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CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

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Message From the Principal



Together we're making this work! We've made it through our first full week of in-person learning for elementary students and the first week of hybrid learning for middle schoolers. Hopefully the "muscle memory" is kicking in, and we're all getting back into the rhythm of school. We want to offer our thanks for all you've done to help make our start a success. Kids are finding their way with masks, physical distancing, lots of handwashing, and navigating the online learning environment. It hasn't been easy, nor has it been perfect, but we're all learning together!

Safety and health continue to be our top priorities. Please assist us in maintaining a healthy school setting by completing the COVID Symptom Checker each day for your students. It takes less than one minute per student, and you can access it with the QR code listed on the next page of this letter.

Staying on the theme of safety, we're really focusing on trying to keep our parking lot safe. Since we have no charter bus this year, the parking lot is extra congested! Please plan accordingly and allow for an extra 10 or 15 minutes. This is also an area where we have to get better in order to be safe! We're working to further direct traffic

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using cones, and we'll be adding signage. With the congestion, we really need everyone to use the crosswalks, park in a parking spot if you're getting out, and be patient and courteous with one another. A number of vehicles also continue to attempt to make right turns out of the parking lot from the left lane. We're partnering with CCSD Security, City of Aurora Traffic Engineers, and local law enforcement to monitor patterns and hopefully find some ways to make the situation safer and run more efficiently.

Thanks for all that you do make
Challenge such a great home!

Principal Strohfus

**Individual
Pictures**



Individual Student Pictures will be taken on Wednesday, September 2 for MS Cohort A, and Teams A and B. Pictures for MS Cohort B and Team C will be Thursday, September 3. For package information or to order online, please click [here](#). Picture order envelopes **must** be turned in on picture day, as we are not allowed to collect late envelopes this year. To learn how to get pictures after picture day, please click [here](#).

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!



Girls on the Rise

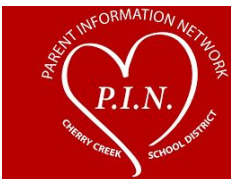




Please click [here](#) for information on this year's virtual Girls on the Rise program.

Virtual Yearbook Club



Attention 5th-8th graders! Yearbook will not be a minicourse this year, but a virtual club that meets after school throughout the school year. Club members will design and create this year's yearbook by deciding on a theme, taking photos in their classes, designing pages, and learning the skills of interviewing and journalism writing. Come to our Zoom informational meeting on **Tuesday, September 1st, from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.**, to learn more about how YOU can participate in our first ever virtual yearbook club and help make memories during this special school year. [Click here](#) to sign up for the meeting, and you will be emailed a Zoom invitation to attend.

	<p>Contact Ms. Draper at kdraper4@cherrycreekschools.org or Ms. Coggin at ecoggin@cherrycreekschools.org with any questions, and we hope to see you there!</p>
<p>Parent Information Network</p> 	<p>Cherry Creek Parent Information Network will be hosting two virtual meetings on Wired and Connected, one on September 1 and the second on September 8. Please click here for details.</p>
<p>Carpool Lot</p> 	<p>The West Parking Lot is used for carpools of 5 or more students. To obtain a carpool lot pass or for more information, please contact our Security Guard, Mr. Verner, at tverner2@cherrycreekschools.org or 720.747.2167.</p>
<p>Social/Emotional and Wellness Support</p> 	<p>Welcome back Challenge families! Dr. Hartley (school psychologist) and Ms. Thomas (school counselor) have created a Social/Emotional and Wellness Support Schoology course for this year. 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. If you would like to join, please use this access code: 572X-F3HN-6QPST</p> <p>For any further questions please contact mhartley4@cherrycreekschools.org and/or ethomas@cherrycreekschools.org. Thank you!</p>

New Parent Coffee



New parent virtual coffee NEXT WEEK. Meet families who are new to Challenge. **Connect with current parents.** Ask any questions you might have. Wednesday, September 2 from 8:30-9:30am
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86483302003?pwd=RDVpSGp0c0RwVEg3Nk1KRE1SNUNkdz09>
Thursday, September 3 from 8:30-9:30am
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83335120825?pwd=ckpESmRCYIFUVng3b2kvTWt3NCtJQT09>
Questions? Email the parent run welcome committee: SaraGansBlue@gmail.com or guptpooja@gmail.com. Please click [here](#) to see the flyer.

2020-2021 PTCO Board



Congratulations to our new PTCO Executive Board. Thank you to all our families who attended our General Meetings on Aug 25 and helped elect our new PTCO Board members: Candace Ellman, President; Lisa Kessler, Treasurer; Amy Henry, Treasurer; Marisa Taylor, Secretary; Pam Spaulding, Volunteer Coordinator; Jessica Templeton-Lynch, Volunteer Coordinator.

Howler



Order your copy of "The Howler," School Directory - deadline is September 10. Also new this year - advertising opportunities for your business. Click [here](#) for all details and to place your order

Fundraising Opportunities



Easy Ways to Raise Money for Challenge School
Challenge School participates in several programs where you can help raise money simply by shopping at certain stores or purchasing certain items. Please click [here](#) to see a "How to Guide" for Coca-Cola Give, King Soopers Community Rewards, Box Tops for Education, and Amazon Smile.

Volunteer Opportunities



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.

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.