

# Challenger PTA News



September 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:

**9/12**

Curriculum Night

**9/17**

PTA General Meeting, 7:00pm

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## Presidents' Message

Welcome back to what promises to be another fantastic year here at Challenger...or if you are new to Challenger, Welcome! We are happy to have you join our school community.

Our amazing PTA Board and energetic committee members are already hard at work to help make this year unforgettable for the students and families of Challenger. Here are a few of the fun events to look forward to this year:

Bingo	Book Swap	Eager Reader
Festival of Cultures	Art Walk/Book Fair	STEM Fair
Color Run	And More!!	

If you would like to support any of these, or the many other fun activities and events to come, please consider donating to the PTA. Our goal is to have 100% of our families join the PTA. Have you signed up yet? Please visit [www.challengerpta.org](http://www.challengerpta.org) and click on "Join" to partner with us and support the many wonderful PTA sponsored events this school year. The Challenger PTA is non-profit and completely volunteer run. We'd love to have you join our group of fabulous volunteers. The good news is you can volunteer for as much time as you are comfortable with. We understand that we all have busy schedules. Can you give just one hour of your time helping with an activity this year? We exist only because of the thoughtful people who give their time and energy to help make great memories for our kiddos. Even if you can't volunteer, that's ok, you can still support the PTA and make a difference by becoming a member and donating.

We'd like to take a moment to thank the many, many volunteers who made last year so amazing and those who have already contributed many hours over the summer to get the school year off to a great start! Amy Senior, Adelina Thelen, Saskia Or, Amy Patton, Dee Lewis and Stephanie Hollander are a few of our amazing volunteers who have been hard at work over the summer and helping with events during these first weeks of the school year.

If you want to learn more about the PTA and what we do here at Challenger, or if you have questions about how you can contribute, please come to our first General Meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Challenger Library. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Kendra Campbell & Lisa Mitchell

Challenger PTA Co-Presidents



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

Visit [smile.Amazon.com](http://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](http://www.challengerpta.org)

# SUPPORT THE PTA

**Reach for the Stars with Challenger PTA** Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! Membership is off to great start! A BIG thank you to all the families who have joined PTA already this year! We have achieved our first goal! Be on the lookout for Ms. Kessler dressed up as Comet! But we aren't finished yet. Once we achieve 50% the students will get to Duct tape Ms. Kessler to a wall!

- \*PTA Membership needs renewed every year.
- \*PTA Membership gives you discounts to PTA sponsored events like BINGO and the purchase of a yearbook.
- \*PTA Membership DOES NOT mean you need to volunteer.

Become a PTA Member today! [www.challengerpta.org](http://www.challengerpta.org)

Questions? Email your Membership Chairs [Amyb\\_griswold@hotmail.com](mailto:Amyb_griswold@hotmail.com) [Tboyd2509@gmail.com](mailto:Tboyd2509@gmail.com)



## Library Volunteers!

Looking for a way to be involved in your child's class, but not necessarily the classroom? Volunteer in the library! Shifts can be scheduled to coincide with your child's library time. Please contact Flannery Wilcox ([flannerywilcox@gmail.com](mailto:flannerywilcox@gmail.com)) or sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0545A4AC2EA4FB6-challenger>

## 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](mailto:annalee.gildner@gmail.com). Thank you!



**Help your class win PRIZES while earning money for Challenger at the same time! Our first Box Top submission is Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.** Send Box Tops to Challenger. Cut them off the box and stick them in a Ziploc bag. Be sure to write the name of your child's teacher on the bag and send them to school with your child.

The classroom with the most Box Tops by **October 25<sup>th</sup>** will win a **PRIZE**. For your convenience there is a collection box in the office labeled Box Tops; let's see if we can fill it up!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label. If you see the new label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. For more information on Box Tops go to <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>.



## HELP NEEDED!



We need you! Do you have a passion for art? Do you want to help foster that love in our Challenger students? Challenger is in need of a chair person for our Reflections program. Reflections is a National PTA arts recognition program that helps students explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence, and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful, not only in school, but in life. There are 3 wonderful parents ready to help with the process, but unable to chair this event. Unfortunately, without a chair we are unable to offer this program to our students, which would make for some disappointed young artists. Please let us know if you are interested in this position.

There are also many other events/activities throughout the school year that could use your help. If you are interested in finding out more, please attend the September 17th PTA meeting at 7:00pm in the Challenger Library.

Additionally, feel free to contact Lisa Mitchell ([lisakatiem@gmail.com](mailto:lisakatiem@gmail.com)) or Kendra Campbell ([kendrabernadette@yahoo.com](mailto:kendrabernadette@yahoo.com)) with questions.

### ***PTA Art Literacy Program***

Would you like a unique volunteer opportunity to connect with your child's teacher and peers? A chance to learn new skills? An opportunity to share your passion of art or teaching? The PTA is looking for parents and grandparents to lead art appreciation discussions and activities monthly in the classroom. No artistic experience required. Lessons and training available.

If interested please contact the PTA Art Literacy chairs: Rachelle Roberts [rachellehroberts@yahoo.com](mailto:rachellehroberts@yahoo.com) or Elisa Parry [elisaparry@gmail.com](mailto:elisaparry@gmail.com).

### **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>