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CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

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A Message From the Principal



Welcome back to the 2021-22 school year!!! We couldn't be happier to be back and fully in person to start the year. We're off to a great start and look forward to maintaining our positive momentum. Things are looking and feeling much normal for us as we start the year. Many families were brand new to us last year and didn't get to enter the building even once, so these kickoff events are even more special this year!

Thanks to those of you who attended Back to School Night for Middle School last night! It was a really successful evening, and it was surely great to have families visit school in person. We host our elementary back to school night on Tuesday, August 24 at 6:00 p.m. next week. We look forward to seeing our elementary parents then!

Wednesday was our first early release of the year, and we thank you for rearranging your routines each week to support our work. We greatly appreciate the time, and we've tried to be really creative with workable solutions for families with students in both elementary and middle school.

As always, we appreciate your partnership and ongoing support. Let's make it a great year!

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**August 24
6:00-7:30**

**Elementary Back to School Nights
Grades K-4**

Upcoming District Events

Principal Strohfus

Technology Student Association



The Technology Student Association is gearing up for another great year! Please click [here](#) for information for 2021-2022. There is a virtual parent meeting August 23rd and meetings begin August 26th.

Challenge School had an amazing showing at the National Convention this summer. Please click [here](#) to see our results. Congratulations to all of our participants!

Speech and Debate



Challenge School is excited to offer Speech and Debate to our students in grades 6-8. Please click [here](#) for details.

Chess Club



Chess Club is back at Challenge! Please click [here](#) for the information on how to participate in PALS Chess Academy.

National Master Lior Lapid will be joined by a dedicated team of PALS assistant coaches. Given that this very popular chess club will be a Challenge to run, we are also **seeking parent volunteers**. In exchange for help with classroom management, setup, cleanup and dismissal, all children of parent volunteers will be given **free admission to our chess club as well as free admission to our monthly scholastic tournaments**. If you are interested, please contact Lior at lior@palschess.com or 720-317-7810.

Medical Forms



Do you have Immunization Records, Asthma, Allergy and Anaphylaxis Forms, or other medical forms to turn into our nurses? Email a copy of your forms to our nurses:

Denise Reich

dreich2@cherrycreekschools.org AND

Corina Van Haselen

cvanhaselen@cherrycreekschools.org

Visit the CCSD Health Services website to find printable versions of all necessary health forms:

[CCSD Health Services](#)

Library Volunteers



Thank you for being willing to volunteer! Your help is a valuable contribution to our library program. If you are new to volunteering in the Challenge Library, you will need to attend a library volunteer training session before your first shift.

Please sign up [here](#). The 30 minute training session will include a tour of the library and a review of shelving procedures. If you have volunteered in the Challenge Library in the past, volunteer training is recommended, but not required. Please contact Alecia Hadden at ahadden@cherrycreekschools.org if you have any questions.

PTCO Elections



We are happy to announce that Crissy Davis is running to fill the vacant Vice President position on the PTCO board and Payal Ahuja is running for Co-Volunteer Coordinator. The election is slated for September 13, 2021 during the general PTCO meeting. Meeting time and details will be shared in the coming weeks. If you're interested in running for this position, 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

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](#)

News from the Cafeteria



Breakfast and lunch for all students will continue to be free this school year. Please click [here](#) for information.

CCSD Nutrition Services is hiring! Details in the link above.

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](#)

