

Challenger PTA News



September 2018 – Challenger PTA Chapter 2.6.6

challengerpta.org

Your 2018-2019 Challenger PTA Officers are:

Presidents	Vice Presidents	Treasurers	Secretaries
Kendra Campbell Heather Wolter	Alison Greer Lisa Wells	Libby Kell Heather Matthews	Stephanie Heimbigner Wendy Pacifici

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

9/13

Curriculum Night

9/18

PTA General Meeting, 7:00pm

IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

Support the PTA

Festival of Cultures

Box Tops for Education

Help Needed

After School Enrichment



SHOP AMAZON SMILE AND RAISE MONEY FOR CHALLENGER STUDENTS AT THE SAME TIME!

Shop Amazon Smile and Amazon will donate **0.5%** of the purchase price of an item to Challenger PTA.

Visit smile.Amazon.com, locate Issaquah PTA Challenger 2 6 6, and help our school earn while you shop!



Like us on Facebook at Challenger Elementary PTA, and visit our website: www.challengerpta.org

Presidents' Message

TGFS! Thank goodness for school!

Welcome back...or welcome to Challenger if this is your first year. We are so excited for this year. We have an amazing Board and dozens of energetic committee members already signed up to help make this year unforgettable. Here are a few of the events to look forward to:

Bingo
Festival of Cultures
Color Run

Book Swap
Art Walk/Book Fair

Eager Reader
Science Fair

If you'd like to support any of those ventures (and the many more to come), please consider donating to the PTA. Our goal is that 100% of our families are signed up as PTA supporters. Can you help make that happen? Please visit www.challengerpta.org and click on "Join" to partner with us today! The Challenger PTA is non-profit and completely volunteer run. The really good news is this: you can commit to as much volunteer time as you are comfortable with. Can you give just one hour of your time helping out with an activity this year? We exist only because thoughtful people give time and energy to make memories for our kids. Even if you can't commit to volunteering, just donating to the PTA makes a difference.

On that note, we'd like to thank the many, many volunteers who made last year so awesome and have already contributed many hours over the summer to get our year started on the right foot. Heather Mathews, Libby Kell, Amy Senior, Tracey Boyd and Stephanie Heimbigner are a few of the 'behind the scenes' individuals who have helped over the summer. Additionally, if you're an art docent or have ever been in the art room, give Elisa Parry a high five! She completely reorganized the art room over the summer and it looks amazing!

If you want to learn more about the PTA or have any questions, please think about coming to our first General Meeting on September 18th at 7:00 in the Challenger Library. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Kendra Campbell & Heather Wolter
Challenger PTA Co-Presidents

SUPPORT THE PTA

PTA support is off to a stellar start for the 2018-2019 school year! A massive thank you to the 20% of families who have already signed up and donated! If you have not already contributed and would like to do so, please visit www.challengerpta.org and click on "Join." We have a HUGE goal of 100% participation from Challenger families and staff members this year! To help us obtain that goal, Ms. Kessler has agreed to do some wacky things. When we get 25% of families signed up by September 13th (Curriculum Night), Ms. Kessler will spray paint her hair! Help us reach that goal by spreading the word. ANY living person can participate in and support the PTA!

Please remember if you signed up as a family, your account needs two names added to the database. Contact Amy Senior at amyb_griswold@hotmail.com or Tracey Boyd at tboyd2909@gmail.com if you need help doing this.

PTA Festival of Cultures: Friday, November 9th 6:30-8:30 PM

*** Deadline to Sign Up to Host/Perform is October 12th ***

At the Festival of Cultures, Challenger Elementary "will go around the world" and learn more about the culture, food, music and traditions of the countries representing the rich diversity of our school. This free PTA event is run by Challenger families for the whole community to enjoy.

Host a Table: Would you like to be a part of this multicultural event by representing your country or culture? It is a fantastic way to meet new people while sharing your culture through food samples, crafts and displays.

Perform a Talent: Would you like to perform on stage at the festival? We are looking for performers such as dancers, martial artists, traditional musicians, and more.

If you would like to represent your culture at the festival and/or would like to perform, please sign up [here](#). Please contact Emily Lee emilyakemi@gmail.com with any questions!



Help your class win FREE TCBY coupons while earning money for Challenger at the same time! Our first Box Top submission is Friday, October 26th.

Each Box Top is worth 10¢! Just look for the pink Box Tops on hundreds of products. All you need to do is cut them out, stick them in a Ziploc bag, and send them to school (be sure to write the name of your

child's teacher on the bag). For your convenience there is a collection box in the office labeled Box Tops. The classroom that brings in the most Box Tops for our first submission deadline will win Free TCBY Frozen Yogurt coupons, so start clipping today! For more information on Box Tops, including a list of participating products and to check our school's



We need you! There are a number of openings to help out with events/activities throughout the school year (Reflections, Book Fair, Fundraising through Hop Jacks night and Karate West Parents' Night Out, Staff Appreciation, and Spirit Wear to name a few). If you are interested in finding out more, please attend the September 18th PTA meeting at 7:00pm in the Challenger Library.

Additionally, feel free to contact Heather Wolter at hrwolter@gmail.com with questions.

Interested in After School Programs?

The after school programs at Challenger are not sponsored by the school or PTA. However, as a convenience, we do have a listing of the available enrichment classes on our website. More information can be found at:

<http://challengerpta.org/Page/Programs/Enrichment>