

January 31, 2020

CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

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Challenge Educator of the Year Nominations



Please join us in nominating and honoring the fine teachers of Challenge School for the CCSD Educator of the Year Award. Follow this link to fill out the online form: [CCSD Educator of the Year Award Nomination Form](#)

Nominations are due by Friday, February 7, 2020.

Board of Education



Challenge School would like to thank the Cherry Creek School District Board of Education for their service and dedication to the CCSD Community. Thank you Karen Fisher, Kelly Bates, Janice McDonald, Anne Egan, and Angela Garland!

Wolf Drive 2020



Our 2020 Wolf Drive launches on Saturday, February 1st at 8:00am MST. This year's drive will be conducted 100% online via <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/wolf-drive-2020>. This electronic platform will enable us to minimize printing expenses and increase efficiency. Please click [here](#) for all details.

District Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Kanshita Dam, first place winner of the Cherry Creek School District spelling bee held on Saturday, January 25th! In addition, Kanshita, Rithvik Ijju, and Kiran Herz. finished in the top 20 at the district bee. All three progress to the Colorado state spelling bee to be held at the University of Denver on March 7th. Congratulations also go out to Julian Dobrski for representing Challenge School at the District

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Spelling Bee. Fabulous effort and calm under pressure, spellers!

Valentine's Day Cookies for Teachers and Staff



Sugar Cookies, Vegan Cookies, and Nut Free Cookies are still needed for the Teachers and Staff Valentine's Day Cookies on 2/12. The PTCO is making individual bags of cookies for our amazing teachers for Valentine's Day. We are going to need a lot of cookies! [Click here to sign up](#) and drop your cookies off on Wednesday February 12th at 8am. *Remember, you get volunteer time for the time you spend making/buying and delivering the items.*

Challenge Change



Challenge Change is back! Get all the information [<here>](#). Coins will be collected through February 11.

Chess Team



The Cherry Creek School District Chess tournament will be held at Overland High School on Saturday, February 29. Any student is welcome to enter. See the attached form for more information and the entry form. Please click [<here>](#) for the form.

Lunch Money



Lunch money is collected each morning by your student's Connections teacher. We do not accept payments from students at the register during lunch period. PLEASE, when sending cash with your students, seal it in an envelope or zip lock bag clearly marked with student's first and last name. Checks do not need to be in an envelope but please write student's name in the comment section. You may use one check for multiple students. Unless otherwise noted, the money will be divided evenly. THANK YOU!

AAYLC

The 2020 African American Youth Leadership Conference (AAYLC) online registration is now OPEN for students, parents and volunteers! Please click [<here>](#) for details and registration information.

Upcoming Events

February 1

Wolf Drive Launch!

February 3

TSA Meeting

3:00-4:30

Intramurals

3:00-4:00

K-1 Computer Club

3:00-4:00

February 4

Beattie Homework Help

3:00-4:00

Elementary Student Council

3:00-3:45

Team E Play Auditions

3:00-6:00

February 5

8th Grade Pictures

February 6

TSA Meeting

3:00-4:30

Elementary Chess Team

at Challenge

3:00-5:30

Intramurals

3:00-4:00

February 7

GSA Club

3:00-4:30

February 11

AAC Meeting

5:30-7:00

PASS Meeting

7:00-8:00

March 6

Family Cultural Night

6:00-8:00pm

March 10

PTCO Meeting



CCSF Community Night



Cherry Creek Schools Foundation Community Night at the Avalanche is Monday, February 17th. Please click [here](#) for details.

Cultural Night



Save the Date for Cultural Night! March 6 from 5:30-7:30 in the gym. Click [here](#) for all of the details. Sign up now to share your culture with the Challenge Community and set up a table at Cultural Night. Last year, we had families representing India, China, Tajikistan, Mongolia, Korea, Brazil, Mexico, USA, and more! [Find details here](#). Remember, you get volunteer time for the time you spend preparing for and participating in the event.

Chocolate Roses



Want to purchase a chocolate rose for someone special? Student Senate can help! Please click [here](#) for details.

Old Magazines Needed



The library needs magazines for upcoming media literacy and craft projects. If you have old issues we can take off your hands, there will be a box outside the library for donations. Thanks for supporting the library!

Information for Current 8th Graders



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Cherry Creek Schools

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.**

featuring guest speakers
Karen and Rich Herbst, former
Challenge parents and owners
of [Admission Intuition](#)
6:30

May 1 Spring Festival 5:00-7:00

Join Challenge families for
pizza and drinks. BYO lawn
chair and blanket. Welcome
our new families and catch up
with old friends.

PTCO Links

See all of What's Happening
[here](#) and check the
[Facebook Page](#) for updates

PTCO needs help filling
volunteer spots. Click
[here](#) for details

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!

District News

**Smoky Hill HS Mini Cheer
Clinic**
Please see the flier [here](#)

**February 4
PIN Meeting**
9:15-11:00am
Details [here](#)

High School Registration Forms are due back to Challenge by Friday, February 7th.

PTCO Meeting



March 10, 6:30pm save the date-PTCO Meeting College and what to start thinking about 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 ten years. Her three sons are all Challenge School graduates. Karen will talk about selective college admissions, how colleges evaluate graduates, and exactly what 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! This event is free for for all Challenge parents and guardians.

Parent's Information Network



Please join PIN on Tuesday, February 4 or February 11 for an Innovative Look at Nutrition. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Preschool Roundup



The month of February is Preschool Roundup in the Cherry Creek School District. Parents of new preschool students can learn about the process [here](#).

Leaders of the PACK



Week of January 24

Archer Austin	Aria Cannavo	Berkeley Bowler
Linda Ganbold	Mustafa Hassan	Keely Knobbe
Thanvi Kumar	Jayden La Barbera	Rushil Mandavilli
Niko Messenger	Declan Meyer	Brady Mong
Eli Sauther	Henry	Eden

District Accountability Committee

6:00-8:00pm
Canyon Creek Elementary

February 8
Overland High School
Father/Daughter-Mother/Son
Dance
Click [here](#) for information

February 10
Board of Education Meeting
Polton Elementary
Please click [here](#) for information.

February 13
SEAC Meeting
9:30-11:30am
Please click [here](#) for details

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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.