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CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

October 30, 2020

Message From the Principal



This year we've constantly had to take a new look at how to do so many things that we've done for so long. This was especially true with our PTCO this week with their virtual pumpkin carving contest. What a hoot it was to judge photos of family creations in celebration of Halloween and our fall change of seasons! This is only one example of their "never quit, never give up" attitude that they've embraced to tackle their work this year! We all really appreciated the treats this week in our staff lounge from the PTCO Staff Appreciation Committee. Thanks for all of your tireless work!

As you've now seen, we relaunched a newer version of our old traffic flow just this morning. Thanks for your support and willingness to partner with us to keep student safety as our top priority! We are committed to working hard to keep your kids as safe as possible during their time here!

We continue to pay very close attention to COVID and its influence on our landscape in Cherry Creek. As the number of active cases grows throughout Arapahoe County and the surrounding areas, we continue to make preparations to our remote learning plans. While we hope we never have to use them, it's important for us to be prepared for every scenario. For the latest district updates, please access the "Forward Together" portion of the CCSD website.

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<https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/domain/5266>.

We are grateful for every day we get to work with your children this year, and we hope to continue in person for as long as possible. Be safe, be well!

Principal Strohfus

Fall Fundraiser



The PTCO is happy to announce that our fall fundraiser will launch on Monday, November 9. We will be hosting our first ever read-a thon and are very excited! We know our students love to read and are looking forward to everyone's participation. Please look for more details to come home with your student(s) next week. If you have questions please contact PTCOChallenge@gmail.com.

Work It Out



Turn your Mondays into fun days by joining Mrs. Blythe's "Work It Out" series. Improve your balance, agility, strength, and overall fitness. We will be focusing on body weight training and getting the most out of each exercise. The first session will consist of four virtual HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) classes. Have some fun getting your heart rate up, and cheer on your friends. You will look and feel better! Middle School Classes will meet from 11:30-noon. Elementary 3:30-4:00. What are you waiting for? Classes begin this Monday! Click on the link to sign up now: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FA8A82CA0F58-work>

PASS Meeting
November 10
6:30

AAC Meeting
November 11
5:00

Upcoming District Events

Board of Education Meeting
November 9
Fremont Building
7:00

Important Links:

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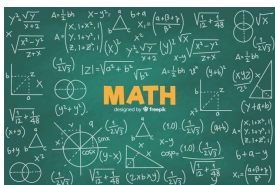
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Rich Morrow Math Challenge



Registration is open for the 2020 Rich Morrow Math Challenge!

The RMMC is an annual math contest, meant to inspire a love of math and build problem solving skills with elementary students (3rd-5th grade).

Usually we'd gather at Smoky Hill High School on the first Saturday in December, with each school bringing 9 students. This year ANY students can participate (schools are **not** limited to 9 students).

And the contest is online!

And there's NO cost!

When: Saturday, Dec. 5th, 2020

Where: **All online!**

Who: Any Cherry Creek students (3rd-5th grade) who love a good math challenge!

To register, click [here](#), or go to this link:

<https://forms.gle/Yb9Q2QdYpybBjVFT7>

Or for more information, go to our website:

<https://sites.google.com/cherrycreekschools.org/richmorrowmathchallenge>

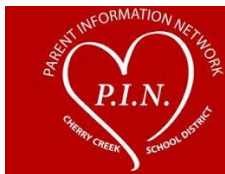
(you need to be logged into a Cherry Creek Google account to access the site)

MS ID Badges



Middle School students and families, please remember, students must bring their ID badges to school each day to purchase lunch in the cafeteria. Due to COVID protocols, students cannot use the finger punch pad to enter the data. The barcode on the ID badge scans directly to the lunch account to deduct funds. Please help our cafeteria staff to keep the line moving. Thanks for your cooperation!

Parents Information Network



Please click [here](#) for information for the November Parents Information Network Meeting.

PASS/AAC Meetings



All families are invited to participate in our PASS (Partnership for Academically Successful Students) meeting on Tuesday Nov 10 at 6:30pm and our AAC (Accountability and Advisory Committee) meeting on Wednesday Nov 11 at 5pm. Both meetings will be held via Microsoft Teams. Please click [here](#) for the PASS schedule and links. Please click [here](#) for the AAC schedule and links.

Art Fundraiser



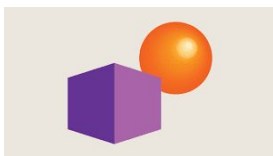
Our art fundraiser will be entirely online this year! Are you interested in purchasing custom keepsakes with your child's art on them? Not only are these keepsakes perfect as holiday gifts but proceeds from this fundraiser will also go towards supporting your child's art class. Please click [here](#) for instructions on how to order.

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!

Destination Imagination



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

Food and Nutrition Logo



Announcing the Food and Nutrition Services logo contest! Please click [here](#) for details!

Teacher and Staff Appreciation



Hello Challenge Families! Our school's Staff Appreciation Committee is working hard to ensure our wonderful teachers and staff are taken care of this year, but we need your help!

The SAC is putting together bags of candy in plastic gloves to say "Thank you for your helping hand!" They are also creating Midnight Movie baskets to celebrate staff birthdays. Each basket will include a \$5 redbox gift card, popcorn, and candy in a popcorn box.

You can help this generous effort by donating candy, popcorn, and gift cards. Please visit this link to see how you can contribute. Each donation counts towards your volunteer hours this year! (To make the most of your donation, the SAC would like to receive it by October 31.)

HelpCounter



Please sign up for your HelpCounter account. Click [here](#) for all details. Challenge School depends upon the generosity of our parent volunteers - please create your account to stay informed on volunteer needs and opportunities.

Virtual Pumpkin Carving Contest



Look at our Challenge Community's funniest, spookiest, and most creative pumpkins! Winners are noted on the slides! Thank you to everyone who participated!

[Team A](#)

[Team B](#)

[Team C](#)

[Team D](#)

[Team E](#)

The Howler



The Howler has been printed and copies are on their way home to you through your oldest student who will receive it from his/her connections teacher. If you ordered a copy and have not received it please contact PTCOChallenge@gmail.com. If you did not order a copy, it's not too late - click [here](#) to request a copy.

Leaders of the PACK

Week of October 26

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| Lucy Mest | Temesgen Woldu | Jameson Cole |
| Luke Epstein | Olivia Livingston | Sienna McKinney |
| Alexis Nsanji | Kurt Schamberg | Aiden Appiah |
| Anika Dande | William | Audrey |



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| Evan Ginsberg | Seyenna Habte | Dani Hailu |
| Elaina Hamp | Arriya Haney | Violet Henry |
| Addie Hoffman | Daniel Ioris | Evangeline Jacobs |
| Abraham Kabir | Madison Kessler | Aiden Mensah |
| Zoe McKinney | Nathan Minn | Win Panichakul |
| Henry Shelton | Vinh Tran | Nimisha Upadhyay |
| Sahana Vaidyanathan | Remi Van de Sande | Anand Zolboo |
| Aeden Brandreth | Alexander Gallimore | Mila Gilmartin |
| Kavya Krishna | Emilio Kukic | Mathangi Kurup |
| Tanner Larsen | Kyler Lynch | Sailor Roth |
| Rex Walsh | Erik Feldstein | Dante Hawkins |
| Eireen Margittai | Leah Pacic | Shrreya Sethuramalingam |
| Enkh Turtogtokh | Austin Zhang | |

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.