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CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

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Message From the Principal



It's hard to believe that we're down to just 9 days of school - remember that Friday, May 21 is a non-contact day for students! Like so many events at the end of the year, we begin to look to the skies and beg for good weather! Next week we're set to host our Spring Fest days for each team, and the weather is not looking promising. We'll have to make decisions the day of each event. If necessary, we can push the events for teams A, B, and C to the last week of school. Teams D and E are a little tougher to plan a backup date with 8th grade continuation. Stay tuned for more details.

Some of you have begun to ask about next year's calendar. We're still working out some final details, as things get pretty complicated with the early release days for elementary students and how that affects the rest of the calendar. We'll let you know as soon as those things are firmed up. Some of our non-contact days will look more like the rest of the district in an effort to simplify things for families with kids in other schools. More details to come on that.

We need to ask for some special assistance with those picking up students after school. We've been "featured" on some Nextdoor posts about how people are parking and blocking driveways in the immediate vicinity of the school. Please be considerate of those in our school neighborhood and at least allow them access to the street. Thanks for your assistance!

We're almost there! Be safe - Be well!

Principal Strohfus

Yearbook Orders and Distribution

A limited number of yearbooks are still available for purchase. Yearbooks will be distributed to middle school students during our SpringFest celebration on Wednesday,

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May 17
Teams AB SpringFest
2-3 pm



May 19th, and during the last week of school for elementary students. The price for the hardcover 68-page full-color yearbook is \$29. Don't miss out on the memories of this unique school year -- order online today with no additional service charge by following this link:

<https://cherrycreek.revtrak.net/middle-schools/chl/chl-yearbooks/>.

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.

Please contact Ms. Ioris with any questions at rioris@cherrycreekschools.org.

Lego Robotics Club



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.

Lost and Found



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.

Library Books

All library books were due today, May 14. Please check with your student to ensure that all books were returned. If you have any questions, please email ahadden@cherrycreekschools.org.

May 18

Team C SpringFest
2-3pm

May 18

Teams DE SpringFest
2-3 pm

May 21

No School at Challenge
(Other CCSD schools are in session)

May 26

8th Grade Continuation
4 pm
Ticketed Event

May 28

Last Day of School
Dismissal at 11 am

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

Important Links:

[Challenge Middle School Trimester 3 Silver-Teal Calendar](#)

[Challenge School Website](#)

[Volunteer Opportunities](#)

[CCSD Parent Resources Schoolology Troubleshooting Guide for Students](#)

[Challenge School Vaccine Information](#)



Challenge Learning Garden



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-summer>. This will be our big work day to get the trellis re-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 SUMMER KICKOFF

The City of Aurora is hosting a Summer Kick Off Event on June 5 at Overland High School. Please click [here](#) for more information.

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.

Traffic Volunteers Needed



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 drop-off and pick-up routines at Challenge School. We greatly appreciate your consideration and the continuous help you provide.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445a9a729a7ff2-after>

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.

Effective immediately, cereal and toast will no longer be available for breakfast. Please click [here](#) for the breakfast menu.

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](#).

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 Moooola



Do you have your milk delivered from the Longmont Dairy? If so, please save your milk bottle tops and collect them for moooola for the school! Like Box Tops, the school will receive funds for every bottle top collected. Got milk?

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](#).

Leaders of the PACK



Week of May 10

Claire Wang	Naomi Appiah	Blythe Elam
Neyat Habte	Sasa Kwong	Sienna McKinney
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Prayush Bhattarai	Henry Blue	Chester Boberschmidt
Aedan Brandreth	Mckenzie Davenport	Jay Deshpande
Margot Elam	Emersen Fischer	Jake Gebicki
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Annika Hartman	Nahla Henderson	Aaron Howell
Fatima Ibrahim	Tais Ioris	Dasha Kalmykov
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Grace Marmorstein	Avalyn Martinez	Alessa Mazzella
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Kate Wong	Leo Yadav	Cael Knobbe
Charlie Shelton	Mr. Smith	

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.