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CHALLENGE SCHOOL



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A Message From the Principal



Wolf Run is a memorable event every year! We're so glad that we were able to bring back this event - not only because it's a tremendous fundraiser for our PTCO, but it's also a fun, community building day for students, parents, and staff members. I'm sitting here typing today with ice on my knees and a smile on my face - today was a great day! My goal to start the day was to make it one mile for each grade here at Challenge. Even with the afternoon heat, I made it to about 10.4 miles total for the day. I also was able to take time to run with every group of students and squirt quite a bit of water along the way! We greatly appreciate your generous contributions, as well as the mountain of work it takes to pull off an event like this! Thank you!

PTCO will host it's first general meeting of the year on Monday, September 20, at 8:00 am at Challenge School. Join us if you can!!!

Please consider joining us next week for our Partnership for Academically Successful Students (PASS) meeting. We will meet virtually on Tuesday, September 14, at 5:00 p.m. PASS is one of our groups that supports our district's goal of Inclusive Excellence and supports our school and district work of systemic equity transformation. The link to Tuesday's meeting is listed in the PASS article. The Challenge Accountability Committee will meet the following week on September 21.

We appreciate all you do for us here at Challenge. Enjoy the weekend. Be safe - Be well!

Principal Strohfus

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Upcoming School Events

Monday, September 13

Acting Club
3:00-4:30

Intramurals
3:00-4:00

NJHS Hygiene Kit Packing
3:00-4:00

Math Club
3:00-4:00

Tuesday, September 14

Lego Robotics
3:00-5:30

Homework/Study Skills
3:00-3:45

Intramurals
3:00-4:00

Jump Start to Homework
3:00-4:00

Student Senate
3:00-4:00

PASS Meeting



The Challenge School Wolf Fun Run is here! Your students brought home a donation packet on Friday, Sept. 3. For more information, you can click [here](#), or find it on the PTCO's [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page. Want to volunteer? Sign up [here](#). Your volunteer hours count as service hours. Please contact the co-chairs, Crissy Davis or Amy Henry, with any questions at challengewolfrun@gmail.com. Thank you to our sponsors Levin Orthodontics and Canine Fitness and Fun for their support!

Fall 2021 Parent/Teacher Conferences



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. *Please pay close attention to your sign up time to see if it is in-person or virtual.*

[Click here to access the informational letter and links to teacher Sign Up Genius pages](#)

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-4:00 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.

5:00-6:00

Wednesday, September 15

International Club

3:00-4:00

Elementary Chess Club

2:00-3:00

Thursday, September 16

TSA Meeting

3:00-5:30

NJHS Induction Ceremony

6:30

Friday, September 17

All State Choir Rehearsal

3:00-4:30

Middle School Chess Club

3:00-4:00

CHL Panda Express

Fundraiser

4:00-8:00

Upcoming District Events

September 14

BOE Candidate Forum

September 15

CCSD Parents Council

Meeting

[Zoom Link](#)

September 18

CCSD Vets Appreciation

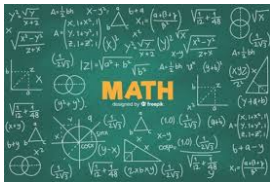
Football Game

Legacy Stadium

6:00

Scholastic is famous for providing a wide range of interesting books and other materials. We look forward to seeing you at the fair!
Thank you for your support!

Rich Morrow Parent Coordinator Needed



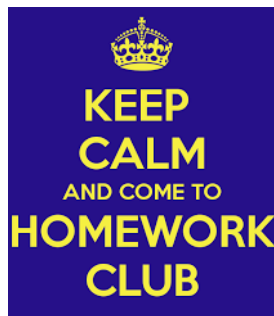
Every year our school hosts one of the most beloved elementary math events in Cherry Creek Schools--The Rich Morrow Math Challenge! It brings together hundreds of 3rd, 4th and 5th graders from around Cherry Creek Schools for a series of "math challenges," with the goal of inspiring a love of math in students! Our wonderful, illustrious parent coordinator has moved on to high school (or rather, her youngest child has moved on to high school!), and we're looking for someone to take the reins. No math mastery is required (Mr. Bixby takes care of the math!). What's required is a desire to help this event happen (and some good organizational skills). Our previous coordinator will certainly "apprentice" you this year, so you're not on your own. If you're interested, please contact Mr. Bixby as soon as possible at mbixby@cherrycreekschools.org. Thanks so much!!

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.

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 starting September 7th, 2021, 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.

PTCO Elections



We are happy to announce that Crissy Davis and Payal Ahuja have accepted the vacant Vice President and Co-Volunteer coordinator positions on the PTCO board respectively. They will be formally voted in during the up-coming general PTCO meeting slated for September 13, 2021 @ 8am at the Challenge School cafeteria. Meeting details will be shared in the coming weeks. A zoom link will be included for virtual attendees to use. If you're interested in running for any of these positions, please feel free to contact the PTCO president at

ptcochallenge@gmail.com for more information.

Opened Positions on PTCO Board

The following positions are open on the PTCO board. Interested candidates should please contact [Carolyn](#) or [Jessica](#)

1. Vice President
2. Co-Secretary
3. Co-Volunteer coordinator

Volunteers are needed to lead several important roles. If you are interested in any of these positions please contact Jessica at challengeschoolvolunteer@gmail.com for more information.

- Opened Volunteer Positions
- Staff Appreciation Chair
- CCSD Foundation Auction Basket Chair
- Immersion Fundraising Chair
- Restaurant Night Chair

Zoom Link to All PTCO Meetings Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ucdenver.zoom.us/j/5206347991>

Meeting ID: 520 634 7991



The first PASS Meeting of the year will be held via Teams on Tuesday, September 14 from 5:00-6:00. Please click [here](#) to join.

Topics for this week's meeting will include:

- Current topics from BOE meetings
- Share info on how parents can become informed about the upcoming BOE election
- Starting our school year - Starting in person and hoping to STAY in person!
- Assessment information - What do we know so far?
- What will assessments look like for this year?

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Membership and Participation -
How can parents get involved and stay involved?• What's happening at Challenge to support our work in Inclusive Excellence | |
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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. 14, 2021** at 6:30 p.m. in the Overland High School Auditorium.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021** at 6:30 p.m. in the Eaglecrest High School Auditorium.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021** at 6:30 p.m. in the Cherry Creek High School Auditorium.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021** at 6:30 p.m. in the Grandview High School Auditorium.
- **Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021** at 6:30 p.m. in the Smoky Hill High School Auditorium.
- **Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021** at 6:30 p.m. in the Cherokee Trail High School Auditorium.

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.

PTCO Budget



The PTCO budget is available for review at [view_ptco_budget](#). A vote to approve it will take place during the general PTCO meeting on September 13, 2021. If you have any questions please contact the treasurers, [Lisa Kessler](#), [Amy Henry](#) or [Michelle Ly](#).

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](#)

Backpacks



The CCSD Foundation has provided Challenge with free backpacks with school supplies inside, available for any student in need. If you are interested in one of these, please email Dr. Simmons, msimmons2@cherrycreekschools.org, and Ms. Haralson, eharalson@cherrycreekschools.org. We will coordinate with you for pick up, and it will remain confidential. This will be given out on a first-come, first-serve basis. Thank you!

MS Athletics and Activities



Did you know students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade can participate in athletics and activities at their CCSD Home School? For information on how to register with your Home School, click [here](#).

Lil' Bruins Basketball



Cherry Creek High School is hosting a camp for girls in grades 2-8. Please click [here](#) for details. For information regarding Lil' Bruins for boys, please click [here](#).

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

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](#)

Fall Festival



Fall Fest Around the Corner - Mark your Calendar! Mischief and Magic Fall Festival is Saturday, October 9th from 12- 4pm. This will be a Harry Potter themed OUTDOOR event. More information to come.