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CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

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Message From the Principal



What goes together better than peanut butter and jelly? We thought this would be a fun way to designate our rotation for remote learning days, since we've already used other combinations in different environments (silver/teal; A/B; etc.). Ms. Hrovat and I thought we'd don our PB & J costumes to kick off remoting learning! We know this transition may prove to be challenging in many ways. I can promise that it won't be perfect, but we're working hard to make sure students have what they need to fully participate in their classes while at home. This experience will look different from last spring in many ways. Teachers have invested a great deal of time over the summer and throughout the fall to prepare for engaging online activities with students in our live, virtual environment.

Remember that we're all new at this. We all may experience technical difficulties with devices and with our online access at times. Together we'll work to troubleshoot problems and get students up and running smoothly. Email CHLTECH@CherryCreekSchools.org for support.

There's still a lot happening at Challenge. We were fortunate to kick off our PTCO fall fundraiser last week. Please support the Read-A-Thon, which runs through November 22. Students will commit to reading in order to raise funds for the PTCO. This is a great way to get kids

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involved in our school community and also read for enjoyment!

Some of you may be worried about how our move to remote learning may affect your student's emotional well-being. Please join us at the PTCO General Meeting on Tuesday, November 17. Our own Dr. Mindy Hartley, school psychologist, and Ms. Emily Thomas, counselor, will present on mental health during the pandemic.

Whether school is held in-person or remotely, it's important to know that student safety is our number one priority. At Challenge School we commit to promoting a safe and healthy school environment where our students feel welcome, included, valued, and cared for. We value our diverse learning community and celebrate our strengths and unique differences. We will continue to work to create a learning environment for our students that is free of harassment and intimidation regardless of race, color, ancestry, religion or national origin. We care for your students, and we want the best for them whether we're in person or in a remote learning environment.

During this time of remote learning, please take care of one another. Now more than ever, please be mindful of safety measures for our protection. Avoid large crowds and gatherings, wear face coverings, be mindful of physical distance, and frequently wash your hands. Be safe, be well, and enjoy your time together as a family!

Principal Strohfus

Challenge School Application



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Do you know anyone interested in applying to Challenge School for the 2021-2022 school year? Please click [here](#) for more information on the application process. Current Challenge students do not need to reapply.

Tuesday, November 17

Peanut Butter Day
PTCO General Meeting
6:30 PM

Wednesday, November 18

Jelly Day

Thursday, November 19

Peanut Butter Day

Friday, November 20

Jelly Day
End of Trimester 1

Sunday, November 22

End of Read-a-Thon

Upcoming District Events

Wednesday, November 18

District PASS Meeting
6:00-8:00

Important Links:

[Challenge School Tech Support](#)

[Planning Forward 2020-2021](#)

[Challenge School Website](#)

[Challenge School "Peanut Butter & Jelly" REMOTE LEARNING CALENDAR](#)

Flu Shot Clinics



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

Food and Nutrition Services Breakfast/Lunch Pickups



Please click [here](#) to view information regarding Food and Nutrition Services' 7 Days of mobile meal distribution in November. Breakfast and lunches are FREE for all students ages 18 and under!

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? If so, please send an email to chltech@cherrycreekschools.org. Our tech team will do our best to problem solve!

Extended Child Services Wolf Watch



Need help with childcare while students are Remote Learning? Please click [here](#) to view an important letter from our Wolf Watch Director, Sarah Chew. Questions? Contact Sarah at schew@cherrycreekschools.org or at 720-747-2143.

[Challenge School REMOTE LEARNING DAILY SCHEDULES](#)

[Volunteer Opportunities](#)

[CCSD Parent Resources](#)

[Schoology Troubleshooting Guide for Students](#)

[2020-2021 Challenge School Calendar](#)

Fall Fundraiser Progress



Our Read-a-thon is off to a great start! After only 4 days we have raised over \$7200 and are at 18% of our goal!! Thank you all so very much, and please encourage your students to keep logging those reading hours!

You may be asking why are we doing this fundraiser? The Challenge School PTCO, of which every family is a part, is charged with an important mission - we need to raise approximately \$90,000 during the school year to fund our Teaching Assistants. These men and women provide valuable services to our students and I cannot imagine our school without their contributions. Please click [here](#) to learn more about our fabulous Teaching Assistants.

PTCO General Meeting



Our next PTCO General Meeting will take place on Tuesday, Nov 17 at 6:30pm via zoom. Click [here](#) to see the agenda and zoom link. Our featured speakers will be Dr. Mindy Hartley, Challenge School Psychologist, and Emily Thomas, Challenge School Counselor, who will discuss Mental Health and Wellness for Children and Families Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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 thomas@cherrycreekschools.org. Thank you!

District PASS Meeting



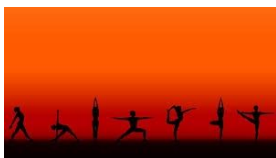
The November virtual District P.A.S.S. meeting is coming up on Wednesday, November 18th from 6-8 PM. You are invited to the Zoom meeting. When: Nov 18, 2020 06:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada) Register in advance for this meeting: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlodeurrD8uH92QLA12SaW_HOClK5FRC1hc After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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!

Peanut Butter Yoga Club



Are you a middle school student that needs to relax (right NOW!)? Be part of the Peanut butter Yoga Club. Because Yoga focuses on developing “your practice,” you can join at any skill or experience level. Yoga is great for increasing your strength, flexibility, and your ability to focus. If you are already participating in a sport, it is an excellent way to cross train. Of course it also helps reduce stress and we all need a little of that right now. Take some time to take care of yourself! Classes will meet virtually on Peanut butter days from 1:00-1:30 during the month of December. Please contact Mrs. Blythe if you have questions at:

hblythe@cherrycreekschools.org Or if you are ready to sign up, Click Here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FA8A82CA0F58-peanut>

Destination Imagination



Destination Imagination will be held virtually this year! Please contact dbustamante@cherrycreekschools.org for more information.

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.

Leaders of the PACK



Week of November 9

Emma Hafler	Ethan Huang	Hannah Davis
Dennis Kaplan	John Newman	Debbie Gab-Ojukwu
Esther Gab-Ojukwu	Elaina Hamp	HD Jackson
Ansley Martin	Brady Mong	Vinh Tran

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.