

## CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

September 18, 2020

### Message From the Principal



Thanks for partnering to make this another successful week at Challenge School! While this may seem like no big deal, we are truly grateful for every day we get to have our students in person. Overall, we've been very successful so far in CCSD, and we appreciate everyone's collective effort to promote a safe and healthy school environment. Let's all continue to work together and do our part to keep our COVID-19 numbers low and our schools open.

- I need to add a few requirements that we've been reminded of from the school district. Currently, we do not allow the use of masks that contain a "button valve." They're not allowed anywhere in our schools. I've rarely seen them here at school, but if you have them, please remember that kids are not allowed to wear them here, as the valve can be left open without a filter, offering no protection.
- It's been determined that we will no longer be able to allow the practice of bringing treats to school to pass out to friends and classmates (like birthday treats or boxes of doughnuts, etc). Out of caution we can't allow food or little trinkets and

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toys to be shared with other students. Thanks for your understanding!

Parking lot traffic - SO FAR, SO GOOD!  
Thanks for your patience and cooperation. We will continue to direct traffic and closely observe patterns. We will continue to adjust as necessary. **Remember these "Pro Tips!"**

- Keep moving - pull forward as far as possible to allow cars to get into the lot from Dayton!
- Arrive at 3:10 or a little later - this will make for a far less stressful and less crowded experience!
- Please reconsider crossing Dayton - there is no crosswalk. This practice is dangerous for pedestrians and drivers.
- In front of the school - Right lane is for loading, left lane is a through lane.

Please enjoy another wonderful Colorado weekend!

Principal Strohfus

### Virtual Conferences



This fall our teachers will be hosting Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, September 24 afternoon/evening and Friday, September 25 all day. For all information about how to sign up for a Conference time, please click [here](#). **There is no school on Friday, September 25 due to conference day.**

### Carpool to School



Visit the [school website](#) to see more information on how to apply for a pass to use the Carpool Lot. **Now, you only need 4 students in a carpool to qualify for a pass!**

AAC Meeting  
Tuesday, 9/22  
5:00pm

Virtual Parent-Teacher  
Conferences  
Thursday, 9/24  
Friday, 9/25

No School  
Friday, 9/25  
Due to Conference Day

Touchless Book Fair  
September 18-October 2

### Important Links:

[Planning Forward  
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[Challenge School  
Website](#)

[2020-2021 Challenge  
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### COVID Symptom Checker



Cherry Creek School District will be utilizing a COVID Symptom Checker for the 2020-2021 school year. For more information, please click [here](#). **This must be completed daily in order to attend school.** Have your student log in to their portal before school daily and answer the questions. Below is the QR code which will take you to the log in site. Print the QR Code and keep it handy at the breakfast table!



### Challenge School Advisory and Accountability Committee (AAC)

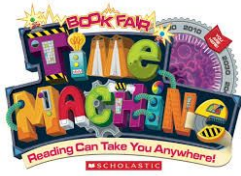
Please click [here](#) for information on the Challenge School Advisory and Accountability Committee. The first AAC meeting of the year will be September 22.

### CAGT Art Contest



Colorado Association for the Gifted and Talented presents the Second Annual CAGT Art Contest-Virtual Edition. Please click [here](#) for details.

## Book Fair



Fall Touchless Book Fair is here! Please click [here](#) for details.

## Yearbook



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

## TSA



Technology Student Association is starting virtually October 5. Please click [here](#) for more information.

## 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!

## 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.

## Fundraising Coordinator Needed



The PTCO is in urgent need of a volunteer to coordinate our fundraising efforts. This position can be shared by two or more people and all work can be done on your own time from your own home or office. The majority of the position involves sending emails and populating a spreadsheet. Please contact [PTCOChallenge@gmail.com](mailto:PTCOChallenge@gmail.com) for more information.

## Volunteer Opportunities



Click [here](#) for a current list of volunteer opportunities. Challenge School depends on the generosity of our parent volunteers. Thank you and don't forget to record your hours in [HelpCounter](#).

## HelpCounter Account



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.

## Reserved Parking Spaces



PTCO still has one reserved parking spot available for purchase left over from last spring's Wolf Drive fundraiser. The spot in the main lot is available for \$500. If you wish to purchase either one, please visit <https://wolf-drive-2020.cheddarup.com> If you have questions, please contact [PTCOChallenge@gmail.com](mailto:PTCOChallenge@gmail.com).

## Howler Deadline Extended



The deadline for the Howler has been extended until September 30. Please click [here](#) for ordering and advertising information.

## Leaders of the PACK



Pack Awards for the week of September 14

Audrey Hamp	Lucy Mest	James Sichone
Temesgen Woldu	Amen Hailu	Charlotte Hoffman
Aiden Landis	Polina Merkulov	Alessandra Caceres Meneses
Evelyn Collyar	Carson Cook	Taylor Dunham
Toby Elder	Ayala Epstein	Eldana Hailu
Thaanvi Kumar	Temi Jimo	Margot Johnson
Jovian Sherrell	Aiden Zeng	Prayush Bhattarai

		Mikey Kroll	
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**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).