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## CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

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### [Message From the Principal](#)



We learned earlier this week that we will remain in remote learning through December. Providing favorable community COVID data, we hope to prepare for a return to in-person learning (hybrid for middle school) early in January. Through all of the uncertainty, our teachers have worked to learn new applications and design instruction in ways that seem personal and engaging for all students. Transitioning over to fully remote learning is no easy task, yet through our partnership with teachers and support from our parent community it's been overall very successful! With a little luck, and a great deal of conscientious community behavior, we hope to return to hybrid and in-person learning after the first of the year. We can't thank you enough for the support at home to get your children ready for online learning every day.

As we enter the winter holiday season, we ask that you remember some ways to support the school that cost you zero dollars. Using your Amazon Smile account or designating Challenge School as the charity recipient of a preloaded King Soopers card sends a percentage of proceeds directly back to our PTCO. Our Read A Thon fundraiser ends on December 6, and all Original Works orders placed by December 4 are guaranteed to arrive before the holidays.

Believe it or not we're heading into the registration season for high schools. Ms.

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	<p><u>Thomas has been busy working with our 8th grade students and sharing information on our Schoology page for HS registration. Parents are encouraged to access this resource for more information.</u></p> <p><u>We'll continue to provide as much information as possible regarding a possible return to school. Please stay tuned for weekly updates and announcements from CCSD Superintendent, Dr. Siegfried. As always, we wish you safety, health, and happiness during this holiday season. Be safe, be well!</u></p> <p><u>Principal Strohfus</u></p>	<p><u><a href="#">Destination Imagination</a></u></p> <p><u><a href="#">PTCO Facebook</a></u></p> <p><u><a href="#">No Cost Fundraising</a></u></p> <p><b><u><a href="#">Upcoming School Events</a></u></b></p> <p><b><u><a href="#">Sunday, December 6</a></u></b> <u><a href="#">End of Read-a-Thon</a></u></p> <p><b><u><a href="#">Upcoming District Events</a></u></b></p>
<p><b><u><a href="#">Teams A &amp; B Story Time</a></u></b></p> 	<p><u>Volunteers, you are invited to participate in Story Time for Teams A &amp; B! Volunteers will be reading two picture books on Google Meets (this usually takes about 15 minutes). Then, volunteers will spend a few minutes at the end of the session allowing students to share their thoughts and comments. To participate you will need to be able to access Google Meets via a desktop computer, laptop computer, or pad/tablet with internet capabilities, a camera, and a microphone. One of our Challenge School Teachers' Assistants will be attending each meeting to provide support and assistance. Our Library TA, Alecia Hadden, can share a link with you if you would like to observe a session before reading.</u></p> <p><u>Sign up here via <a href="#">Sign Up Genius</a></u></p> <p><u>Questions? Email Alecia Hadden at <a href="mailto:ahadden@cherrycreekschools.org">ahadden@cherrycreekschools.org</a></u></p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Wednesday, December 9</a></u></b> <u><a href="#">District PASS Meeting</a></u> <u><a href="#">6:00pm-8:00pm</a></u></p> <p><b><u><a href="#">Important Links:</a></u></b></p> <p><b><u><a href="#">Challenge School Tech Support</a></u></b></p> <p><b><u><a href="#">Planning Forward 2020-2021</a></u></b></p> <p><b><u><a href="#">Challenge School Website</a></u></b></p> <p><b><u><a href="#">Challenge School "Peanut Butter &amp; Jelly" REMOTE LEARNING CALENDAR</a></u></b></p>
<p><b><u><a href="#">District PASS Meeting</a></u></b></p>	<p><u>Join the Office of Inclusive Excellence for our virtual District P.A.S.S. meeting on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm. <a href="#">Click here to register in advance.</a> After registering you will receive a confirmation email with a link to join the meeting. We hope to see you there!</u></p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Challenge School REMOTE LEARNING DAILY SCHEDULES</a></u></b></p>



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Cherry Creek Schools

### 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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:ecoggin@cherrycreekschools.org) or Ms. Draper at [kdraper4@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:kdraper4@cherrycreekschools.org). The deadline is December 20th.

### Future Bruin Virtual Event

Cherry Creek High School is hosting a virtual "[Future Bruins Night!](#)" Here you can learn about CCHS programs, "meet" staff, and take a virtual tour, and more. The link opens on the evening of December 8th at 6 pm. The event is not live, so access any

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Opportunities](#)

[CCSD Parent  
Resources](#)

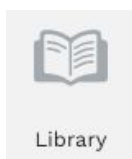
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Troubleshooting  
Guide for Students](#)

[2020-2021 Challenge  
School Calendar](#)



time after that point. See flyer for details.  
For any questions please contact  
[ethomas@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:ethomas@cherrycreekschools.org).

### Library Account Access while Remote



Library

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



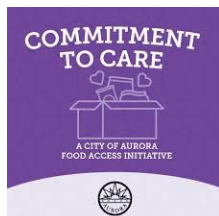
Library

- 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.

### Original Works Fundraiser



Our yearly Original Works art fundraiser has been extended! With the holidays quickly approaching, this extension will give families the opportunity to do their holiday shopping in a safe and convenient manner. Better yet, orders placed before December 4 will arrive before the holidays! Please see this [letter](#) for more information.

### 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**



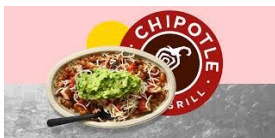
Breakfast and lunches are FREE for all students ages 18 and under! For information on where to get your free meals, please click for details in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

**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](mailto:chltech@cherrycreekschools.org). Our tech team will do our best to problem solve!

**Challenge School  
Spirit Night**



Please join us on Monday, Dec 7 at Chipotle at 1205 S Havana Street from 4pm to 8pm. 33% of all sales will come back to our school! To get credit for Challenge School, please show this flyer to the cashier (either on your phone or a printed copy). Or, order online using the Chipotle app or website and use Promo Code BVJDJQL.

## Read-A-Thon Update



Our Read-A-Thon fall fundraiser is drawing to a close! Sunday Dec 6 is the last day to enter your student's reading minutes and log donations on the Read-A-Thon site. We want to thank the 286 students and their families who participated - your support of our teaching assistants is greatly appreciated! Final tallies are not yet completed but at this time, our leading classes for both reading minutes and donations are Lamb, Graeve, and Casner! Way to go kids!! If you still want to donate but not log reading minutes, you can also do that through [Cheddar Up](#) through the end of December.

Questions? Please contact  
[ChallengeReadAThon2020@gmail.com](mailto:ChallengeReadAThon2020@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto: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.

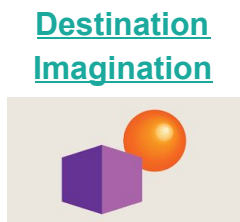
To set up a Virtual Mental Health Appointment with Dr. Hartley, sign up here:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b48acaa2aa3fd0-remote>

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](mailto:mhartley4@cherrycreekschools.org) and/or [ethomas@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:ethomas@cherrycreekschools.org). Thank you!



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!



Destination Imagination teams are forming now. Please click [here](#) for the interest form. All forms are due by December 4.

### 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/challengeparents/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/challengeparents/) 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.

### 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](mailto:dbustamante@cherrycreekschools.org).