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Believe It Or Not I Care (BIONIC)

In Ms. Eggleston's BIONIC mini course, we were tasked with coming up with Kindness Projects. BIONIC stands for Believe It Or Not I Care, and its purpose was to encourage students to come up with ways to promote kindness. Many ideas were suggested, one of which was Pen Pals. The idea of Pen Pals was based on how

long distances as Pen Pals. Those people begin as strangers, but slowly grow to be friends, which is the idea we wanted to introduce to our school. We hoped the project could promote inclusion and caring in a more exciting way.

Everyone who signed up for this project is paired up with another student. We tried to pair 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders with 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders so that pen pals could potentially gain a new perspective. Every other week, students write a letter to their pen pal, leaving their finished letter in a mailbox outside their teacher's room. We then deliver these letters to their pen pals, and each student gets to experience the excitement that comes with receiving a letter and, subsequently, forming a bond with another person.

Assessments Information

On **Thursday, September 14th**, students in grades 4th-8th grade will be bringing home CMAS/PARCC results from Spring 2017. A letter explaining the assessment and results will accompany the results. Please be looking for these to come home.

In addition, our assessment schedule for the year is below. If you have any questions or concerns about our testing at Challenge, please feel free to contact me. Thank you!
Megan Curran 720-747-2137

Assessments Dates Challenge School 2017-2018

Assessment	Grades	Dates
iReady	Team C Team B	August 28 th - 31 st Sept. 6 th - 8 th
iReady	Kindergarten	October 2 nd -4 th

Subscribe	Past Issues		Translate
	ACT Aspire	4 th	November 13 th -14 th
	ACT Aspire	5 th - 8 th	November 16 th
	CogAT	2 nd	December 5 th -7 th
	PARCC: English Language Arts/Math	3 rd -4 th	April 9 th - 11 th
	PARCC: English Language Arts/Math	5 th -8 th	April 12 th -13 th
	CMAS: Science	5 th , 8 th	April 16 th

Leaders Of The PACK

September 1, 2017

Nobel	Woldu	B	Zach	Brown	D
Lacaille	Ella	B	Aaisha	Eisa	D
Aliya	Zitek	C	Jason	Courtney	D
Nisha	Kathiresan	C	Liam	Cockayne	D
Everest	Tuley	C	Tyler	Rodenbeck	E
Lily	Ducharme	C	Fatima	Elsa	E
Max	Udall	C	Lucy	Langtry	E
Charly	Ashworth	C	Nirmala	Rusli	E
Isaac	Vigil	C	Esther	Gab-Djukwu	Kindie
Chester	Boberschmidt	C	Daniel	Ioris	Kindie
Alex	Crouse	C			
Ersel	Serdar	C			
Kate	Wong	C			
Riley	Follweiler	C			
Willsea	Domini	C			
Pravin	Jaine	C			
Valerie	Butcher	C			

And a special STAFF LOP award goes to Krishna Donti for all the hard work since school started helping all the teams!

Thank you to all who participated in the Immersion Fundraiser. Please return all money and unsold cards to the main office as soon as possible. There are still a limited number of discount cards available. If you are interested in getting some and helping fund your Immersion account, they will be for sale in the main hallway on **Friday, September 15 from 2:45-3:15pm and Friday, September 22 from 7:45-8:15am and 2:45-3:15pm.** Each discount card set is \$30 and they will be on a cash (or check made payable to Challenge School) and carry basis. Please contact deannastamps@comcast.net with any questions.

Volunteers For Upcoming Scholastic BookFair 9/25-9/29

The Scholastic bookfair is coming! Our fall bookfair will be held in the library the week of parent-teacher conferences, with proceeds funding library book and database purchases. We rely on parent volunteers to help make it a success. If you would like to be added to the email list for the forthcoming volunteer signup genius, please contact librarian Kris Draper at kdraper4@cherrycreekschools.org or 720-747-2125. No experience is necessary!

Challenge Cares Day

Challenge Cares Day returns **OCT 7**

COOL FORCE HOUR OPPORTUNITY

Slots are filling up fast!

Challenge Cares Day is a time for Challenge School **students and family** 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! To sign-up, head to the link below:

Middle School All State Choir

ALL STATE 2018

<http://www.msallstatechoir.org/>

Website information can be found at the link above. Also, students can practice many elements of the audition from home using the same link. It is recommended that students practice all elements of the audition at least 20 min. a day. Auditions will be held after school on **October 3rd**. Students can sign up for practices after school on the following days from 3:00-4:00 pm: September 8th, 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th, 25th, 26th, and Monday, October 2nd. Please circle dates your child will attend. *If additional time is requested please contact Mr. Smith to set up a time.

(dsmith43@cherrycreekschools.org)

Eligibility and Fees: (From the All State Choir Website)

7th and 8th Grade music students in the State of Colorado are eligible to audition for the CMASC.

The CMASC also **requires** that the submitting director recommend all of their students auditioning, asserting that the auditioning student has the discipline and maturity to participate in a high level musical event. There is a \$20.00 audition fee per student to audition for All State Choir. If accepted, students must agree to attend the entire two day event on **February 1-2, 2018**, and pay a \$30.00 acceptance fee in order to participate. Participation fees, transportation lodging, and purchase of concert repertoire is all the responsibility of the auditioning school and/or the individual student.

NEW FOR 2017-2018: Teachers may submit a suggested 35 student auditions from each school. New required song. (Aura Lee)

Audition Elements:

Recommended students must complete an audition recording in which they will sing an accompanied prepared song, sing an ascending and descending major scale, sing melodic echo examples (aural recall), and sing two short melodic examples at sight

singing, or harmonic reading prior to their audition recording. Other methods of audition preparation are highly encouraged. In addition students will be required to sing an ascending and descending major and minor triad. Completed recordings will then be labeled and submitted to this website in mp3 format via our Submission Page.

The deadline to submit registration forms and audition recordings online and pay audition fees either online or by mail is **5 PM, Friday, October 6th, 2017!**

Especially Me: Middle School Conference



6th Biennial EspeciallyMe™

Middle School Conference

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

Please Share

See Attached Registration Form, Award Nomination and Flyer

Award Nomination Deadline – Friday, September 22, 2017

Conference Registration Deadline – Friday, September 29, 2017

Please Share!



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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

[Registration Form](#)

Veteran's Day

Do you have a family member or close friend who is a veteran? We'd like to invite them to our annual Veteran's Day celebration breakfast on **November 9** but we need to know who they are and how to contact them. Please email Pamela Nocerino at pnocerino@cherrycreekschools.org with the veteran's name, military branch, email or physical address, and any other important background information for the students who will be planning this meaningful celebration of gratitude and respect in the Challenge Community. Thank you!

Fall Festival

Fall Festival - Tickets On Sale

The Fall Festival will be on **Saturday, September 23rd from 2-6 pm**. This year we are **offering online pre-sale tickets** please see the attached flyer for ticket information.

Waivers

All students will need to have a waiver signed prior to the event. Paper waivers will come home with students or you can print the waiver from the Friday Facts. All waivers can be placed in the manila envelopes around the school.

Book Donations

Please donate your gently used books to be used at the Book Walk during the Fall Festival. There is a donation bin next to the front office.

Coloring Pages

Once again we will be having class competitions during the Fall Festival for the most coloring pages turned in. There will be a winner for Team A/B and a winner for Team C. Your child will bring home a coloring page during the week of **September 18th**. Please turn in your coloring page at the front entrance on the day of the Fall Festival. Only one coloring page per child can be submitted. Please make sure the teacher's

We Need Volunteers!!!

We need volunteers to help make the Fall Festival a success. All adults who volunteer for a minimum of 3 hours will receive free admission. Please go to the sign up genius website:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090E4CA9A722AAF58-challenge

If you have questions about the Fall Festival, please contact Tobi Dattilo at challengefallfest@gmail.com

[Fall Festival Presale Tickets](#)

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[Taste Of Philly Price List](#)

[Fall Festival Coloring Page](#)

PTCO Corner

What a warm September we are having! We hope everyone is enjoying the warm days and cool nights. We hope you were able to attend our first meeting of the year. We had school event chairs and leaders explain a bit of what they do to make Challenge School what it is! Thank you all who made it.

October 9th @ 6:30pm is our 2nd PTCO meeting. We highly encourage parents to attend. Challenge teachers will present on a school wide training they completed over the summer on Executive Functioning. They will share the benefit of this training and how it's incorporated in the classroom.

Chipotle Spirit Night

Come out to eat and support our school. Wednesday, **September 27th from 3-8.** Havana and Mississippi location ONLY. Look out for flyers coming home soon!

Wolf Run

Family/Friends Online Donations

know if a friend or family donated for your child please email us at challengewolfrun@gmail.com

Laps per Mile

Elementary School - 18 laps per mile

Middle School - 17 laps per mile

Average laps for both Elementary and Middle School - 42 (approximately 2.5 miles)

Howler - Coming Home in October

The Howler will be ready to come home by early October and will be coming home with your youngest student. If you would like to order one you need to put \$5 cash or check made out to Challenge PTCO into a labelled envelope and place it in the lock box.

General Budget

The 2017-18 PTCO General Budget was approved at our General Meeting on Monday. It is now on our website under Documents. We will be doing a mid year review at our February meeting.

[PTCO Webpage](#)

[Logging Volunteer Hours](#)

[Challenge School Facebook Page](#)

[Amazon Smile](#) (Choose Challenge School PTO)

Challenge Learning Garden

The garden is growing and so is our garden group! If you'd like to get involved, earn volunteer hours, or help with planning the garden, contact us at 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

Harvesting

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

Challenge Night Out

September 27, 2017 CHIPOTLE 3:30-7:30PM Mississippi & Havana

October 19, 2017 SKATE CITY 6-8PM Chambers & Hampden

November 8, 2017 PANDA EXPRESS 4-7PM Quincy & Buckley

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.

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

CCSD Annual Cardboard Challenge

The Cherry Creek Schools Foundation 5th Annual Cardboard Challenge is coming up on **Thursday, October 12, at 4 p.m.** @Smoky Hill High School. This is a free event for all students in the Cherry Creek School District where kids are challenged to create and build using cardboard, recycled materials and imagination. This provides our students a unique opportunity outside of the classroom to innovate, create and shine.

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[Challenge Night Out At Chipotle](#)

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[Inside Out Offerings](#)

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[CCSD ECS Is Hiring](#)

[Parenting the Strong-Willed Child](#)

[Guiding Good Choices](#)

[Parent Awareness Event](#)

[Community Night With The Colorado Rapids](#)

[Community Night With The Colorado Avalanche](#)

[Cherry Creek Community Legislative Network Upcoming General Meeting](#)

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Update Email and Volunteer Preferences

To update email preferences and learn more about volunteer opportunities at

Challenge School, simply click [this link](#), select your desired events, and then click **Subscribe to list** at the bottom of the form.

Have a Question?

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

[Challenge School Website](#)

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Submit content for newsletter by Wednesday at **NOON** to FridayFacts@yahoo.com

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