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CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

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Message From the Principal



Welcome back, Challenge Families!

Today we finally welcomed our brand new members of the wolf pack today when our kindergarteners joined us! There is nothing like the excitement of the first day of school - especially when it's your first ever day of school. This week looked different for all of us, as we worked to establish our new procedures for 2020-21 one team at a time. New procedures include wearing masks, frequent hand washing, physical distancing, one-way foot traffic, staggered passing periods, LOTS of cleaning, and reporting out with the CCSD COVID symptom tracking app. It's a new reality for all of us, and it will take some adjustment, but seeing how excited our students were to return to school this week helps ground us in why we're going to such great lengths to promote student safety and provide in-person learning. We'll all work together to relearn our routines for this year.

Please plan to join us for our first-ever VIRTUAL Back to School Night on August 26. This will not be a live event, so you can access all information at your leisure from home. Here you'll be able to access general information from the school and get a more detailed look at our learning plans

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Elementary First Day

August 25

MS Cohort A First Day
PTCO Meeting via Zoom
9:00am or 6:00pm

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Virtual Back to School Night

August 27

MS Cohort B First Day

for this year from your child's teaching teams.

It's important that we all work together to monitor our health and well-being every day. This year more than ever, we're counting on everyone to complete the COVID symptom tracker each day prior to dropping off your students at school. All teachers and staff are required to do this daily, and it's an expectation that all parents participate in this as well in order to help keep each other safe, health, and learning in-person!

People still have many questions about daily routines at school, cleaning/sanitizing, distancing, and "cohorting" our students. Please read the answers to our FAQ's on the district website. [Planning Forward 2020-2021 / Planning Forward - Frequently Asked Questions](#). Let's all work together to make it a safe and healthy year! Welcome back, friends!

Principal Strohfus

Virtual Back to School Night



On Wednesday, August 26, Challenge School will be having their first ever Virtual Back to School Night! Details on how to access Back to School Night information will be emailed next week.

Important Links:

[Planning Forward 2020-2021](#)

[Challenge School Website](#)

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.

Contact Mrs. Draper at kdraper4@cherrycreekschools.org or Mrs. Coggin at ecoggin@cherrycreekschools.org with any questions, and we hope to see you there!

Medical Forms



Do you have Immunization Records, Asthma, Allergy and Anaphylaxis Forms, or other medical forms to turn into our nurses? Email a copy of your forms to our nurses: Denise Reich dreich2@cherrycreekschools.org AND Corina Van Haselen cvanhaselen@cherrycreekschools.org

If you need to drop off medicines for your student(s), please schedule an appointment with the nurses by emailing them an appointment request.

Visit the CCSD Health Services website to find printable versions of all necessary health forms:
[CCSD Health Services](#)

Carpool Lot



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.

Soap Donations



As students wash their hands multiple times per day at Challenge, we do go through a lot of soap. If you could send in a few extra bottles of hand soap, it would be greatly appreciated! **There are donation boxes located outside in the drive-thru drop-off lane.**

News from the Cafeteria



Welcome back! We are using a new and more efficient system this year, **Titan Family Connect**. You may download the app and select, "Family Portal" to set up an account. You will be able to look at the daily menus, add money to your child's account, set spending limits and purchase restrictions to name a few. If you prefer to send money with your student, lunch money will be collected as the students enter the building. If sending cash with your student, seal it in an envelope or ziplock bag clearly marked with the student's first and last name. Checks do not need to be in an envelope, but please write the student's name in the memo section. You may use one check for multiple students. Unless otherwise noted, the money will be divided evenly between each student. Menus can be accessed at <https://family.titank12.com/> without setting up an account. If you have questions, please call Challenge Kitchen at 720.747.2140 or email the Kitchen Manager at scollins@cherrycreekschools.org.

PTCO General Meeting

JOIN US
FOR THE NEXT
PTCO
MEETING

Challenge School PTCO Notice of General Meeting

Our first PTCO General Meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, August 25 at 9am and 6pm via zoom. You only need to attend one. Please click [here](#) to connect. Click [here](#) to view the proposed agenda, bylaws, and budget.

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

PTCO Help Center Account

MANAGE MY
VOLUNTEER
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 two reserved parking spots available for purchase left over from last spring's Wolf Drive fundraiser. The spot in the main lot is available for \$500 and the spot in the circle lot is available for \$1000. If you wish to purchase either one, please visit <https://wolf-drive-2020.cheddarup.com> If you have questions, please contact PTCOChallenge@gmail.com.