

May 8, 2020

CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

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A Message from the Principal



The first full week of May is National Teacher Appreciation Week. On behalf of the Cherry Creek Schools, I would like to express my deep appreciation to our teachers for the work they do each day to ensure the success of each of our students. Our talented professional educators provide high-quality teaching, learning, and emotional support to ensure our students are prepared for everything that comes their way. As in-person school instruction has halted across the country since March, we're reminded that our teachers are every bit as essential as our healthcare workers and first responders.

Each week we've worked remotely, we've experienced new surprises on our local and national landscape regarding COVID-19, stay-at-home orders, and the anticipated duration of our current remote learning realities. This week we learned that there's an ever-increasing likelihood that we may not be able to return to school as we know it beginning in August. We're now beginning to explore the possibilities of a blended school experience for students that combines alternating days of in school instruction and real-time engagement in your home environment. Please stay tuned to district communications and state updates regarding our current learning environment.

Next week on May 14 & 15 we will be hosting an opportunity to drop off school items and retrieve personal items from the school. Please check your email for more detailed information.

Be safe! Be well!

Principal Strohfus

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Parent Resource Links

Please check the district webpage at www.cherrycreekschools.org for the most current information.

[Technology Resources](#)

[Digital Reading/Learning Resources](#)

[Mental Health Resources](#)

Wolf Week



Starting on May 13th, Student Senate and Student Council will be hosting a virtual wolf week. Wolf week is Challenge School spirit week and although there is no school, this fun event will still happen! Starting next week, your student's connections teacher (if they are in elementary school) or your student's humanities teacher (if they are in middle school) will send out a flipgrid link. Flipgrid is an interactive platform where students can post school appropriate videos and view videos made by other students and teachers. On this flipgrid, your student will be able to post a quick video of themselves participating in wolf week. On Wednesday, May 13th, the theme is crazy hair day! Students are encouraged to take a quick video of themselves showing off their crazy hair and pajamas. On Thursday, May 14th, your student can show us what they have been doing during quarantine! As the week goes on, the students watch videos of their classmates and teachers! All you have to do is click the plus sign, record a quick video, and respond kindly or watch other student's videos! Remember, this is spirit week so it should be fun and everyone should be a part of the pack! If you have any questions/comments/concerns please email Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith's Contact information if you have questions dsmith43@cherrycreekschools.org

Student Belongings Information



Please click [here](#) for information on how to pick up your student's belongings and drop off any school items you may have. Pick up/drop off dates are May 14th and 15th.

Community Resources

[Library of Congress Website](#)

[Family Activities](#)

[NACG Recommended Board Games](#)

[CHL Protopage](#)

[CCSD Healthline](#)

Upcoming Events
Student Belongings Pick up and Drop off
May 14th and 15th.

Information from the Counselor



Community and Social/Emotional Resources:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1V4uiyiDI882pbhMEDQJ3Y8jlRTLbFfuKrru9LwuzQmY/edit?usp=sharing>

Schedule a 30-minute phone or video appointment for students with our counselor, Ms. Thomas, here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084RemoteCounselingSessionsSign-UpAAC628AAF49-remote>

To report threats, harmful behaviors, or dangerous situations with students, please contact Safe2Tell at 1-877-542-7233 or online at <https://safe2tell.org>. Safe2Tell is anonymous and available 24/7.

For immediate, confidential mental health support, please call the Colorado Crisis Line at 1-844-493-8255 or text "TALK" to 38255.

Available 24/7. In case of emergency safety concerns, please directly call 911.

NJHS Tutoring



National Junior Honors Society (NJHS) is offering tutoring for any child in 3rd-6th grade. These tutoring sessions would be held on Zoom, with an available 8th grade NJHS member. These sessions could be used to work on any subject, and will be offered from May 4th- May 15th, and each session will last up to 45 minutes. To sign up, please use this [link](#) to sign up for a slot. Please do not sign a child up for more than one slot a day. An NJHS member will be in contact with you one-two days in advance to give you the Zoom meeting information.

Edukit and School Supply Information



School supply lists for the 2020-2021 school year are now available. If you wish to purchase an Edukit and have your supplies delivered to your classroom, please click [here](#). A copy of the school supply lists can be found [here](#). Please contact Deanna Bustamante at dbustamante@cherrycreekschools.org with any questions.

Yearbook Ordering Information



2020 Yearbooks for Sale Online

It's not too late to purchase a 2020 Challenge School yearbook! Books are for sale for \$28 via RevTrak. There is no service fee. The yearbooks will be available for pickup in May (details will be communicated once they are finalized). Don't miss out on the memories -- order yours today by visiting <https://challengeschool.revtrak.net/yearbook/#/list>.

Online Resources



Our staff has put together resources to help during the remote learning platform. Please use the links in the sidebar to access them.

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.