

CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

April 16, 2021

Message From the Principal



Hello again! We've completed two weeks now with our entire school fully back to in-person learning. Middle school students are finding their rhythm and getting reacquainted with friends and classmates they may not have seen in quite a while. There is definitely more of a buzz in our classrooms and hallways with our full student body in session.

We appreciate the outpouring of support for the Wolf Drive this year! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your continued assistance!

People have begun to ask about summer learning opportunities for their students. This issue of Wolf Tracks includes information on Inside Out in June, Summer TEK 2021, and summer learning opportunities for students preparing to enter 9th grade in August.

As we head toward the end of the year, we are preparing to host our 8th grade continuation ceremony. This year's ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 26 at 4:00 pm. This event will be held outdoors, and as of right now, each 8th grader is limited to two guests, just the same as for high school graduations.

While we've been very successful so far with fully in-person learning, it's important to maintain a focus on safety and exposure. COVID cases have begun to rise again in Colorado, so we ask that you maintain vigilance in your family's safety precautions outside of school. Together we hope to maintain our current learning environment through the end of the year. As always, we appreciate your continued partnership. Be safe - Be well!

Principal Strohfus

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2021-22 Student/Teacher Placements



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. For more information about placements and to submit a placement survey, click [here](#).

Denver Teen Science Cafe



Interested in learning more about careers in the science field? The Teen Science Cafe hosts meetings for middle and high school students to learn from professionals. The April meeting is with Northrop Grumman where they will be speaking about the James Webb Space Telescope and digital transformation. Please see this [flyer](#) for more information.

Wolf Drive 2021 Update



Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2021 Wolf Drive – we truly appreciate your generosity! We appreciate those of you who have continued to donate past the official deadline. Your enthusiasm reminds us once again, of your continuous unwavering support for Challenge School. Through your generous giving we have now reached nearly 80% of our goal! Donations and matching gifts are still coming in, so we may reach our goal before the school year ends. If you would still like to contribute, please click [here](#) to do so. Raffle Drawings were held on Monday, April 5. Click [here](#) to see a list of winners along with instructions for claiming your prize. (Winners are listed alphabetically by the name that was used to make the purchase.) After checking the link, if you have any questions, please send them via email at PTCOChallenge@gmail.com

Upcoming School Events

April 20
Composite Class
Pictures

Upcoming District Events

April 21
District PASS Meeting
6:00pm-8:00pm

Important Links:

NEW:

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

[Planning Forward
2020-2021](#)

[Challenge School
Website](#)

[Volunteer
Opportunities](#)

[CCSD Parent
Resources](#)

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Troubleshooting
Guide for Students](#)

Inside Out



Inside Out offers a learning environment that fosters critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and effective communication skills:

1. Critical Thinking and Problem Solving teaches students to question claims and seek truth.
2. Creativity and Innovation teaches students to think in a way that is unique to them and expands on ideas.
3. Collaboration teaches students that groups can create something bigger and better than you can on your own.
4. Communication teaches students how to effectively convey ideas.

Combined, the four Cs empower students to become one-person think tanks. Then, when those students get together, they can achieve almost anything!

Inside out is available to all students in grades 1st through 8th grade (the grade they will be in for Fall 2021).

Summer Dates:

June 7-11

June 14-18

June 21-25

Location: Sky Vista Middle School

Registration will go live March 25th @ 12:00am

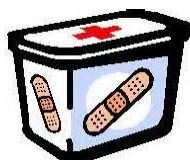
<https://cherrycreek.revtrak.net/other-programs/rw-inside-out/>

District PASS Meeting



The next District PASS Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 21 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Please click [here](#) for the link.

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.

8th Grade Continuation



Parents/guardians of 8th Graders - the Continuation Committee has been hard at work planning this year's Continuation ceremony. Emails have been sent to all parents/guardians with details. If you have not received any emails from us, please contact ChallengeContinuation2021@gmail.com as soon as possible.

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.

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>

Composite Class Pictures



On Tuesday, April 20, Challenge School will be having composite class pictures along with Spring individual pictures. Order forms were sent home this week or you can order online at www.dorianstudio.com.

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.

Food and Nutrition Services will be hosting a Job Fair on Saturday, April 17. 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.

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!

Parent's Council Board



Parents Council is the umbrella organization that keeps our non-profit status so schools can fundraise, host fun school events and give back to the community and school. We have many board positions opened and would love to chat with anyone who is looking to volunteer in this capacity! You can visit our website at <https://www.ccparentscouncil.org> to learn more about the board and open positions.

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

Weeks of April 5th and 12th

Theo Bridgers	Thom Schamberg	Wilby Caceres Meneses
Charlie Candelaria	Manvi Chauhan	Jameson Cole
Adita Dande	Simi Desai	Henry Elder
Bode Kessler	Roshan Rai	Kurt Schamberg
Aditi Thapa	Nubia Abatemam	Ezra Asfaha
Hunter Davis	HD Jackson	Temi Jimo
Mina Margittai	Kate Meier	Isabella Caceres Meneses
John Finnessy	Mahath Karthikeyan	Cruz Kukic
Jackson VonLembke	Eliana Woldu	Sophia Diemert
Lucy Dunkly	Evan Hall	Jolon Quintana
Sahil Balani	Lorenzo Contreras	Amirah Esmael
	Josh Woolworth	

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.