

CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

May 21, 2021

Message From the Principal



We're in the home stretch! Next week will be a flurry of activities. We were forced to reschedule Spring Fest activities for both A/B & C to this week on Monday and Tuesday. We are thrilled to honor our continuing 8th graders on Wednesday this week at 4 pm. We were excited to learn this week that we can now allow 4 guests per student. Guests must have tickets to attend. Technically our last day for 8th grade would be next Thursday, although we plan to excuse attendance for all 8th graders, as this has been the practice at Challenge for many years.

We were also surprised and excited this week to learn that masks are no longer required outdoors for students and staff. It has certainly helped with this week's warmer temps. It leaves us hopeful that our return to school in August will look very much like our typical school experience.

All in all, we're grateful for all of the support and encouragement we've received from our community all year. While the summer will give us all a lot of much needed rest and time to recharge our batteries, we will be excited to return to fully in-person learning in August.

Please be safe in all of your summer adventures!

Principal Strohfus

CCSD or CHL Computer Return



If you still have a CCSD or CHL computer at home, you will need to return the computer to school before the end of the year. Please return all pieces of the device to our Technology Technician, Renata Ioris, between Monday, May 17 - Friday, May 28, 2021. Students may directly deliver the device to Ms. Ioris, leave it with their Connections teacher, or deliver it to the main office. Please attach a note with the students' name so that the devices can be appropriately cataloged. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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	<p>Please contact Ms. Ioris with any questions at rioris@cherrycreekschools.org.</p>	<p>Rescheduled Teams AB SpringFest 2-3 pm</p>
<p>Lego Robotics Club</p> 	<p>First Lego League Teams are forming at Challenge for Fall 2021. Students in 5th -8th grade work together on teams to build robots, complete missions, learn about real world problems, and compete in regional tournaments. We will have limited spots for students, and we will meet after school on one or two days a week. Some students may participate in minicourse as well, but that scheduling is yet to be determined. The season runs from August till November/ December, with optional practices hosted by parents outside of school on weekends. Please complete the form: https://forms.gle/CSmneuF26NFqQMvFA Contact Mr. Wiley with any questions: jwiley7@cherrycreekschools.org.</p>	<p>May 25 Rescheduled Team C SpringFest 2-3 pm</p> <p>May 26 8th Grade Continuation 4 pm <u>Ticketed Event</u></p> <p>May 27 Last Day for 8th Grade Parents: Call the attendance line if you are excusing your student</p>
<p>Lost and Found</p> 	<p>Are your student's missing jackets, lunch boxes, or water bottles? Please have them check lost and found. We will also have the coat rack outside on the courtyard next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Any items not claimed by the end of the year will be donated.</p>	<p>May 28 Last Day of School for Kindergarten - 7th Grade Dismissal at 11 am</p>
<p>Youth Artists</p> 	<p>Calling all middle school youth artists! The City of Aurora needs you. Please click here for details.</p>	<p>Trimester 3 Report Cards will be mailed the week of June 14</p>
<p>Thank You Volunteers</p> 	<p>Thank you to the following families who have recorded 25 or more volunteer hours in HelpCounter for the 2020-21 school year. The 25-hour volunteer requirement was changed to a target this year, and you came through for your school community with your efforts.</p> <p>Ellman, Appiah, Fedorowicz, Gupta, Henry, Hultquist, Van de Sande, Kim, Taylor, Jackson, Gordon, Spaulding, Torres-Mary, Kirsten, Preston, Jacobson, Punsua, Amador, Dykstra, Tuley, Kurup, Safiulla, Witten, Brandreth, Li</p>	<p>Important Links:</p> <p>Challenge Middle School Trimester 3 Silver-Teal Calendar</p> <p>Challenge School Website</p> <p>Volunteer Opportunities</p>
<p>Challenge Learning Garden</p> 	<p>Our Summer Prep & Planting Work day will be on Sunday, May 23, 9:00-11:00am. It's again limited to just a few volunteers to keep our gathering small. This work day will require you to: Wear a mask and practice social distancing, no bathroom or sink access. Please note that the school is NOT open to us on the weekends. Sign up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D44A4AF29A2FA7-s</p>	<p>CCSD Parent Resources Schoology Troubleshooting Guide for Students</p>

[ummer](#). This will be our big work day to get the trellis e-installed, the garden cleaned up, and plant seeds and seedlings for the summer growing season! Kids interested in gardening/planting are welcome with a parent in attendance! If you haven't already seen the garden plans for this year, we have posted them on the bulletin board attached to the far side of the garden shed. We will plant beds in a rainbow, with a bed dedicated to red veg/flowers, another to orange, yellow, green, purple and a black/pink themed garden beds! Check out the bulletin board for the full plan.

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



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: Breakfast will be served, but lunch will not be served as dismissal is at 11:00 a.m.

Even though breakfast and lunch are free for all students this year, did you know that there are additional benefits if you qualify for free and reduced lunch? Please click [here](#) for more information.

Also, did you know you can add restrictions to your child's cafeteria account? Is he buying too many snacks? Is she buying snacks for friends? To make changes to your student's account, login to your [TITAN account](#).

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.

Milk Caps for Mooolaa



Milk Caps for Mooolaa - Longmont Dairy is now partnering with Challenge for an easy, no cost fundraiser. Simply bring your caps from any flavor of milk, whipping cream, half & half, orange juice, lemonade or eggnog to the school drop off box. Longmont Dairy will donate 5 cents to us for every cap collected! Please contact Amy Henry at amyrfh@gmail.com with any questions regarding the program.

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.

National Junior Honor Society Inductees



Congratulations to the 22 seventh graders who were accepted into the National Junior Honor Society for next year based on careful consideration of their scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. Those students are Grace Chang, Alexander Crounse, Isabella Delhierro, Yohanna Gideon, Kiran Herz, Jaiden Hwang, Pravin Jain, Eleanor Johnson, Saahithi Kasa, Nisha Kathiresan, Hafsa Khizer, Hajira Khizer, Gizelle Lopez, Emma Pak, Julian Parker, Nicole Rivkin, Hudson Roth, Ersel Serdar, Charles Shelton, Simar Singh, Kabir Srivastava, Enkh Turtogtokh.

Math Contest Celebrations



Challenge School students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of math competitions during the school year. Though Covid protocols changed some of the procedures this year (most contests were online), and our Math Club and Mathcounts practices were on Zoom, we were still able to do most contests, and had some GREAT results! Most recently we did the Colorado Math League and the Mathcounts State and National Competitions. [Here's a link](#) to ALL our school's math contest results for this year. **HUGE congrats to all these masterful "mathletes"!!!**

Spelling Bee Results



Congratulations to Kanshita Dam, Challenge School 8th grader and Spelling Champion! With no district-level competition held this year, Kanshita progressed directly to the Colorado State Spelling Bee as the top scorer on the Challenge School's written spelling test. At the CO State Spelling Bee, Kanshita tied for 8th place! Other middle schoolers taking the written test were David Mirza (7th), Kiran Herz (7th), Aryan Gupta (6th), and Om Khurana (6th). Kudos on the efforts of all these spellers to participate and excel!

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.