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# CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

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## Challenge Educator of the Year



Congratulations to Mr. Dan King on being named Challenge School Educator of the Year! Mr. King takes a unique approach to education in how he works to support the growth of the whole child with his assets-based philosophy. He goes above and beyond each day in his work with students: he truly embodies the district mission for Cherry Creek Schools, working to inspire each student to think, to learn, to achieve, to care. Thank you, Mr. King, for sharing your excitement for science with our students.

## Cherry Creek Reads!



Get ready for Cherry Creek Reads! Grab a new book or an old favorite and get ready to read! The Cherry Creek School District will celebrate the joy of reading during Cherry Creek Reads, coming up March 9-13. Click [here](#) for details.

## Cultural Night



**TONIGHT! Friday, March 6 from 5:30-7:30pm. Join Challenge families for a Cultural Night in the gym.** Click [here](#) for all of the details. Performances! Food! Fun! Challenge students, staff, family, and friends are invited to come to the 2020 Cultural Night! Our volunteer Challenge families will stamp your passport and take you on a journey around the world!

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## Denver Metro Science Fair



The Denver Metro Science Fair was held on February 28. Challenge students sent some amazing projects representing hundreds of hours of work and dedication. Please click [here](#) to see detailed results from the fair.

## 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.

## Group Pictures



Group pictures were taken on Tuesday, March 3. If you would like to order, please turn your picture envelope into the office by **Wednesday, March 11**.

## Wolf Drive 2020



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Wolf Drive! We came very close to meeting our goal - we raised \$39,000! Raffle ticket sales have ended but you can still purchase Teacher Time tickets and reserved parking spaces. Please see <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/wolf-drive-2020> for details. The raffle drawing will take place Monday, March 9th at 4:30pm in the library and winners will be notified within five business days. Contact [PTCOChallenge@gmail.com](mailto:PTCOChallenge@gmail.com) with questions. Thank you!

## PTCO Equipment Manager Needed



Do you like to organize? Want a volunteer job that is flexible? Equipment manager needed. We are seeking two volunteers to oversee the contents of the PTCO storage shed being built near the Challenge garden. You would work with those who need access to equipment, follow up to ensure items are returned, periodically reorganize the shed, perform annual inventory, and dispose of items no longer needed. This is a great way to earn all of your hours! Please

## Upcoming Events

### March 6

**Family Cultural Night**  
5:30-7:30PM

### March 9

**Intramurals**  
3:00-4:00PM  
**PTCO Raffle Drawing**  
4:30pm

### March 10

**Speech and Debate**  
3:00-4:30PM  
**Beattie Homework Club**  
3:00-4:00PM  
**Elementary Student Council**  
3:00-3:45PM  
**Reader's Workshop**  
3:00-4:00PM  
**PTCO General Meeting**  
**Topic: Admission**  
**Intuition with speaker**  
**Karen Herbst**  
6:30PM

### March 11

**Team B Musicals**  
**Ms. Graeve's Class**  
1:55-2:25PM  
**Ms. Padilla's Class**  
2:25-2:55PM

### March 12

**Team B Musicals**  
**Mr. Kulczewski's Class**  
1:55-2:25PM  
**Ms. D'Amico's Class**  
2:25-2:55PM  
**Dungeons and Dragons**  
3:00-4:30PM  
**Intramurals**  
3:00-4:00PM

### March 13

**GSA**

contact [challengeschoolvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:challengeschoolvolunteer@gmail.com) if interested.

### PTCO Meeting



**Tuesday, March 10, 6:30PM, PTCO General Meeting covering College and What to Start Thinking about NOW featuring guest speaker Karen Herbst, former Challenge Parent and owner of [Admission Intuition](#).** Karen Herbst has been an independent college consultant in the Denver Area for 10 years. Her three sons are all Challenge School graduates. Karen will talk about selective college admissions, how colleges evaluate students, and what exactly colleges are seeking in the students they admit. Karen will also talk a bit about the cost of attendance, scholarships, and financial aid. Come with lots of questions! *Remember, you get volunteer time for the time you spend preparing for and participating in the event.*

### PTCO Board



**Join the PTCO Executive Board for the 20-21 School Year.** 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!! The PTCO Board is looking for new members for the 20-21 school year. Positions on the board include President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Volunteer Coordinator. The board meets once a month during the school year, attends PTCO, AAC and PASS meetings, plans school events for fundraising and community building, manages PTCO budget and supports our children, teachers and community. All positions can have a co-chair. If you are interested, or have questions about what might be involved, please [click here](#) to see full job descriptions and email [ptcochallenge@gmail.com](mailto:ptcochallenge@gmail.com).

### School Breakfast Week



March 9-13 is National School Breakfast Week. Join us for a school breakfast that's Out of This World! Click [here](#) for the menu of events!

3:00-4:00PM

### March 27 Bingo Night

Concessions begin at 6:00PM

First Game at 6:30PM

### March 31 AAC Meeting

5:30-7:00PM

### PASS Meeting

7:00-8:00PM

### May 1 Spring Festival

5:00-7:00PM

## 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](mailto:challengeschoolvolunteer@gmail.com) and they can help you find something to contribute to.

## Spring Break



Spring Break is from March 16-20. There will be no school on those days and Wolf Watch will be closed. See you on March 23rd!

## 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.**

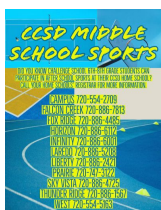
**If you have not turned in your registration form, please see Ms. Thomas.**

## Wolf Watch Summer 2020



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

## CCSD Middle School Sports



Did you know Challenge 6th-8th Grade Middle School students can participate in after school sports activities at their CCSD Home Schools? Call your home schools' registrar for more information [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!

## District News

**March 9-13**  
**Cherry Creek Reads Week**

**March 9**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
Peakview Elementary  
7:00-9:00PM

**March 10**  
**Parent's Information Network**  
6:30-8:30PM  
Please click [here](#) for more information

**March 12**  
**SEAC Meeting**  
9:30-11:30AM  
Please click [here](#) for more information

## CCSF Colfax Marathon



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

## Leaders of the P.A.C.K.



Week of February 28

Hannah Davis	Aiden Landis	Catherine Nadeau
Gynelia Nyakundi	Noah Zhang	Hunter Davis
Arriya Haney	Mahath Karthikeyan	Isaac Meraz
Cylus Murphy	Alexis Nsanji	Maya Pacic
Roshan Rai	Leia Spence	Onyx Toney
Henry Blue	Berekley Bowler	Radia Chowhury
Lexi Dorow	Ayala Epstein	Declan Meyer
Amber Namungenyi	Kamsi Onourah	Anderson Romont
Sailor Roth	Alex Vahobov	Sidney Wade
	Ani Yeremyan	

## 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).