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## CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

October 9, 2020

### Message From the Principal



We made it to fall break! I'm not sure any of us really thought that we would make it all the way to fall break without an interruption of in-person learning for all of our students. I think this is the result of intense attention to our health and safety guidelines both by school staff and by our parent community! Thank you for your continued efforts to help keep our students in session! As a reminder, Monday, October 19 is a staff development day. We look forward to students returning to school on Tuesday, October 20!

We hosted virtual conferences last week, and our turnout was fantastic. This is no surprise, but it speaks to how much our families value education and the Challenge School experience. Thanks for your flexibility and commitment to your students. We also appreciate our student participation in the book fair. Book Fair is always a special time for our students. It's so great to see their love of reading and the excitement with current selections. Special thanks to our Library teacher, Kris Draper, for all of her hard work in making this event so safe, organized, and successful for our kids.

Today marks the end of our trial traffic pattern. We're now evaluating parent feedback from the survey sent out yesterday. We've already had almost a quarter of our families respond. Tell us what you think! [Challenge School Traffic Survey - October 2020](#)

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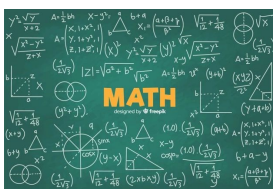
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### Upcoming School Events

Fall Break  
No School  
October 12-16

Non Contact Day  
No School  
October 19

	<p>Middle and high school families should expect to see a survey from CCSD arrive via email sometime next week. We're looking for feedback on your experiences with our hybrid learning model. Please take the time to share your thoughts. Results will be sorted by home school and shared with principals accordingly.</p> <p>Believe it or not it's time to begin the application process for the 2021-22 year. The process again will be led by our district office of Gifted and Talented Services. The application will be ready upon return from fall break, and completed applications will be accepted through December 4.</p> <p>As we look to next year, we expect to return to full in-person learning in 2021-22. With that, we'll be excited to welcome our students who will be returning from remote learning as a result of the COVID pandemic. All students who left Challenge to go to fully online learning will not have to reapply for admission. Families simply need to express their intent to return in writing by December 1, 2020.</p> <p>Looking forward on the calendar to the end of October... We will not be hosting traditional Halloween themed parties. We are planning a Spirit Week where all students can get involved and participate, regardless of beliefs. Special themed days will be announced to students when we return from fall break.</p> <p>Please take the break to rest, relax, and recharge your batteries! We look forward to your return on Tuesday, October 20.</p> <p>Warmly, Principal Strohfus</p>	<p><b>Important Links:</b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Planning Forward 2020-2021</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Challenge School Website</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>2020-2021 Challenge School Calendar</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Volunteer Opportunities</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>CCSD Parent Resources</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Schoolology Troubleshooting Guide for Students</u></a></p>
<p><b>Rich Morrow Math Challenge</b></p>	<p><b>Registration is open</b> for the 2020 Rich Morrow Math Challenge!</p> <p>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).</p>	



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)

## Picture Retakes



### PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retakes will be Wednesday, October 28. Students who were not at school on the original picture day will have their picture taken that day along with those who would like retakes. If your student is in Middle School Cohort B and would like retakes, please contact Deanna Bustamante at [dbustamante@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:dbustamante@cherrycreekschools.org). Picture retake envelopes are available for students to pick up in the office.

## Wolf Watch



Wolf Watch will be Open for Full Day care on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Students who attend will have the opportunity to participate in the PTCO Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Click [here](#) for more information.

### STEMBlazers



STEMBlazers is starting! For more information about this virtual club, please click [here](#). To sign up, please click [here](#).

### Art Fundraiser



Our Art Fundraiser will be entirely online this year! Please click [here](#) for more information.

### 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!

### Middle School ID



This year to help with a contactless environment, our middle school students are asked to have their ID cards with them at all times. If your student has misplaced their ID, please contact Security for a replacement at [tverner2@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:tverner2@cherrycreekschools.org)

### Food and Nutrition Logo



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

## Colorado Feeding Kids



Colorado Feeding Kids is a local nonprofit that will provide our schools with FREE Family Meal Packs! Once a month meal packs will be provided to your school. To the left is a picture example of what the boxes look like. If you are interested in these boxes for your family, please fill out this google form:

<https://forms.gle/5kW3KMjXriuBdQ167>

## Fall Festival Virtual Pumpkin Carving and Decorating Contest



Look what's Coming in October! The PTCO will be hosting a Virtual Pumpkin Carving and Decorating Contest for all grade levels. This is a free event. There will be prizes for Spookiest, Funniest, Most Creative, and Overall Best Pumpkin. Click this [link](#) for more information.

## New Fundraising Partner



We have a new no cost fundraising partner! If you purchase anything from American Furniture Warehouse (online, over the phone or in person), mention Challenge School and AFW will donate 2-4% of your purchase price to us. Have you recently made a purchase? Call the store and they will make a donation for previous purchases. More details are available [here](#).

## Leaders of the PACK



## Pack Awards for the week of October 5th.

Justice Chitsom	Catherine Nadeau	Samuel Witten
Neyat Habte	Michael Hinnekamp	Debbie Gab-Ojukwu
Manar Ibrahim	HD Jackson	Elizabeth Jacobs
Micah Kim	Ikran Abdullahi	Lucas Coleman-Sell
Agop Dervahanyan	Lily Hurtgen	Grace Marmorstein
Giancarlo Mary	Padraig Meyer	Jolon Quintana
Aarush Shah	Evan Sun	Nam Tran
Everest Tuley	Kate Wong	Daylen Georges
Ariana Solomon	Saadaq Sibriye	

## 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).