

Challenger PTA News



April 2016 – Challenger PTA Chapter 2.6.6

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Presidents Message

President's Message – April

Hello families and Happy April! As we welcome longer days and more sunshine, these last few months of school always seem to fly by, and yet there are still so many exciting things happening at Challenger! I hope you were able to come to the PTA Science Fair last week, it was amazing! Thank you very much to Science Fair chairs **Piyush Gupta** and **Linda Mori** who made the event possible!

This week PTA is hosting a parent education speaker, Amy Lang, whose topic is "birds, bees and kids." This **free event** will take place at Challenger on Wednesday, April 6th at 7pm and is open to all parents in the district. Feel free to invite a friend or neighbor!

This month we are also excited to bring back our PTA Festival of Cultures on Friday, April 22nd. Join us for a trip around the world, complete with various cultural food samples and entertainment. Watch for a flag project coming home before break to decorate our hallways.

Finally, we are entering our final month of Eager Reader...our first month was so successful, keep up the good work! Our final PTA general meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, May 10th. Come and meet our new PTA officers as well as help plan events and programs for next year. Everyone is welcome, please join us. Have a great break and keep on reading!

Jennifer Laramore (laramore96@hotmail.com)

PTA President

Key Dates:

April:

- 4/6 – Parent Ed – Amy Lang 7pm MPR
- 4/11-15 – No School (Spring Break)
- 4/22 – Festival of Cultures 6-8pm
- 4/26 – Issaquah School Bond Vote
- 4/30 – Last Day Eager Reader

May:

- 5/2-6 – Staff appreciation week
- 5/6 – Popcorn Friday
- 5/10 – PTA General Meeting
- 5/20 – Art Walk
- 5/30 – No School

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Get the scoop!

Free Parent Ed at Challenger: Birds + Bees for Elementary Parents

Amy Lang, of Birds + Bees + Kids, is coming to Challenger for a valuable parent education opportunity. This event is available to Challenger parents free of charge.

It's time for "the talk!" Learn why, when and how to have easy, effective and age appropriate conversations with your kids about the birds + the bees. Since 2005, award-winning parenting expert, speaker and author Amy Lang, MA has been helping parents of all beliefs turn conversations they dread into a regular (and fun) part of their family lives. In this talk, you will discover:

- The ideal age to start the talks and how to get the conversation started
- The best ways to answer their questions
- Tips and tricks to make the talks easier and effective
- How to confidently keep the conversations going, even when they don't want to talk!

April 6th at 7:00 pm in the Challenger Multipurpose Room

Parents from other schools are welcome – so tell a friend!



Art Walk is coming in May!

The Challenger PTA is proud to bring another exciting, creative and vibrant edition of Art Walk on Friday, May 20th from 6:30- 8:00 at the school. The Challenger corridors will come alive with the creative talents of our students. Tour the students' art work, participate in hands-on art activities and fun games, join the 'Art Hunt' and 'Spot the artist' quiz or buy delicious eats at the food truck. Grandparents, parents, siblings, neighbors and friends are all invited!

If you would like to be on the planning committee or help, please contact Ekta Dokania (ekta.dokania@gmail.com) or Rachele Roberts (rachelelehroberts@yahoo.com) or sign up on the PTA website"

Challenger PTA Needs YOU!

The Challenger Nominating Committee is working on finding people who want to be a part of the PTA next year. We have lots of openings for program chairs.

If you are interested in being involved in next year's PTA, please email to Heather Matthews heather.matthews@comcast.net

Upcoming PTA Popcorn Friday schedule:

May 6th & June 3rd.

Popcorn is 25 cents or 3 Box Tops

For info, email Jennifer McCommon

tjpmcccommon@msn.com

More Scoop!

PTA Festival of Cultures
Friday, April 22nd, 6-8 PM
Challenger Elementary MPR

Take a passport and embark on a World Tour! Complete the flag worksheet and turn it in to the office by Tuesday, April 19 to be entered into a drawing for a cool prize!

This is a free school event for the entire community! Don't miss out!

Please contact Emily Lee if you have any questions about the event:

emilyakemi@gmail.com

****We need lots of volunteers! Please sign up at challengerpta.org****