

CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

August 23, 2019

Message From the Principal's Desk



The first two weeks of school have been a whirlwind of activity here at Challenge. Teachers have worked very intentionally to create a warm and welcoming environment and build relationships with your children. They've also worked to set the stage for a successful year through activities intended to build friendships, establish positive learning routines, and foster independent learning in our classrooms. We believe it's important to support the social emotional needs of our students beyond these basics so they can learn to act responsibly, make good decisions, handle strong emotions, and get along with others.

This year all CCSD students K-8 will participate in the Second Step program. Second Step provides lessons on timely topics including building friendships, handling conflict, empathy, managing emotions, problem solving, mindset and goals, and thoughtful decision-making. Second Step classes begin next week during Connections. We are thrilled to have these resources to engage our students and support their emotional health and growth.

Warmly,

Principal Strohfus

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August 26

TSA Parent Meeting 5:00

August 27

MS Lego Robotics Club

3:00PM-5:30PM

September 2

No School-Labor Day

September 3

No School-Non Contact
Day

Immersion Date Changes



The due dates for Fall Immersion have changed from what you will find in your child(ren)'s planners. New dates are:

- 9/5 Online Immersion Catalog Opens
- 9/11 Student Immersion Choices Due by 3:00 p.m.
- 9/23 Immersion Choices Announced to students during Mini-Course
- 9/25 Immersion Permission Forms and Payments Due by 3:00 p.m.
- Fall Immersion Week: October 7-11

Driving Paperwork



Interested in driving for Immersion or other school activities? Please click [here](#) for the paperwork. Please include a copy of your auto insurance declarations page and driver's license along with the form and return to Deanna Bustamante (dbustamante@cherrycreekschools.org)

Music Notes



Auditions for the Team D/E musical will be coming soon! Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

All State Choir practices will start after school on September 6th from 3:00-4:00 for all interested current 7th and 8th graders. Click [here](#) for more information.

Destination Imagination



It's time to start forming Destination Imagination teams! Please click [here](#) for registration information.

TSA Parent Meeting



Please click [here](#) for information about the TSA Parent meeting on August 26th.

District News

Health and Wellbeing
For Information on Health and Wellbeing of our students, please click [here](#)

CCSD Veterans Appreciation Football Game
For information, click [here](#)

PTCO Corner

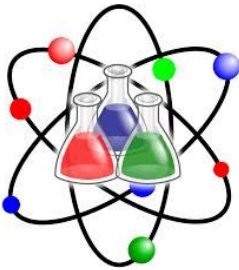
For upcoming PTCO Events and information, please click [here](#).

Student Senate



Are you interested in Middle School Student Senate? Please click <[here](#)> for more information.

Science Fair



There are times during project-based learning, science fair, shadowing, etc. that our students could use mentors/ volunteers in specific career fields. To help us find these mentors/volunteers more easily, we are asking parents/guardians to fill out the survey at the link below. There are some volunteer areas listed at the bottom that don't require specific career fields, too. We want to have an updated list, so please fill out the survey again even if you filled it out last year.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEr7CgWNZHASzKaEKESAAVZlbn52_SLD00Zeh8qi_hlfWQVw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Mental Health Support



Welcome back to school! This year, we will be using an online Counselor/Mental Health Support Request form to help students, parents, and staff request additional social/emotional support for students when needed. Dr. Hartley (School Psychologist) and Ms. Thomas (School Counselor) will have access to the responses and will follow up with students accordingly. Examples of reasons to use the form: conflict with a peer, feeling anxious, life changes, etc. This referral form should not be used for a crisis situation. In case of a crisis, please call Safe2Tell (877) 542-7233 or 911. The link to the form is:

<https://forms.gle/pnr4RGPffaMSnBbN9>

Traffic Flow



Please click <[here](#)> for this year's parking lot traffic flow pattern.

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.