

CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

April 2, 2021

Message From the Principal



THE PACK IS BACK! We couldn't be more excited to welcome back all of our young wolves and get them all back together under one roof on Monday, April 5! Just like the beginning of the school year, there is both excited anticipation mixed with some nervousness. I'd be lying to you if I said I wasn't nervous at all. More than anything, I am hopeful for our road back to normalcy and more typical days to come in our schools.

It wouldn't be a return to school if I didn't discuss everyone's favorite topic. You guessed it - traffic. A few reminders: Be Patient, Be kind, Plan ahead! Drop off a little early if you need to. Try planning to pick up between 3:10 and 3:15 after the big rush is over. Remember, we're accommodating about 140 additional students every day. There will be a lot more cars! You can still apply for [carpool passes](#).

We're also beginning to assemble some volunteers to help direct afternoon traffic. There is a sign up link to help out listed later in Wolf Tracks.

We will begin CMAS testing for Team C next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Remember that if you opt your students out of testing, they won't have classroom instruction from their teachers on those days. All absences will be excused for those who opt out.

Please join us for our Challenge Accountability Meeting on Tuesday, April 6, at 5:00. This is a [virtual event](#).

It's not too late to donate to the Wolf Drive. Thanks to all of you who have supported this wonderful fundraiser.

As we take these next steps together, we'll work to support your students every step of the way. The Pack is Back!

Principal Strohfus

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Volunteers Needed



Challenge School needs volunteers to help with traffic once the school returns to full in-person learning on April 5, 2021. Six people are needed each day to help direct traffic from 2:45pm - 3:15pm. This is a great way to get some volunteer hours for the year! Please use the following link to sign up [here](#).

CMAS Testing Schedule



CMAS testing for 3rd and 4th grade will be next week, Tuesday, April 6 - Thursday, April 8. Please help your child be successful by encouraging a good night's sleep, offering a nutritious breakfast, and arriving at school on time. Thank you!

Virtual Conference Sign Ups



Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held virtually on the evening of Wednesday, April 14th and all day on Thursday, April 15th. Students do not have school on Thursday, April 15th or Friday, April 16th.

Please click [here](#) for information on how to sign up for the Spring 2021 Parent/Teacher Conferences.

AAC Meeting



All families are invited to participate in our AAC (Accountability and Advisory Committee) meetings. Meeting information and link to Microsoft Teams can be found here. Our next meeting is April 6 at 5:00pm. Please click [here](#) for the AAC schedule and links.

Wolf Drive 2021



Raffle ticket sales have closed for the Wolf Drive. We wanted to thank everybody who participated! Collectively we have raised \$32,490 to help support our Teaching Assistants. Although we didn't reach our goal, we are very grateful for all of the support that has been generated. The [cheddar up link](#) will remain open if you would still like to make a flat donation towards this cause. Raffle drawings will take place on Monday, April 5 and results will be announced later in the week. Thank you everybody!

Upcoming School Events

April 6
AAC Meeting
5:00

April 6-8
CMAS Testing
Grades 3 and 4

April 14 and 15
Virtual Parent/Teacher
Conferences

April 15 and 16
NO SCHOOL

Upcoming District Events

SEAC Meeting
April 8
9:30

STREAM-A-PALOOZA
April 10
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Important Links:

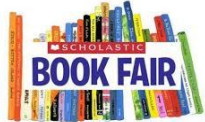
NEW:
[Challenge Middle School Trimester 3 Silver-Teal Calendar](#)

Planning Forward 2020-2021

Challenge School Website

Volunteer Opportunities

Virtual Spring Book Fair



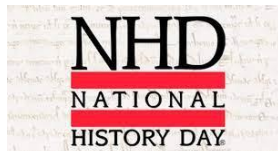
The Challenge Spring Book Fair begins on Monday, April 5 and will be open during school hours for **students only** until Wednesday, April 14. Students can attend and make purchases at the Book Fair in person and or parents can place orders online from their child's wish list beginning April 5th. Books orders using the wish list order forms will be filled by library staff and delivered to students' classrooms. Families can also shop the [online](#) Book Fair from March 31-April 13. Books purchased online will be delivered by mail to families' homes. Purchases can be made using eWallet, credit cards, cash or checks made out to Challenge School. Every purchase in person or online directly benefits the Challenge School Library! For a list of FAQ's regarding the book fair, please click [here](#).

Thank you for your support!

CCSD Parent Resources

Schoology Troubleshooting Guide for Students

National History Day



Congratulations to all Team E students who entered the Aurora Regional National History Day Competition. Not only did they go beyond the team's requirements by creating a process paper and annotated bibliography, they were interviewed about their projects over this past weekend. We are happy to announce that the following students will be moving on to the state competition May 1:

Junior Individual Performance: Deryn Brown

Junior Individual Documentary: 1st place Mahi Mehta, 2nd place Eireen Margittai, and 3rd place David Mirza.

Junior Group Documentary: 1st place Manisha Kaliaperumal and Megan Batbold, 2nd place Anna Zabarauskas and Asher Slover

Junior Individual Exhibit: 1st place Brianna Obot, 2nd place Shreya Sethuramalingan, and 3rd place Rehanna Mohammed

Junior Individual Website: 3rd place Caleb Kim

Junior Group Website: 2nd place Caitlyn Chin and Maddy Grider

Junior Paper: 1st place Ellie Parsons, 2nd place Kiran Herz, and 3rd place Austin Zhang

GOOD LUCK!!!!

Math Counts

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Congratulations to Abhinav Krishna and Joshua Liu on placing First and Third respectively at the Math Counts competition this past weekend. They have earned the privilege of competing at the National competition in May. Congratulations also to Austin Zhang (7th) and Shourya Hooda (13th) for their outstanding efforts.

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/>

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.

SEAC Meeting



The April 8th SEAC meeting will discuss the topic of Twice Exceptionality in students. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Sleep Challenge



Thank you to all of the students who participated in Healthy Sleep Habits Tic-Tac-Toe! We had well over 150 participants. Prizes will be awarded next week. Look for future wellness challenges later this spring!

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.

Breakfast and lunch distribution is changing with the return to full time in person learning. Please click here for information in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

PTCO Board Nominations



The PTCO is accepting nominations for Board positions for the 2021-22 school year. Self-nominations are encouraged. The Board meets monthly to plan and organize community building events and fundraisers to support our staff, students and families. Open positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Communications and Volunteer Coordinator. All positions can be filled by two people, so find a friend to do it with you or make a new friend! Contact ptcochallenge@gmail.com for more information or to make a nomination. The nominations are due by April 10th 11.59pm MT

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



Week of March 29

Gideon Tuley	Leo Welch	Harper Angle
Archer Austin	Ananda Batbold	Kennedy Blue
Blythe Elam	Muhammad Hassan	Olivia Livingston
Shae McAllister	Mimi Onuorah	August Tuley
Phillip Zeisig	Dante Dunne	Iman Ekiko
Ayala Epstein	Linda Ganbold	Margot Johnson
Reed King	Christian Nyakundi	Onyx Toney
Nimisha Upadhyay	Kai Westgard	Fadila Ayeh

Edna Gebreegziabher	Kyler Lynch	Kaden Bustamante
Ellie Johnson	Nisha Kathiresan	Ms. Padilla

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.