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## Kindness Rocks

Middle School students have been painting and hiding kindness rocks around Challenge. Students are encouraged to take a rock if the message speaks to them. Challenge families please help keep the kindness going. This Saturday all Michaels Stores around the US are offering the opportunity for people to paint their own kindness rocks. This is a free activity from 9am-9pm. Go paint some rocks and spread your kind messages around Challenge!

## Challenge Cares Day

### ***COOL FORCE HOUR OPPORTUNITY!***

Challenge Cares Day is a time for Challenge School students of all grades to nurture a spirit of volunteerism and community stewardship. In addition, it provides ***Team D and E*** students with an opportunity to gain some ***Cool Force Hours!*** It is a day when students collectively spread out across the Metro area to volunteer in a variety of settings. Whether your passion is with seniors, schools, food pantries, museums, animals, or the great outdoors, we have something for you! Project sign-up will begin **Sept. 1.**

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### **Immersion Fundraiser**

Challenge School is excited to offer the Colorado Unlimited 2 for 1 Discount Card as this year's Immersion Fundraiser. Each packet includes one folder with buy one get one free offers, 2 cards, and 2 mobile app codes. These sell for \$30 with \$20 going into your family Immersion account for use beginning in Spring 2018. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please email [deannastamps@comcast.net](mailto:deannastamps@comcast.net).

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### **Especially Me: Middle School Conference**



***6th Biennial EspeciallyMe™***

**Middle School Conference**

Focusing on African American Middle School Girls – Grades 6-7-8

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## *6th Biennial EspeciallyMe*

### Middle School Conference

Focusing on African American Middle School Girls  
Grades 6,7,8

An Inspiring and Important Conference  
Stressing Issues of Dignity, Excellence, Respect and Self-Value

- **Saturday, October 14, 2017**

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
(Sign in begins at 8:00 a.m.)

- **PRAIRIE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

12600 E. Jewell Ave.  
Aurora, CO 80012

- **Registration Must Be Received by Friday, September 29, 2017**  
(No on-site registration)

- **REGISTRATION FEE – Middle School Students: \$15.00**  
**Parents/Guardians/Educators: \$25.00**

For additional information contact Patricia Houston  
E-mail - [especiallyme1999@gmail.com](mailto:especiallyme1999@gmail.com)

[Registration Form](#)

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## PTCO Corner

We hope you had a great first full week of school! Now its time to have some school fun! Our First PTCO General Meeting will be on **September 11, 2017 @ 8am** in the Cafeteria. We will be having various chairs and committee representatives to share all that they do at Challenge School. This will be a great time to meet new Challenge Families and reconnect with others. Please join us!

**Wolf Run Day is next Friday, September 1!!!**

This is our big fall fundraiser and our **school goal is to raise \$35,000** (half of our \$70,000 yearly goal) and our **per student goal is \$75**. Money raised from this fundraiser will go towards helping the school provide teacher assistants and instructional resources next school year.

***We need 10X10 or larger tents for Run Day. If you have one we could use, please email us at [challengewolfrun@gmail.com](mailto:challengewolfrun@gmail.com)***

**Run Day** - all students will get a Wolf Run t-shirt to wear during the run and then take home. The run is 30 minutes long and students can run or walk (with music blasting and parents/staff cheering) and can take breaks whenever they need to. If they run 40 laps they will receive a lei to wear the rest of the day. After the run they will get a popsicle and have a short cool down period before they head back to class.

**Student Packets** - your student should have come home with a packet on Wednesday that includes a donation envelope with their name on it, information flyer, letter about Prize Day inflatables, and a safety waiver. If you did not get one for your student you can pick one up at the front desk.

**Shoes/Water Bottle** - Students should wear tennis shoes and bring a water bottle with them on the day of the run.

For more info go to: <http://challengeptco.weebly.com/wolf-run.html>

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We look forward to a fun day with your students, parent volunteers, and the staff!

### **Documenting Hours**

We have a new volunteer hour program called Help Counter. For more information on how to sign up for an account go to: <http://challengeptco.weebly.com/logging-hours.html>

### **For Volunteer Coordinator:**

We are looking for volunteers to chair the following positions:

Baker's and Chefs

Spring Festival

Family Trivia Night

We are also looking for volunteers who are interested in shadowing current chairs and running the events for next school year. This is a great opportunity to learn from the volunteers who have experience in these specific roles so you will be all set next year.

Challenge Night Out

Fall Festival

Auction

Teacher Appreciation

Cultural Event

Volunteer Coordinator (PTCO Board)

If you would like to volunteer or just want more information about these positions please contact Tobi and Sheri at [challengeschoolvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:challengeschoolvolunteer@gmail.com)

[PTCO Webpage](#)

[Logging Volunteer Hours](#)

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**Challenge Learning Garden**

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volunteer hours, or help with planning the garden, contact us at [ChallengeGarden@gmail.com](mailto:ChallengeGarden@gmail.com). You can also join us on one of the dates below! For summer garden pictures and to stay up to date, join us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/163033000563589/>. See the flyer for more details.

## Fall 2017

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**Sun Aug 27 - 4pm** - Garden Maintenance day/Intro to the garden

**Mon, Sept 11 @ 8am** - Garden Planning Meeting/Intro to the garden

**Sun, Sept 17 - Time tbd** - Garden Maintenance day/Prep for Fall Festival and Harvesting

**Sun, Oct 15 - 12pm** - Work Day - Put the Garden to Bed

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## Library Shelters Training

On **Tuesday, August 29th at 8:00am AND 2:00pm** OR **Friday, September 1st at 8am and 2pm** in the Library, we will be training on how to shelve books in the Library.

Our children are GREAT readers and enjoy the many selection that our library has to offer!! On average, our volunteers shelve 1,100 books a month. Help get the books back onto the shelves quickly. We'll be dusting off the cobwebs that surround your memory of the Dewey Decimal System and Alphabetical Order. Volunteering to shelve books counts toward your 25 Service Hours so don't sit in your car waiting -- come shelve books!!! RSVP to Library Chair, [Shannon Scott](mailto:shannony93@msn.com), at shannony93@msn.com.

If you are already trained on the processes of our library, please come start shelving. We could use your help!! Shelving can only be done during school hours -- **8:00am to 2:45pm daily**. Cellphones should be turned off during your time in the library. Thank you for your commitment to our school and children.

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## Fall Festival

Bring your family and join your friends for the Challenge School's biggest community event of the year, The Fall Festival! Join us at school on **Saturday, September**

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Carnival Games, Face Painting, Water Balloon Toss, Balloon Twister, Pair O'Dice Door Prizes, and Spin Art.

This year we will be offering Food Trucks which will have meals available to purchase.

VIP pass will include Giant Trikes, Conquest Mountain, Henna Tattoos and a Photo Booth!

[Ticket price \\$30/family presale, \\$35/at door, individual \\$8 presale, \\$10/at door keep VIP \\$5 \(a meal will be additional\)](#)

Questions please contact Tobi Dattilo at [challengefallfest@gmail.com](mailto:challengefallfest@gmail.com)

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## Challenge School Auction

The 2017/2018 Challenge School Auction committee is in need of a couple of dedicated volunteers that want to shadow this year's auction committee and learn how to run the auction. You will fill your volunteer hours for the year and get to see how we put together one of the most entertaining events in the Challenge School year. We ask that interested individuals send an email to [challengeschoolauction@gmail.com](mailto:challengeschoolauction@gmail.com).

For more details please go to [Challenge School Auction](#)

If you have any questions please let us know. Thanks!

### **Challenge School Auction 2018 Masquerade Party**

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### **Have a Question?**

We know sometimes parents have questions but don't know who to ask. Send your question to [CHLquestions@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:CHLquestions@cherrycreekschools.org) and we'll find the answer for you.

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Submit content for newsletter by Wednesday at **NOON** to [FridayFacts@yahoo.com](mailto:FridayFacts@yahoo.com)

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