

Challenger PTA News



December 2019 – Challenger PTA Chapter 2.6.6

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Your 2019-2020 Challenger PTA Officers are:

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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

1/14

PTA General Meeting, 7:00pm

1/24

Festival of Cultures 6:00pm

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Presidents' Message

President's Message

Happy Holidays! Can you believe that we are about to welcome 2020! We wish all of you a Happy Holidays and a truly wonderful New Year.

The ever-popular Bingo Family Night took place last month and was a huge success. The MPR was full of smiling faces. My favorite was seeing all the kids who had already won a prize trying to win prizes for their friends and neighbors so that as many kids could go home with a prize as possible. It was very inspiring and a great way to end Kindness Week! A huge thank you to the wonderful volunteers who made this year's event such a huge success; Tracey Boyd, Charlotte Archer, Shaeli Beeson, Yvonne Bergholm, Naj Soutar and Susie Allison. Thank you ladies, we greatly appreciate all the time and energy you put into Bingo Night.

November also found the students and staff at Challenger spreading kindness during this year's first ever Kindness Week. The kiddos did everything from where kindness shirts, to writing kindness messages to post around the school, to doing kindness themed activities in their classrooms. A huge thank you to Erin Hayes and Dragica Berger for all your hard work pulling off this event.

The teachers enjoyed a super fun Pie Raffle and are about to enjoy some yummy treats with the very popular Teacher Cookie Exchange. Thank you to Amy Patton for her hard work in making these two events happen. Also thank you to all the volunteers who donated cookies and treats.

There are some great events coming up in the new year including Festival of Cultures and the Book Swap. Look for more information about these great events. We are still looking for a chair person for the STEM Fair. If you are interested in helping to make the STEM Fair happen this year, please reach out as soon as possible. The event can only happen with the help of volunteers.

Thank you for supporting the PTA in 2019 and we look forward to your continued support in 2020.

Sincerely,

PTA Co-Presidents

Lisa Mitchell and Kendra Campbell



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SUPPORT THE PTA

Congratulations Challenger Comets!

PTA Membership reached the 50% goal in November! It was great to see Ms. Kessler get duct taped during lunch recess! We are SO close to our 75% goal. When we reach that Ms. Kessler will be turned into an ice cream sundae!

Remember :

Any living breathing person can join PTA . Even when he/she lives out of the country.

Membership DOES NOT mean you have to volunteer.

*Community Memberships are designed for grandparents , neighbors, colleagues, etc and are only \$10.

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Become a PTA Member today! www.challengerpta.org

Questions? Email your Membership Chairs Amyb_griswold@hotmail.com Tboyd2509@gmail.com



PTA Festival of Cultures Friday, January 24th, 6:30-8:30 PM

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.

Please contact Amy Senior amyb_griswold@hotmail.com with any questions!

Angel Program

The Angel Program was started at Challenger Elementary to provide a helping hand to students who need extra support with basic necessities. The program is strictly confidential, both sponsors and students remain anonymous. Angel sponsors make a huge difference in the lives of individual students within our Challenger community. Anyone can become an Angel sponsor or choose to donate. If you would like the opportunity to help a Challenger student, please email Annalee Gildner at annalee.gildner@gmail.com. Thank you!



PTA Box Top Submission!

Our next box top turn in deadline is February 21st, so please continue to turn in box tops. Collection sheets can be found on the PTA board just inside the main school doors. Or, just put them into a Ziploc bag with the name of your child's teacher on the bag. For your convenience, there is a collection box in the office.

The class that turns in the most box tops by the deadline will be awarded coupons for a free Legendary Doughnut . So, start saving your box tops today!

Please contact Kelsey Fierst at Kelseyfierst@yahoo.com with any questions.



HELP NEEDED!



We need you! There are a number of openings to help out with events/activities throughout the school year (Reflections, Book Fair, Staff Appreciation, Color Run and STEM Fair).

Additionally, feel free to contact Lisa Mitchell (lisakatiem@gmail.com) with questions.



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Did you have an amazing photo of your kids at a PTA event? We would love to add your photos to the yearbook! Group photos with multiple kids are preferred. Please email candid photos to Debbie Orosco at deborrahorosco@gmail.com. Pending room and size, it may be added to the yearbook.



JOIN THE PTA FOR A DISCOUNT ON YOUR YEARBOOK AND BINGO!

SAVE THE DATE!!!

AFTER SCHOOL MOVIE

Wednesday, Feb. 12th

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

More details and sign up information coming home in early January.