

CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

May 28, 2021

Message From the Principal



WE MADE IT!!! I've said it so many times, but it's worth repeating - we couldn't have made this year a success without tremendous support and collaboration. We are grateful to work in tandem with you as parents!

This week brought great celebration at Challenge School. An incredible highlight this week was our 8th grade continuation ceremony. This ceremony highlighted four student speeches and four student musical performances. I'm humbled and honored to see our amazing students take flight to their new adventures in high school!

We also celebrate the retirement of three longtime staff members at Challenge School. We congratulate Shannon Macey, Janine Wright, and Michael McComber on amazing careers inspiring students and serving our community.

Look for more updates in the coming weeks about back to school activities, calendar updates, and information about Back to School Nights.

Enjoy a restful and relaxing summer. Be safe - Be well!!!

Principal Strohfus

A Message from Dr. Hartley



Dear Challenge School Families,
Like our eighth grade students headed to high school next August, I too am headed off to a new adventure! I have taken a school psychologist position at Belleview and High Plains Elementary Schools beginning next school year. It has truly been an honor to work with the incredible student body and staff at Challenge over the past 18 years. I am not going far and you can always reach me at mhartley4@cherrycreekschools.org. Have a restful and hopefully semi-typical summer. Best of luck in the coming school year.

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Trimester 3 Report Cards will be mailed the week of June 14

Important Links:

[Challenge School Website](#)

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Virtual Cultural Night



With gratitude,
Mindy Hartley
School Psychologist

We are excited to present the 2021 Virtual Cultural Night video! Many thanks to RyAnn Nelson-Jaiyesimi for continuing the spirit of Challenge's Cultural Night in this virtual format!

[YouTube Link](#)

Spreading Science



As part of their study of the immune system, Team D science students made websites, podcasts, videos, and fact sheets to share scientific information that addressed myths, misconceptions, and questions people have about the COVID-19 vaccines. Students hope their projects will help people make informed decisions. Please check out the students' "Spreading Science" projects [here](#) and the article about the project [here](#).

Youth Artists



Calling all middle school youth artists! The City of Aurora needs you. Please click [here](#) for details.

Summer Kick Off Event



Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Aurora Summer Kick Off at Overland High School, Saturday June 5th for a partnership between Food Bank of the Rockies, Aurora Police Department, area school districts, and nonprofit organizations. Family food boxes, baby items, pet food, grab & go meals, summer activity backpacks for kids/teens, and community resources will be provided at no cost to 1,000 families. Volunteers will assist with traffic control, food/resource distribution, and general event support. Volunteers will be onsite 8:30 a.m. to approx. 2 p.m. (or until all food has been distributed). PPE, food, and beverages will be provided. Minimum age to volunteer is 15 with parental consent. To learn more, or to sign-up to volunteer, contact Joshua Nicholas at jnichola@auroragov.org. Group volunteer opportunities are also available. Finally, if you are unable to volunteer but would like to support this community outreach effort, consider making a financial donation. [Click here](#) to visit the Spirit of Aurora PayPal donation page and notate

"Mobile Food Pantry" in the memo section during checkout. Please click [here](#) for the event flyer.

CCSD Summer Athletics & Activities



CCSD will be offering many Athletic and Activities options at all the District High Schools this summer. There are a wide variety of options for K-12th graders. View the catalog [here](#) to learn about registration for these exciting programs.

Cherry Creek Summer Camps



Cherry Creek High School is offering summer adventure camps for students who will be in 6th, 7th, or 8th grades in Fall 2021. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Food and Nutrition Services News



Cherry Creek Schools will be offering summer meal pick up this summer. Please click here for more information in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Challenge Family Facebook Page



Did you know our PTCO has a Facebook group for the parents and caregivers of our students? It's a great place to ask questions and learn from other parents. Please go to www.facebook.com/groups/challengeparents/ to join.

Wolf Watch



CCSD will be offering Summer Camp Day Care this summer. We are excited to provide care for all our families through the summer months. Please see this [Flyer](#) for information. More details to come as we near the end of the school year.

School Supplies 2021-2022



School supply lists for the 2021-2022 school year are available [here](#). Challenge will also be offering prepackaged school supplies through Edukit. Please click here to [order](#). The deadline to order Edukits is June 4th.

Leaders of the PACK



Week of May 26th

Theo Bridgers	Fariah Chowdhury	Vander Giannotti
Emma Hafler	Audrey Hamp	Dhruv Khurana
Lucy Mest	Leo Welch	Thom Schamberg
Gideon Tuley	Joanna VonLembke	Temesgen Woldu
Louis Zhang	Harper Angle	Kennedy Blue
Erik Eskestrand	Nathan Kelelew	Bode Kessler
Polina Merkulov	Cylus Murphy	Alexis Nsanji
Zoey Steenson	Kellen Sutton	Noah Towers
Zsofia Zegura	Aiden Appiah	James Boberschmidt
Hunter Davis	Debbie Gab-Ojukwu	Addie Hoffman
Caylee Howe	Mina Margittai	Christian Nyakundi
Henry Shelton	Leia Spence	Jackson VonLembke
Eliana Woldu	Erica Amaral	Prayush Bhattarai
Berkeley Bowler	Mason Cook	Mckenzie Davenport
Agop Dervahanyan	Sanaaya Desai	Lucy Dunkly
Lillian Foster	Samantha Foster	Alex Gallimore

Emila Gilmartin	Meghna Harikrishna	Tais Ioris
Hermela Kahsai	Dasha Kalmykov	Alessa Mazzella
Abby Meier	Misha Rai	Aarush Shah
Oliver Smith	Anya Spaulding	Nobel Woldu
Charly Ashworth	Anna Austin	Kaden Bustamante
Aaisha Eisa	Adedoyin Jaiyesimi	Eliana Kahsai
Vishva Katrodiya	Connor Kelly	Hajira Khizer
James Morgan	Emma Pak	Mr. McComber

Feedback

We hope that you are getting all of the information that you need from this update. If you have ideas on how we could better keep you informed, please email dbustamante@cherrycreekschools.org.