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CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

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A Message from the Principal



It's hard to believe that we're already at our spring break! While things never really slow down at Challenge School, this past week has especially kept us on our toes. We want to thank you for your patience, flexibility, and cooperation as we've been adapting to a constantly changing landscape for school, events, and cancellations. Of course, please stay tuned to all district messaging on how we're responding locally to school and event updates. You can find up to date information at www.cherrycreekschools.org

One of the highlights of our year is our annual cultural festival put on by our PASS committee. This year we had over 17 different nations showcased in a celebration of food, customs, dances, and pastimes. Our diversity is truly a strength here at Challenge school and adds to our rich experiences for students! Thanks so much for putting on such a great event and sharing the things that make each of you so unique.

We are so grateful for the tremendous outpouring of support we received during this year's Wolf Drive! We appreciate your efforts and contributions to help maintain all of the supports we have in place for our Challenge students. We will continue with our Cherry Creek Reads Week celebration after our return from spring break. A number of former Challenge students have shared video tributes to teachers at Challenge for making a difference in their education! It's always touching to hear those great stories, and also to be part of new stories that are being made every day!

Our students continue to celebrate tremendous successes in a wide variety of academic competitions. Recently we've had students from

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Upcoming Events

Spring Break

No School

March 13-27

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

Technology Student Association (TSA) win many awards at our city competition, in addition to a district spelling bee winner, various science fair winners, MathCounts winners, and a tremendously competitive Geography Bee. We're always thrilled to see our students do so well and represent Challenge in such a positive manner!

Enjoy some time with family over our extended break!

Principal Strohfus

Family Meal Kits



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. The icon to the left is a picture example of what the boxes look like. If you are interested in these boxes for your family, please email Emily Thomas, school counselor, at ethomas@cherrycreekschools.org. Please provide Ms. Thomas **by March 30** with the number of boxes you would like, no explanation needed. Boxes will be available for pick up at school by April 20th. Thank you!

CCSD Middle School Newsletter

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Cherry Creek School District has put together a newsletter specifically geared to middle school students. Please click <[here](#)> to view in English and <[here](#)> to view in Spanish.

District Elementary Art Show



Congratulations to Archer A., Max A., Tusia B., Henry B., Sophia D., Jonah H., Addie H., Henry J., Akshaya K., Nathania M., Zoe M., Nathan M., Sailor R., Adler T., Nobel W. for having their artwork selected for the District Elementary Art Show. Art from around the district will be displayed at the Koelbel Library from March 6-26 during library hours.

PTCO Board



Have you been a room parent? Or chaired a committee at school? When you were young did you want to be on the student council? Wish you could be involved with our school in a different way? Want to make an impact on school fundraising and community building? Consider joining the PTCO Board!! Nominations are now open for the 20-21 school year. Positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Volunteer Coordinator. The board helps to plan school events for

PTCO Links

Learn about school events by subscribing to the [Facebook Page](#) for updates

Learn how shopping at [King Soopers](#) and [Amazon](#) can earn money for Challenge at no cost to you - [details here.](#)

Would you like to log your volunteer hours? [Click here to log your hours now.](#)

Thank you for your volunteer time! Need more volunteer hours? Contact challengeschoolvolunteer@gmail.com and they can help you find something to contribute to.

District News

The District will be closed from March 13-27. Please check the district webpage for more information.

The District P.A.S.S. Meeting scheduled for March 25th has been cancelled

fundraising and community building, manages the PTCO budget, and supports our children, teachers and community. We meet an hour once a month during the school year. All board positions can have a co-chair so you and a friend could join together! If you are interested, please email ptcochallenge@gmail.com
Self-nominations are highly encouraged!
(Deadline is April 4, 2020) **We would love to bring in 4-5 new members-please reach out with any interest by April 4, 2020 to ptcochallenge@gmail.com.**

Wolf Drive Update



Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2020 Wolf Drive-we truly appreciate your generosity! 55% of our families participated and we are thrilled that they helped us reach 98% of our goal! There is still time to reach our goal-**Teacher Time Tickets** and **Parking Lot Passes** are still available-see <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/wolf-drive-2020> to purchase. Our **Raffle Drawing** was held on Monday, March 9. Click <[here](#)> to see a list of winners along with instructions for claiming your prize. After checking the link, if you have any questions, please email challengewolfdrive@gmail.com.

Information for Current 8th Graders



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Our new School Counselor, Ms. Emily Thomas, has put together a wonderful document full of information regarding upcoming CCSD High School Welcome Nights including CTE information. See all the details <[here](#)>. **Please check this page often as it is updated as new information becomes available.**

Students interested in signing up for AVID at Grandview, please see Ms. Thomas.

Wolf Watch Summer 2020



Wolf Watch has their Summer 2020 program information available <[here](#)>

PASS and AAC Meetings



Tuesday, March 31 at 5:30pm and 7:00pm.

Learn what is happening and planned for Challenge School at the [AAC](#) and [PASS](#) meetings. Get updates from our school leaders, hear about success, challenges, and plans for the future. Ask questions and share your thoughts!

CCSF Colfax Marathon



Cherry Creek Schools Foundation has partnered with the Colfax Marathon. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Volunteer Time

Thank you for your volunteer time! Would you like to log your volunteer hours? Click [here](#) to log your volunteer hour now. Need more volunteer hours? Click [here](#) for a list of volunteer opportunities.

Leaders of the P.A.C.K.



Week of March 6

Luke Epstein	Kai Gordon	Jonah Harley
Noah Towers	Hussein Al Eyoon	Harper Angle
Sadie Diemert	Maddy Garcia	Naomi Getachew
Amen Hailu	Charlotte Hoffman	Temi Jimo
Julian Johlfs	Yazid Ibrahim	Natu Kelelew
Praneeth Lankipalle	Mimi Onourah	Zophia Zegura
Billen Ayele	Evan Ginsberg	Aksel Hanson
Addie Hoffman	Manar Ibrahaim	Reed King
Embry Kirsten	Tharun Kumar	Connor Lynch

Kemper Parsons	Daniil Pestov	Ruby Raleigh
Anderson Romont	Quinn Romont	Eli Sauther
Sahana Singh	Lena Barnes	Jack Callan
Jay Deshpande	Kenneth English	Lukas Estus
Samantha Foster	Patrick Healy	Kiran Herz
Pravin Jain	Hermela Kahsai	Krit Krishna
Kaitlyn Lawson	Grace Marmorstein	Vanity Martinez
Padraig Meyer	Emma Pak	Misha Rai
Kabir Srivastava	Dannica Ward	Lina Belaissaoui
Hana Belibi	Seamus Clark	Ben Hartley
Kate Mullin	Madison Patterson	Brooke Roth
Lily Svenneby	Ms. Bennett's Advisory Class	

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.