

CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

April 23, 2021

Message From the Principal



While spring is in the air, the past couple of weeks have felt like winter is still trying to hold on for just a bit longer. Before you know it, the end of the year will be upon us, and we'll be hosting some of our traditional end of the year events. Unfortunately, we won't be able to hold all events in person, so we're working to get creative with some solutions. I'll outline a few of these changes for you.

8th grade continuation will be held at Challenge outdoors this year on Wednesday, May 26, at 4:00 p.m. Due to attendance restrictions and social distancing guidelines, we can only allow 2 guests per 8th grade student just the same as for our high school graduations in CCSD. We hope this changes prior to the event, however we're required to follow the Tri-County Health Department guidelines for events. This includes 6 feet for distancing between each party.

Spring Fest will not be held in its traditional format. We are still not allowed to include families new to Challenge until we return in August, so we will hold a special event for new families at that time. We will be hosting smaller celebrations by team the week of May 17 - 20. Thursday, May 20 will be a special day of classroom explorations by team. Friday, May 21 is a non-contact day for students. These events will be smaller in scale, but still allow some outdoor fun and festivities for our students.

Looking ahead into next year, there will be some slight changes to the calendar for your planning. We will be moving some of our conferences and non-contact days to become more aligned to the district calendar to better accommodate families and their childcare needs. We will still hold a spring Immersion week in May, however we will not hold a fall Immersion next year. After so much time spent out of school, we need to place the priority on in-person learning - especially at the start of the year.

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	<p>Thanks for everyone's patience through heavier traffic since our full return a few weeks ago. We've been pleasantly surprised at how it's going. Many families have also begun to apply for carpool permits and appropriately use the west lot for drop off and pick up. We still need people to stop driving the wrong way on Dayton to get into the parking lot. When the right lane is full, please proceed into the actual lot to pick up students. This keeps all parties safe on the street. Don't block oncoming traffic, and don't pass on the left to enter the lot.</p> <p>Stay tuned to specific information from your child's teacher(s) about upcoming events and activities. The end of the year is right around the corner! Be safe - Be well!</p> <p>Principal Strohfus</p>	<p>Upcoming School Events</p> <p>April 28 Iowa Flex Testing Grades 5-8</p> <p>April 29 Challenge Panda Express Night</p> <p>May 3-7 Teacher Appreciation Week</p> <p>Upcoming District Events</p> <p>May 4 PIN Meeting 9:15</p> <p>May 5 District Accountability Committee 7:00-8:00</p> <p>Important Links:</p> <p>Challenge Middle School Trimester 3 Silver-Teal Calendar</p> <p>Planning Forward 2020-2021</p> <p>Challenge School Website</p> <p>Volunteer Opportunities</p> <p>CCSD Parent Resources</p>
<p>2021-22 Student/Teacher Placements</p> 	<p>Planning for the 2021-22 school year is just around the corner! This planning includes the classroom assignments for next year. We use a systematic approach to creating classrooms for each team. Each year the staff at Challenge spends many hours and great care assigning students to a class for the following school year.</p> <p>For more information about placements and to submit a placement survey, click here. Today is the deadline to submit.</p>	
<p>Virtual Cultural Night</p> 	<p>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 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.</p>	
<p>CCSD Summer Athletics & Activities</p>	<p>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.</p>	



News From the Clinic



Please click [here](#) for important information regarding vaccines for the 2021-2022 school year. For questions or more information, please contact the clinic at 720.747.2115.

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>

Challenge Panda Express Night



Good news Challenge Families! We have one more Panda Express fundraiser planned! Please help support Challenge School by ordering online from Panda Express on Thursday April 29. Use coupon code 902947 and 28% of your order price will come back to our school! This code can be used at any location and you don't have to be a Challenge family to use it, so please tell your friends and family! Please note this code is valid **ONLY** for orders placed online and only on April 29. For questions, please contact PTCOChallenge@gmail.com and [click here for a shareable flyer](#). Take a night off from cooking and support Challenge School!

PIN Meeting



The next Parent's Information Network meeting will be held on Tuesday, May virtually at 9:15. Please click [here](#) for more information. This month's topic will be helping your student prevent the summer slide: ideas to keep the brain active.

District Accountability Committee



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The District Accountability Committee will be meeting virtually on Wednesday, May 5 from 7:00-8:00. Please click [here](#) for the link to join.

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! More information to come soon.

Enrichment Opportunity for Rising 9th Graders



SummerTEK 2021 is an exciting e-learning opportunity for high school students and incoming high school freshmen to explore rewarding careers and acquire valuable technology skills in a supportive and user-friendly environment. This summer we are offering the following four Cisco Networking Academy courses:

- *Introduction to Networks*
- *Introduction to the Internet of Things (IoT)*
- *Introduction to Cybersecurity*
- *Entrepreneurship.*

These courses can be the first step toward industry recognized certifications and can open the door to internships and future career and entrepreneurial opportunities in areas of high job growth.

Please visit our website <https://www.cftek.org>

Food and Nutrition Services News



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.

American Furniture Warehouse No Cost Fundraiser



Challenge School has partnered with American Furniture Warehouse (AFW) to help raise funds for our school. They will donate between 2% and 4% of your purchase price to Challenge School. Just mention CHLNG5 when you checkout! Anyone can take part in this at any AFW store in the country. It also works for online orders and they deliver anywhere in the U.S., so let your friends & family know! You can purchase any time to help support Challenge, but from April 16 to April 25 they will be having a special 10 Day Rally where participants will have a chance to win \$500. Click [here](#) for more details!

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 April 19

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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.