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CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

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A Message From the Principal



It's been a wet and chilly day - at least for me, anyway! We celebrated a tremendously successful Wolf Run with our prize day today. Over 120 students had a chance to dunk the principal, and all students got to enjoy the inflatables during their lunch recesses. It took a while to warm up after the repeated dunkings, but it was well worth it. We all had a great time with it.

I need to ask for your focus on attention and safety during drop off and pick up times again. We had an accident this week on Dayton. All parties involved were connected to our school, so we ask your partnership to commit to student safety. Be patient, slow down, stay off your phone, and be alert! Additionally, we still have numerous families crossing illegally on both Dayton and Mississippi. This is extremely dangerous and puts others at risk. Please take the time to obey traffic laws and use crosswalks!

As you know, CCSD has two board seats open in the upcoming election. There is one remaining candidate forum next week on Thursday at CTHS. Learn more about the election and all candidates at cherrycreekschools.org and navigate to the Board of Education page.

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Monday, October 4

Acting Club
3:00-4:30

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

	<p>We've experienced an uptick in positive COVID cases with our students, but we remain vigilant in our efforts to keep kids safe and healthy at school. Remember the basics - mask, wash your hands, stay outdoors as much as possible, and be thoughtful about large gatherings. Be safe - Be well!</p> <p>Principal Strohfus</p>	<p>Math Club 3:00-4:00</p> <p>K-1 Computer Club 3:00-4:00</p> <p>Tuesday, October 5 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>Elementary Student Council 3:00-3:45</p> <p>Reader's Theater Club 3:00-4:00</p> <p>All State Choir Rehearsal 3:00-4:30</p> <p>Homework/Study Skills 3:00-3:45</p> <p>Wednesday, October 6 Elementary Chess Club 2:00-3:00</p> <p>International Club 3:00-4:00</p> <p>Thursday, October 7 TSA Meeting 3:00-5:30</p> <p>All State Choir Auditions 3:00-7:00</p> <p>STEM Blazers 3:00-4:00</p>
<p>Fall Fest</p> 	<p>Fall Fest Around the Corner - Mark Your Calendars</p> <p>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. If you have any questions, please email Veronica and Anna at challengefallfest@gmail.com.</p>	
<p>Wolf Run Exceeds Its Goal</p> 	<p>Our 6th Wolf Run fundraiser, generated over \$46,000 in donations for our teacher assistants! Thank you to everyone who participated in the run, dressed up to show their spirit, volunteered, donated or cheered on our students. We could not have done it without you!</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>	

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 below. Selected winners will have their art published on various online platforms including:

- TSRG website (<https://tsrg.org>)
- Microsoft Alumni Network Giving Tuesday portal (The Schreiber Research Group - Microsoft Alumni Network - microsoftalumnigive.com)
- Colorado Gives portal (<https://www.coloradogives.org/TheSchreiberResearchGroup/overview?step=step1>)

Students will also receive a set of blank "Thank You" cards that display the winner's artwork. These thank you cards will also be included as a gift for TSRG donors who meet certain dollar thresholds as part of the giving season fundraising. This is a wonderful opportunity and experience for young artists and we look forward to your submissions!

Artwork guidelines:

- Must be on an 8 1/2 x 11 inch sheet of paper
- Must be two-dimensional
- Must follow the theme of health, wellness, and hope. (How do you stay healthy during a pandemic? What does health, wellness, and hope look like during a pandemic?)
 - This can look different to each person. Don't be afraid to think outside the box and really tap into your creativity!

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.

Friday, October 8

Team D Lego Robotics
3:00-4:00

Middle School Chess Club
3:00-4:00

Saturday, October 9

Fall Fest
12:00-4:00

Upcoming District Events

Tuesday, October 5

PIN Meeting
9:15 am

Wednesday, October 6

District Accountability Meeting

Thursday, October 7

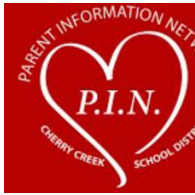
BOE Candidate Forum
Cherokee Trail High School
6:30-8:00

School Store



We are happy to announce the school store will be open every Friday after school starting this week. We will sell some fun items as well as drinks and snacks! Items are priced at .25 - \$2. Bring your money on Friday and we will see you there!

Parent Information Network



The Parent Information Network will be having their next meeting on October 5 featuring guest speaker Brandon Slade. Please click [here](#) for details.

Challenge Garden



Garden Work Day on Sat, Oct 2 @ 1:00pm - 3:00pm. We will be cleaning up the garden, harvesting flowers and veggies, pruning and pulling spent plants and collecting seeds to save for future plantings. We will also spend some time at the beginning talking over garden plans for next year. Ideas are welcome! Sign up [here](#)

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](#)

CCHS Homecoming



Cherry Creek High School is hosting our Homecoming Carnival on Friday, October 8, from 5-7 pm in the Athletic Courtyard. We want to invite all of our feeder students and families to enjoy over 40 booths and activities, including several food trucks brought in for the evening. The homecoming football game will start at 7 pm. Please click [here](#) for the flyer.

Mini Buffs Cheer Camp



The clinic will take place on Saturday, October 9th from 9-11am for children ages K-8th grade! We will teach cheers, dances, tumbling, stunts, jumps, and a mini routine that will be performed before the varsity football game on October 14th. Mini Buffs will also cheer during the first quarter of the game on the sidelines with the Smoky Hill High School Cheerleaders! The cost of the camp is \$40 and includes a tshirt, reusable water bottle, bow, snacks, and entrance into the football game on 10/14. Pre-register by October 5th to guarantee your spot and proper tshirt size. We can't wait for you to join us as we cheer on the Buffs!

[Link to registration form](#)

Pre-payment can be made via Zelle to SmokyHillCheer@gmail.com, otherwise, we will accept cash or check (made payable to SHHS) on the day of the clinic.

Leaders of the PACK



Week of September 24th

Ayaansh Aggarwal	Eliza Boyd	Radia Chowdhury
Eliana Hamp	Toby Elder	Clara Fung
Kima Henderson	Addie Hoffman	Lily Hurtgen
Dylan Jalal	Elbert Jing	Brady Mong
Lily Nadeau	Henry Shelton	Rex Walsh