



## CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

October 2, 2020

### East Parking Lot Update



We have decided to continue with the current traffic pattern in the East Parking Lot for Drop-Off and Pick-Up through next week, Friday, October 9th. Later next week you will receive a survey asking for your thoughts and feedback. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our kids safe!

### Art Fundraiser



Our Art Fundraiser will be entirely online this year! Please 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](#).

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## Upcoming School Events

Board of Education Meeting  
7:00-8:30 pm  
Fremont Building  
14603 E Fremont Ave

Lost and Found items will  
be donated on

## Food and Nutrition Services



Food and Nutrition Services has some very exciting news! Thanks to extended funding from the USDA, we are able to offer FREE meals – breakfast *and* lunch – to ALL students through December 2020!!

Per USDA guidelines, qualifying meals must include 3 of the 5 meal components – Meat/Meat Alternate, Grain/Bread, Fruit, Vegetable, and Milk – one of which must be a fruit or vegetable. Additional meals (i.e. extra slice of pizza, or extra entrée) or a la carte (snack) items, are not covered by the USDA and therefore must be purchased at cost. Although meals are free, we encourage families to still fill out a Free and Reduced Meal Application for the 2020-21 school year if they haven't done so already. This ensures these benefits continue in January 2021 and enables CCSD to receive all possible school funding. The meal application can be found on [family.titank12.com](http://family.titank12.com). I also want to take this opportunity to remind you that should your student's class be quarantined at any point during the school year, they can come by any Cherry Creek Middle School location on Monday between 7:15 – 8:30 am and 11 – 12:30 pm to pick up 5 full days of meals to eat while they learn at home. Definitely keep this in mind as a resource in the event of a quarantine. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns and we will be happy to assist. We cannot thank you enough for supporting our amazing meal program!

## 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).

**October 9.** Please have your child check lost and found for missing items prior to that day.

Fall Break  
October 12-16

No School  
October 19  
Non-Contact Day

October 9-21  
Pumpkin Carving Contest

## Important Links:

[Planning Forward  
2020-2021](#)

[Challenge School  
Website](#)

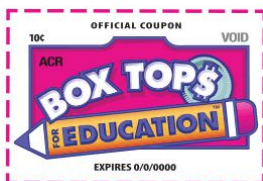
[2020-2021 Challenge  
School Calendar](#)

[Volunteer  
Opportunities](#)

[CCSD Parent  
Resources](#)

[Schoology  
Troubleshooting  
Guide for Students](#)

## Box Tops



Please turn in your clipped Box Tops by **Oct. 9** to your connections teacher labeled with the name of the student and teacher for the fall submission. Keep scanning your receipts all year!

## No Place for Hate



Calling all middle school students interested in contributing to a safe and inclusive school community! Please join the No Place for Hate Student Coalition! No Place for Hate is a student leadership group which creates activities promoting a healthy school climate and supports anti-bullying at Challenge. This year's No Place for Hate will meet on remote learning days by A or B cohort. Please join the No Place for Hate Schoology Group with this code ZSVQ-6P3X-2QMQF. Meetings begin next week!

## 2020 Virtual Show



Are you excited about all thing's theater and performance? Sign up to join the 2020 Virtual show. Students will create skits and performances that will present a similar passion for the arts. Performances include theater skits, dance, and song. Be the first 20 of 6th- 8th grade students who sign up for Mr. Smith's virtual show. Meetings will happen mostly on Monday's so sign up early. Students will work together virtually to design/ theme and present their show as a collection of creative ideas. Sign up for a spot by using this [Sign- up Genius](#) link.

## Yearbook



Want to see your students in the yearbook? Please click [here](#) to see how you can help!

TSA



Do you have questions about TSA for the 2020-2021 school year? If so, please feel free to drop in on Monday, October 5th, for information and an overview of how TSA will work this year. I will do one virtual session at 4:00 pm and another one at 6:30pm. One question that is on everyone's mind is how much TSA will cost this year since it will be virtual and we won't be going to the hotel for the conference. Sadly, we won't know that answer until November due to a variety of reasons. All we know is that it will be "significantly less." I can discuss that and other questions at the session.

If the information session doesn't work for you, please feel free to email me at [jking37@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:jking37@cherrycreekschools.org). We can also set up a time to meet via Teams if you have questions about the sign up process or events. Looking forward to starting our 7th year with TSA! Please click [here](#) for more information. [Information Session via Microsoft Teams link.](#)

### Social/Emotional and Wellness Support



If you would like to join Challenge School's **Social/Emotional and Wellness Support** Schoology course, please click [here](#) for information.

## 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



October is here!!! And so is the PTCO Virtual Pumpkin Carving and Decorating Contest for all grade levels. The contest begins on October 9th and you will have until October 21st to enter your decorated pumpkin photo. Remember, this is a free event and there will be prizes for the Spookiest, Funniest, Most Creative, and Overall Best Pumpkin. All prizes will be distributed by October 30th. Click this [link](#) for more information on how to participate, and be sure to scroll down to get all the details.

## 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 September 28

Fariah Chowdhury	Louis Zhang	Charlie Candelaria
Simi Desai	Blythe Elam	Margaret Harley
Bode Kessler	Avi Khadka	Mimi Onuorah
Lucas Radosevich	August Tuley	Elena Amador
Aiden Appiah	Nuhamin Biniyam	Sati Dervahanyan
Linda Ganbold	Arriya Haney	Finnian Kelley
Micah Kim	Cruz Kukic	Kate Meier
Isaac Meraz	Sammy Morris	Leia Spence
Lucas Zhang-Sanders	Riley Follweiler	Alex Gallimore
Amy Hailu	Hermela Kahsai	Megan Batbold
Tucker Blue	Milanya Byer	Jack Callan
Vishva Katrodiya	Angelina Sadaraka	Ms.Lamb

## 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).

