- 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

**Friday, October 15**  
End of Quarter 1

Middle School Chess Club  
3:00-4:00

**Saturday, October 16**  
Chipotle Spirit Night  
2300 S Parker Rd  
4:00pm-8:00pm

**FALL BREAK**  
**OCTOBER 18-22**

**Wednesday, October 27**  
Picture Retakes

**Upcoming District  
Events**

**October 11**  
**BOE Meeting**  
7:00pm  
CCIC

**October 13**  
**District PASS Meeting**  
Cherokee Trail HS  
6:00

**Parent's Council**  
9:30am  
Fremont Building

**October 14**  
**SEAC Meeting**

## Exceptional Volunteer



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.

To nominate a volunteer, please fill out this [form](#). Self-nominations and anonymous nominations will not be considered.

## Art Competition



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](#).

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.

## Challenge Garden



**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](#).

## Howler and Wolf Wear Purchase



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](#)

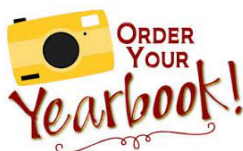
Proudly represent Challenge School in a unique way by wearing gears made especially for this purpose. Please use the link below to make a purchase and to show your support to Challenge School. [wolf wear](#)

## SEAC Meeting



The next Special Education Advisory Committee meeting will be October 14th. Please click [here](#) for details.

## Yearbooks on Sale



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

## Leaders of the PACK



Week of October 1st

Ashley Ju	Owen Anderson	Hussein Al Eyoon
Justice Chitsom	Sati Dervahanyan	Sophia Fung
Esther Gab-Ojukwu	Naomi Getachew	Kayli Han
Alice Ju	Maya Pacic	Jacob Pak

Chigo Sichone	Jude Stevens	Tristan Zirker
Zsofia Zegura	Anand Zolboo	Eliam Asfaha
Lucas Coleman-Sell	Iman Ekiko	Daniil Pestov
Naaz Ahuja	Charly Ashworth	Anna Austin
Yohanna Gideon	Nisha Kathiresan	Connor Kelly
Hafsa Khizer	Hajira Khizer	Gizelle Lopez
Rehana Mohammed	Emma Pak	Nicole Rivkin
Hudson Roth	Simar Singh	Ariana Soloman
Kabir Srivastava	Harper Surratt	Jayla Tolbert
Enkh Turtogtokh	Dannica Ward	Julia Yslas