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CHALLENGE SCHOOL



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A Message From the Principal



Just a few quick announcements from my desk this week - most notable being the upcoming election for the CCSD Board of Education. At this year's general election in November, CCSD voters will elect two BOE seats for director districts D and E.

CCSD is holding candidate forums at each of our neighborhood high schools to learn about each candidate's values and priorities. Please plan to attend one of these events to learn more about the candidates in this critical upcoming election.

- **Tues., Sept. 21, 2021** at 6:30 p.m. in the Eaglecrest High School Auditorium.
- **Wed., Sept. 22, 2021** at 6:30 p.m. in the Cherry Creek High School Auditorium.
- **Tues., Sept. 28, 2021** at 6:30 p.m. in the Grandview High School Auditorium.
- **Thurs., Sept. 30, 2021** at 6:30 p.m. in the Smoky Hill High School Auditorium.
- **Thurs., Oct. 7, 2021** at 6:30 p.m. in the Cherokee Trail High School Auditorium.

The forum for Overland High School was held last week. You can access video from the forum, as well as other candidate information, at the following link:

<https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/13757>

Please plan to attend our School Accountability Meeting on Tuesday, September 21 at 5:00. This will be a virtual event. The link is listed below in the article about the AAC Meeting.

Parent Conferences will be held on Thursday night and Friday of next week.

Panda Express Night

CCSD Veterans
Appreciation Football
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Fall Fest

No Cost Fundraising

Traffic Volunteers

**Upcoming School
Events**
**NO SCHOOL FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 24**

Monday, September 20

Acting Club
3:00-4:30

Intramurals
3:00-4:00

Math Club
3:00-4:00




Tuesday, September 21

Lego Robotics
3:00-5:30

Homework/Study Skills
3:00-3:45

Intramurals
3:00-4:00

AAC Meeting
5:00-6:00

	<p>Virtual and in-person options are available. We look forward to talking about your students' progress!</p> <p>Thanks for all you do to support us at Challenge School! Fall break will be here before you know it! Take care of yourself and enjoy a great weekend. Be safe - Be well!</p> <p>Principal Strohfus</p>	<p>Wednesday, September 22 International Club 3:00-4:00</p> <p>Elementary Chess Club 2:00-3:00</p> <p>Thursday, September 23 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00</p>
<p>Wolf Run CHALLENGE SCHOOL WOLF RUN</p> 	<p>The kids were amazing during the Wolf Run! It is NOT TOO LATE to show your support for them. We will be accepting donations via cash, check or credit card through CheddarUp until Sept 23. Please don't forget to fill out the online waiver for your student for the prize day on Oct 1</p>	<p>Friday, September 24 NO SCHOOL K-8 Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00-3:00</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>Upcoming District Events</p> <p>September 18 CCSD Vets Appreciation Football Game Legacy Stadium 6:00</p>
<p>Fall 2021 Parent/Teacher Conferences</p> 	<p>Fall 2021 Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on the evening of Thursday, September 23rd and during the day on Friday, September 24th. You will schedule directly with each of your child's teachers individually. You will select an open time on each teacher's Sign Up Genius schedule. Teachers will offer a combination of in-person conferences and virtual conferences. Students should plan to attend conferences alongside you. <i>Please pay close attention to your sign up time to see if it is in-person or virtual.</i></p> <p>Click here to access the informational letter and links to teacher Sign Up Genius pages</p>	<p>September 21 BOE Candidate Forum</p> <p>September 22 BOE Candidate Forum</p>

Book Fair



Parents and students are invited to the Scholastic Book Fair beginning on Monday, September 20!

The book fair will be open the week of September 20-24:

Monday, September 20 8:00 AM-3:30 PM
Tuesday, September 21 8:00 AM-3:30 PM
Wednesday, September 22 8:00 AM-3:30 PM
Thursday, September 23 8:00 AM-8:00 PM
Friday, September 24 8:00 AM-3:00 PM

The online fair is available for an extended time from September 12-25. If you can't make it to the book fair in person, be sure to visit the online book fair at

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/challengek8>.

All purchases made online or at school directly benefit the Challenge Library. Scholastic is famous for providing a wide range of interesting books and other materials. We look forward to seeing you at the fair! If you would like to volunteer, please sign up [here](#)!

Thank you for your support!

Book Fair Volunteers Needed



Dear Challenge Parents! Want to get some fun and flexible volunteer hours? We need lots of help at the Fall Book Fair next week. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up for any available time:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA5AA2CA46-2021>

Parent Volunteers



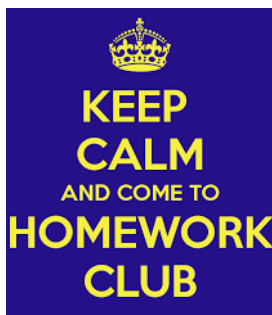
Now that parents can volunteer at school again, there are a variety of ways that classroom teachers might be able to use your help. If you are interested in helping us, please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/QfQcGwcZ3G2jCyp87>. The answers will be shared with all teachers so they may contact you if they have a specific need that fits your interests/expertise.

Middle School IDs



Middle School students are required to have their IDs for lunches and library checkout. These were given to students on picture day. If your student has lost their ID, the first replacement will be at no cost but each subsequent replacement will be \$3.00 payable via [Revtrak](#). Parents will be contacted in the event their student needs a paid replacement.

Homework and Study Skills Club



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 for grades 5-8 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.

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

Destination Imagination

Challenge School is excited to offer Destination Imagination this school year! Please click [here](#) for more information on this creative problem solving competition and [here](#) to download the registration. Please contact Deanna Bustamante at



dbustamante@cherrycreekschools.org with
any questions.

Board of Education Candidate Forum



The Cherry Creek School District will have an election on Nov. 2, 2021, to choose two Board of Education directors. The two directors will be elected to serve four-year terms in Districts D and E.

The district will host six candidate forums to give parents, staff and community members the opportunity to get to know the candidates running for the CCSD Board of Education.

You can [view the list of candidates who will be on the ballot on this web page](#). More information about the candidates will be posted in the coming days as they turn in their informational packets.

The dates for the upcoming forums are below. Please note that **masks will be required for all candidates and attendees at these forums**. CCSD has a mask requirement in place for all schools in the district, per the public health order from Tri-County Health Department.

- **Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021** at 6:30 p.m. in the Eaglecrest High School Auditorium.
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We encourage you to attend a forum and learn about the candidates who are running for Board of Education in the Cherry Creek School District.

School Store Volunteers



One volunteer is needed to help run the school store every other Friday afternoon. If you are interested please contact Jessica at challengeschoolvolunteer@gmail.com.

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](#)

Fall Fest



Mischief and Magic Fall Festival is Saturday, October 9th from 12- 4pm. This will be a Harry Potter themed OUTDOOR event. We need volunteers to help make this event MAGICAL for our students.

<https://signup.com/go/vkfeDUS>

If you have any questions, please email Veronica and Anna at challengefallfest@gmail.com.

CHSAA Hockey Information



Join us on September 20th @ 6 pm for a CHSAA hockey meeting put on by the Cherry Creek School District. This meeting will address the CHSAA season and the potential of adding a 2nd Cherry Creek School District CHSAA recognized team for both JV and Varsity. This meeting is a vital next step in the process of adding these additional teams, and the district will take into account the number of meeting attendees, as this is the number one indicator of the number of players wishing to play CHSAA hockey. Please forward this on to anyone you feel this would be beneficial

to, that attends Cherry Creek Schools or Aurora Public schools.

PLEASE MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO ATTEND THIS MEETING AS ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING WILL DECIDE IF THIS PROCESS MOVES FORWARD.

For further information please visit this [link](#). Hope to see everyone there!

Grandview Parade



Grandview High School is celebrating Homecoming and the Challenge Community is invited to the parade and after party on September 22. Please click [here](#) for information.

Panda Express Fundraiser



Support students at Challenge by ordering Panda Express on Friday, September 17th with the coupon code 904794. Twenty eight percent (28%) of the amount you spent will come back to Challenge to support student activities. Please visit this link for more information and if you have any questions please contact Amy Henry.

CCSD Veteran Appreciation Football Game



Please join Cherry Creek School District as we support our Veterans this Saturday, September 18th at Legacy Stadium. Please click [here](#) for more information.

No Cost Fundraising



The companies that support our no cost fundraising efforts include:

King Soopers (Kroger), AmazonSmile, Box Tops for Education, Longmont Dairy, Coca-Cola and American Furniture Warehouse. If you make a purchase through any of these companies, a percentage of the money you spend is given back to support Challenge School.

Traffic Volunteers



Your school needs three volunteers each day to help direct traffic at the school premises through the end of the academic year. One person is needed to help with the crosswalk, one to direct and manage traffic in the circle lot, and one to manage traffic coming from the parking lot. If you are in the position to support your school in this time of need, please check in with the front office to receive a reflective safety vest. All interested volunteers are encouraged to please sign-up using the link below. Your support will be an invaluable addition to the safety of the pick-up routines at Challenge School. We greatly appreciate your consideration and the continuous help you provide. [Traffic volunteer sign-up](#)