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CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

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Message From the Principal



We're nearly through 2020 and getting so close to winter break. I think we'll all be happy to reach that milestone. We've done so many new things and learned so much together this semester! Hopeful our upcoming winter break is a chance to relax and recharge your batteries. The demands at home this year have been great, and we appreciate your efforts.

Thanks to all who helped make our 100% remote Read A Thon a fantastic success! While I didn't end up with a new hair color, we still had a change to have a little fun as a thank you to all of our students who participated! In the spirit of giving, we have multiple links in this letter to help connect you with various ways to support both the school and the community. Some of these fundraisers are no cost to you, while others help serve the greater community, like the Prairie Winter Box Kits and Aurora's Day of Giving. For those needing assistance during this time, our Food and Nutrition Service department will still host their breakfast/lunch pickup events.

We wish you all a restful and joyous bit of time away from school. Happiest of holidays to you all! Be safe, be well!

Principal Strohfus

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Read A Thon Updates



The Read-a-thon Fundraiser has come to an end. We are pleased to announce that we were able to raise \$27,098 and our students logged an impressive 153,657 minutes of reading. WOW! Even though we didn't reach our goal, we did a phenomenal job raising money during an uncharacteristic school year and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts! These funds raised will help support our fantastic paraprofessionals and help ensure they continue to serve all of our students at Challenge.

[Please click here for a list of winners and more information on prizes.](#) Congratulations to everyone for a job well done! Please note that any student who raised money individually is eligible to choose prizes through the Read-a-thon website. To spend the money earned, **readers must access the prize store through their individual page.** More details were sent out through email and are available [here](#). Unfortunately, because we didn't reach our \$40,000 goal, Principal Strohfus will *not* be dying his hair. However, to show you all how proud he is of your extraordinary work, he agreed to do a different crazy stunt: [please click here to see what he did!](#) One final note, while the Read-a-thon aspect of this fundraiser has drawn to a close, the Cheddar Up donation site will remain active. If you were not able to contribute to the Read-a-thon but still would like to support our school, you can make a donation by clicking [here](#). If every family donates the equivalent of \$100 per student, we will meet our goal!

Leaders of the PACK

Upcoming School Events

**Saturday, December 19 -
Tuesday, January 5**
Winter Break

Upcoming District Events

Important Links:

[Challenge School
Tech Support](#)

[Planning Forward
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[Challenge School
Website](#)

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"Peanut Butter &
Jelly" REMOTE
LEARNING
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INTENT TO RETURN

We would like to ask for your assistance in this planning process. Please fill out this online form by **Thursday, December 31, 2020** to indicate your family's commitment to attend Challenge for the 2021-2022 school year.

Teams A & B Story Time



Questions? Email Alecia Hadden at ahadden@cherrycreekschools.org

Exceptional Volunteer Nominations



The PTCO is now accepting nominations for the Challenge School Exceptional Volunteer for 2020. Please visit this [link](#) for more details and to submit your nomination. Nominations are due December 18.

2020-2021 Challenge School Calendar

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

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

8th Grade Yearbook Photos and Quotes



Attention 8th graders! If you haven't yet submitted your baby photos, quotes, and most-likely-to-be, please do so as soon as possible by following this link:

<https://forms.gle/NSoReTbbQXShEBMt6>.

Questions? Email Ms. Coggin at ecoggin@cherrycreekschools.org or Ms. Draper at kdraper4@cherrycreekschools.org. The deadline is December 20th.

Cherokee Trail HS Information



On 12/16 at 2:30-3:00 pm, Mr. Julian Jones, Cherokee Trail's Assistant to the Principal and AP/CE/IB Coordinator will be sharing important information about AP, IB, and pre-registration as well as answering questions. The meeting is open to students and parents/guardians. Please let Ms. Thomas know if you are planning to attend, ethomas@cherrycreekschools.org.

Meeting Information:

<https://cherrycreekschools-org.zoom.us/j/92174916648?pwd=MmxSdXlyemVNQzkyVHRyYUwubklwQT09>

Meeting ID: 921 7491 6648

Passcode: 993285

Library Account Access while Remote

Now you can access your school library account from home!

- Go to the Challenge School Home Page
- Click on the Library Icon or use this link:



Library

<http://chsd.ent.sirsi.net/client/CHALLENGEWEB>

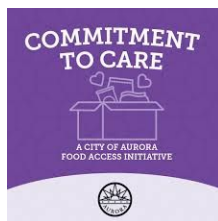


Library

- Click "Log In" at the top of the Challenge Library Page
- 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.

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. Books that were returned to the library before we switched to remote learning have been checked in. If books are still in classrooms, they may still appear on your account.

Aurora Day of Giving



For Information on Aurora Day of Giving, please click [here](#). All Aurora community members are invited to visit any of the distribution sites for free food and resources.

Prairie Winter Box Kits



Prairie Middle School will be hosting a Winter Break Box Drive on December 18th, from 12p-4p.

If you would like to help support our community, here are some ways to help!

1) Donate directly to the RevTrack site:

<https://cherrycreek.revtrak.net/>

-Sign in/create an account

-Select Middle Schools --> Select Prairie Middle School

-Go to Donations

2) Send/drop of gift cards to the main office or to my email:

laglietti@cherrycreekschools.org

3) Build your own box or donate items that are needed to make boxes. I have attached a photo of a box and hygiene pack. Below are additional items. Please drop off items at the front of the school. There will be a box labeled Winter Break Donations.

Food Items:

- cereal
- oatmeal
- canned veggies
- beans
- peanut butter
- pasta
- mac and cheese
- rice
- tuna
- apple sauce
- fruit cups
- ramen
- canned soups
- pasta sauce

Hygiene Packs:

- Chapstick
- toothpaste
- floss
- toothbrush
- mask
- hand sanitizer
- deodorant
- feminine care products
- first aid kit (mini) -shampoo/conditioner/body wash

Additional items:

- Diapers size 1-6
- Dog Food - quart size bags

Thank you so much for all your support!

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.

Immunization Clinics



STRIDE will be hosting flu shot clinics! Please click [here](#) for dates and information.

For information on other vaccines, please click [here](#).

Food and Nutrition Services Breakfast/Lunch Pickups



Breakfast and lunches are FREE for all students ages 18 and under! For information on where to get your free meals, please click for details in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

Look for Winter Break Food pick up information in next week's Wolf Tracks.

Challenge School Tech Support



Does your child need help troubleshooting technology during remote learning? Does your child need help with their CCSD device? Do you need to request a device for your child? Do you need help accessing internet? If so, please send an email to chltech@cherrycreekschools.org. Our tech team will do our best to problem solve!

Wellness Committee Chair



We are in need of a Chair or a couple of Co-Chairs to organize and implement virtual wellness programs for the students. This year's focus will be on sleep, exercise and nutrition. We'll be starting with a Sleep Challenge. Earn your volunteer hours by teaching our kids the importance of getting enough good quality sleep. Contact challengeschoolvolunteer@gmail.com if interested.

Social/Emotional and Wellness Support



If you would like to join Challenge School's **Social/Emotional and Wellness Support** Schoology course, here is the link:

572X-F3HN-6QPST

The course is full of resources for elementary students, middle school students, parents/guardians, and staff to access. This is available for all Challenge families and students to join and is optional. Dr. Hartley and Ms. Thomas are also hosting virtual office hours to provide additional support to Challenge students and families. Sessions are confidential, optional, and can be either phone or video sessions.

To set up a Virtual Mental Health Appointment with Dr. Hartley, sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b48acaa2aa3fd0-remote>

To set up a Virtual Counseling Appointment with Ms. Thomas, sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084ACA628AAF49-remote>

For any further questions please contact mhartley4@cherrycreekschools.org and/or ethomas@cherrycreekschools.org. Thank you!

Yearbook



We have a new request for yearbook photos! Send pictures of your student staying connected with their pals. To submit pictures for inclusion in the yearbook, please follow the instructions provided. Please click [here](#) to see how you can help!

Please submit photos by December 18th.

PTCO 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/challengeparent to join.

No Cost Fundraising



As the holidays are approaching, please remember to help us raise money through the no-cost fundraisers, especially AmazonSmile and King Soopers. Visit the PTCO's website for more information regarding the programs.

Leaders of the PACK



Week of November 30

Madeline Angle	Theo Bridgers	Vander Giannotti
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Akshaya Krishna	Polina Merkulov	Dara Obot
Sophia Radosevich	Nuhamin Biniyam	Anika Dande

Hunter Davis	William Dosch	Addie Hoffman
Cruz Kukic	Maya Pacic	Fadila Ayeh
Henry Blue	Aedan Brandreth	Agop Dervahanyan
Riley Follweiler	Mila Gilmartin	Mikey Kroll
Emilio Kukic	Elizabeth Liu	Grace Marmorstein
Alessa Mazzella	Lily Mesfin	Jolon Quintana
Sailor Roth	Danial Safiulla	Anyia Spaulding
Nobel Woldu	Kate Wong	Ani Yeremyan
Itzhak Choi	Molly Goodwin	Jaiden Hwang
Caleb Kim	James Morgan	Mila Schreder
Shriya Sriram		

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.