

CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News
2021

January 29,

Message From the Principal



Another successful week in the books. While we remain in person and our overall COVID data with TCH continues to improve, we're experiencing our highest impact of COVID incidents so far at Challenge. Please don't be alarmed, as this is only 3 students. Out of an abundance of caution, we also have a number of other students out on quarantine in accordance with the CDPHE guidelines. It is a great reminder to all of us, though, that we must remain vigilant in our efforts to stay safe and healthy. We must maintain our focus on the simple things that we know to be so effective in stopping the spread - distancing, face coverings, and hand washing. Distancing is one of the toughest things we have to do, as our students hate the isolation and love being back in school with their friends and classmates. These are busy times for all of our students, and we're thrilled to be continuing school together. We're very fortunate for our current environment.

It's only appropriate to offer several notes of thanks in my message. During the month of January we celebrate Board of Education Appreciation Month. We thank our board members for their tireless work and commitment to CCSD students! We also learned last week that our Dr. Scott Siegfried will retire from CCSD at the close of this school year. We offer our gratitude for his career of teaching, learning, and leadership for all kids in Cherry Creek.

With these things in mind, please stay safe and be well!

Principal Strohfus

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Now that we're back to in-person learning, we wanted to share some reminders on how to help traffic flow safely and smoothly. Please note that we're not changing anything at this time (big sigh of relief)! I'll preface all points with a huge, "PLEASE and THANK YOU!"

- Priority for enter/exit: Priority for exit goes to cars in the through lane in order to keep the turning lane on Dayton clear.
- DO NOT block lanes of traffic on Dayton.
- If the traffic pattern is full on the through lane, pull into the parking lot so that we don't block Dayton in an unsafe manner.
- Pull forward to the big red dot – pull as far forward as possible to make room for cars trying to turn into the lot.
- DO NOT drive against one-way signs.
- If you need to get out of your car to assist your children – use the parking lot instead of the through lane.
- The west circle lot is NOT available for general use – only PTCO permit, handicapped, and staff parking.
- *To access handicapped parking spots & PTCO permitted spots, proceed all the way to the circle lot.*
- SLOW DOWN
 - Common courtesy goes a long way - please share the road!

Carpool Access – WEST LOT: The west lot is reserved solely for carpool traffic. Using the carpool results in quicker, more convenient access, greatly reduced traffic, and less congestion to deal with. This year we have reduced the number of student riders to 4. No access will be allowed without the approved carpool pass for arrival or dismissal. We require that you complete an application form in order to receive your pass. If you'd like help trying to find carpool partners, please visit Way to Go Schoolpool <https://mywaytogo.org/#!/schoolpools/join/5489d6e0f44ab6c9019cb43c> and create an account. Then search for matches from Challenge School in your area. *Contact Way to Go at 303-458-7665 or waytogo@drcog.org for assistance. Information is provided for your use only. Challenge School and Way to Go do not run background checks, confirm valid driver's licenses or assess insurance coverage on*

Upcoming School Events

Upcoming District Events

PIN Meeting
February 2

SEAC Meeting
February 11

Important Links:

[Challenge Middle School REVISED HYBRID Calendar](#)

[Challenge School Tech Support](#)

[Planning Forward 2020-2021](#)

[Challenge School Website](#)

[Volunteer Opportunities](#)

[CCSD Parent Resources](#)

[Schoolology Troubleshooting Guide for Students](#)

[2020-2021 Challenge School Calendar](#)

participants. Potential users are advised to screen participants to their personal satisfaction and check their own insurance coverage for carpooling to ensure that they are covered under these voluntary arrangements. No drivers, vehicles or insurance are provided.

Parent's Information Network



Please click [here](#) for more information regarding the Parent's Information Network virtual meeting on February 2.

Golden Heart Nominations



Do you know someone who has "opened their heart" and made an impact to touch the life of a Cherry Creek School District student with special needs? Please click [here](#) if you would like information on nominating them for a Golden Heart Award.

Eighth Grade Student Information



8th-grade students and parents/guardians:
Please join this Schoology group for updates, resources, and information regarding the high school transition process.

Access Code

X5X9-4VFR-DMX5X

A link to important dates, including Incoming Freshman Nights, can be found [here](#). These are updated regularly so please check back often.

Advancement Via Individual Determination, AVID, is a high school program that prepares students in the career and college pathways of choice. Students are taught study skills, note taking, time management, writing and research skills, while being immersed in a career and college culture.

Interested in AVID? Please click [here](#).

Please contact our school counselor with any questions at ethomas@cherrycreekschools.org.

Challenge Spelling Bee

Though many Challenge traditions are on a hiatus during the pandemic, a different form of our annual spelling bee will occur. Spelling enthusiasts need to know:

*6th - 8th graders may register to participate.

** The written test will be given to both Cohorts A & B on different days



***Plan to take the written test between February 16th and 19th.

Interested? Email to register with Ms. Beattie and access study resources:

cbeattie2@cherrycreekschools.org

2021 Yearbooks For Sale



The 2021 Challenge School yearbooks are for sale! The price for the hardcover 68-page full-color yearbook is \$29, and includes a current events spread. The yearbooks will be distributed during the last week of school in May. 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/>.

SEAC Meeting



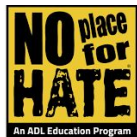
The next Special Education Advisory Committee meeting will be held on February 11 at 9:30am. Please click [here](#) for more information.

The Middle Years



Please click here for the January Middle Years Newsletter in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). The February edition is also now available. Please click here for [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

No Place For Hate Art Showcase



Challenge School No Place for Hate will be hosting an art showcase. For more information, please click [here](#). Deadline for entry is February 19.

Volunteer Update



Given the extraordinary circumstances we are in right now, the 25 hour volunteer requirement is being changed from a requirement to a target for this school year. We do still need parent help and involvement (see Volunteer Opportunities under Important Links in the sidebar), and are grateful for any time that you are able to donate. A new activity called 'Remote Learning' has been added to HelpCounter where you can record the time you spend assisting your kids through the remote learning process.

Tabs for Tots



No Cost Fundraising



Wolf Watch



Leaders of the PACK



Archer Austin	Radia Chowdhury	Bode Kessler
Sasa Kwong	Mimi Ounorah	Enguun Byambaragchaa
Julian Johlfs	Milo Kirsten	Brady Mong
Christian	Maya Pacic	Kai Westgard

Nyakundi		
Abigail Meier	Kamsi Onuorah	

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.