

CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

May 7, 2021

Message From the Principal



What a week it's been! We can't express our thanks enough to the showering of treats and thanks during this Teacher Appreciation Week. Our hearts are full of gratitude with all of the heartfelt wishes we've received this week. Special thanks to our PTCO for all of the recognition and for organizing wonderful snacks and treats all week long. This week we also celebrated Cafeteria Worker Appreciation Day, and next week we celebrate our school nurses! It takes more than just teachers to make this place work, and we're fortunate to have a tremendous staff in all areas. We still have three weeks to go, and then we'll begin getting ready to start all over again! Fortunately, we're expecting a much more typical start to next year. Of course, no plans are definite, but all signs are pointing in the direction of fully in-person learning, typical events at school (like back to school nights, check-in, conferences, concerts and plays). We hope this positive trend continues!

It won't be long until we're closing our doors for the summer, but until then, we're going to do our best to keep our students learning and getting used to our school routines, so we can get back at it next year. Stay tuned to Wolf Tracks and to information coming directly from your teachers about smaller events by class and by team. Take a break this weekend! You've all earned it! Be safe - be well!

Principal Strohfus

Virtual Cultural Night

Would you or your club like to participate in the Challenge School 2021 Virtual Cultural Night? If so, record a performance for us to include in the Virtual Cultural Night that will go Live via a YouTube Link on Friday, May 21st. Please complete this form NO LATER than 10pm on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 to participate. A member of the planning committee will reach out to you to inform you if you/your

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club's performance was selected. Please email RyAnn Nelson-Jaiyesimi rsnelsonjaiyesimi@aurorak12.org if you have questions or need support. Your Performance must be videotaped (you can use your cell phone, ipad, chromebook, etc) and submitted in this [Google Form](#) OR you can submit this Form and then email your video directly to Ms. Jaiyesimi.

Lost and Found



Are your student's missing jackets, lunch boxes, or water bottles? Please have them check lost and found. Any items not claimed by the end of the year will be donated.

Library Book Notice



Dear Challenge Families,

We are rapidly approaching the end of the school year and all library materials are due by May 14th, 2021. If your student would like to see which books they still have checked out, they can log into their library account from home.

- Click "Log In" at the top of the Challenge Library page
https://chsd.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/CHALLENGEWEB/
- Enter your User name (this is your Active Directory name or your email without the "@cherrycreekschools.org") and your Password.
- Once you are logged in, click on "My Account" at the top of the page.
- The tabs on your account will allow you to see which books are checked out to you, renew books, place and edit holds (only available if your account is not blocked), and check to see if you have any fines for lost or damaged books.
- Fines for lost books can be paid online on the Challenge School website
<https://cherrycreek.revtrak.net/middle-schools/chl/chl-library/>

It can take up to a week for returned books to be removed from your student's account after they have been returned to the library due to current safe handling procedures. Thank You!

PTCO Board Election
6:30 p.m.
Zoom

Upcoming District Events

May 10
[Board of Education Meeting](#)

May 13
[SEAC Meeting](#)

Important Links:

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

[Planning Forward 2020-2021](#)

[Challenge School Website](#)

[Volunteer Opportunities](#)

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

[Challenge School Vaccine Information](#)

National History Day Results



Congratulations to Team E students who competed at National History Day in Colorado's state competition over the weekend:

Deryn Brown, David Mirza, Eireen Margittai, Mahi Mehta, Anna Zabarauskas, Asher Slover, Megan Batbold, Manisha Kaliaperumal, Rehanna Mohammed, Shreeya Sethuramalingam, Brianna Obot, Caleb Kim, Caitlyn Chin, Maddy Grider, Austin Zhang, Kiran Herz, & Ellie Parsons.

The following students advanced to the finals: Austin Zhang, Mahi Mehta, Ellie Parsons, and Brianna Obot.

Special Congratulations to Ellie Parsons who placed first in the junior paper divisions with her paper: "The Pack of Forgetting: Silence Has a Voice of its Own" and will be competing at Nationals in June.

Other winners of specials awards include:

Mahi Mehta for Best Individual Project: What's your Story – Barrier Breaker from the History Colorado Center.

Kiran Herz for Best Project in Western History from BYU, Best Essay for Western History, and Best Paper from the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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.

PTCO Executive Board Elections



Thank you to everyone who responded to our request for Executive Board nominations. We are happy to announce that the individuals listed below have been nominated for the respective positions.

Carolyn Lee - President

Marisa Taylor - Secretary

Lisa Kessler - Treasurer

Amy Henry - Treasurer

Michelle Ly - Treasurer

Jessica Templeton-Lynch - Volunteer Coordinator

Frank Appiah - Communications Coordinator

As you know, our bylaws require that we announce our slate of candidates vying for the positions and set a date for an election 30 days in advance. In fulfillment of our bylaws, a special election will be held via zoom on May 13 at 6:30 pm MDT, to vote in these candidates. Since this is a special election and you're a special part of the Challenge family experience, it is important that you make your voice heard by attending this special meeting using the link below. You can simply click on this [link](#) , or open your zoom app and enter

meeting ID: 94018798747. (To connect by phone only, please dial 312-626-6799 and enter meeting ID: 94018798747). We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Please reach out via PTCOChallenge@gmail.com with any questions.

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.

Free Little Libraries



Did you know we have two Free Little Libraries near the garden/pavilion? These are boxes that house books for Challenge students to borrow. The boxes have recently been repaired (thank you to Matt Gordon) and are in need of books. Earn a volunteer hour by making a donation; just drop your books in the boxes. And remind your kids that there are books available for them in the libraries.

8th Grade High School Info Session



8th Graders and Families,

Please save the date for May 12th, 4:30-5:15 pm. Dr. Hartley and Ms. Thomas will be hosting an optional informational virtual session where Challenge alumni and current high school students can answer any questions you may have and give you some advice for the freshmen year transition! Please use this link for the meeting. Please note, this is for 8th grade students. [Meeting link.](#)

Food and Nutrition Services News



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 Mooolaa



Do you have your milk delivered from the Longmont Dairy? If so, please save your milk bottle tops and collect them for mooolaa 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 3

Bode Kessler	Amen Hailu	Polina Merkulov
Phillip Zeisig	Elena Amador	James Boberschmidt
Avery Chen	Jane Coleman	Sati Dervahanyan
Seyenna Habte	Elaina Hamp	Maya Harikrishna
Violet Henry	Julian Johlfs	Madison Kessler
Sammy Morris	Valentina Muktoyuk	Aiden Zeng
Fadila Ayeh	Henry Blue	Valerie Butcher
Mahlee Conlin	McKenzie Davenport	Margot Elam
Lucy Figueroa Otrera	Emersen Fischer	Mila Gilmartin
Aleena Gopalani	Annika Hartman	Dasha Kalmykov
Audrey Kerns	Jillian Kniep	Kavya Krishna
Mathangi Kurup	Joshua Liu	Grace Marmorstein
Giancarlo Mary	Alessa Mazzella	Lily Mesfin
Mark Merkulov	Sailor Roth	Natan Tefera
Saachi Tekriwal	Isabella Delhierro	Kevin Ortega

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.