

# Challenger PTA News

October 2015 – Challenger PTA Chapter 2.6.6

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## Key Dates:

### October:

- 10/12 – No School
- 10/14 – Reflections entries due
- 10/20 – Picture Retakes
- 10/29 – Community outreach event

### November:

- 11/4 – Reflections Reception
- 11/10 – PTA General Meeting
- 11/11 – No School
- 11/13 – BINGO Night
- 11/26-27 – No School – Thanksgiving break

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## Presidents Message

Wow, can you believe that we are already a month into our school year? September always feels so busy due to back to school events, curriculum nights, fundraisers, sports, activities and getting back into the routine of school. PTA has been hard at work this month getting ourselves organized and ready for a great year.

First, a huge thank you to our entire Challenger community for supporting the Orange Ruler fun run, and very special thanks goes out to the fun run chairs **Danielle Vermeulen** and **Joanne Reinkensmeyer**. Their efforts started over the summer to plan this wonderful event and it would not have happened without them! Another thanks goes to **Heather Matthews** who also started organizing spiritwear over the summer to ensure that our orders would arrive in time for the fun run. Finally, although not related to the fun run, a big thank you to **Lisa Wells** who organized Challenger's Hop Jacks night. We raised over \$425 and the Hop Jacks manager said it was the best school turnout he has seen!

October will be a little quieter as we plan our family bingo night in November, book fair in December, and other events. Please note that the Reflections turn in date is coming up soon on October 14<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is "Let Your Imagination Fly," and more information and forms are available on our website. Our school nurse is still looking for volunteers to help with vision and hearing day on October 15<sup>th</sup> especially in the afternoon. As always, all of our programs and events depend on volunteer participation so check our website for upcoming opportunities. Our next PTA general meeting will be on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the library and I hope to see you there.

PTA President

Jennifer Laramore  
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# Get the scoop!



## Reflections Annual PTA Art Program 2015-2016

**Do you have a budding artist in the house?**

**Have them take part in Reflections!**

This is an opportunity for challenger students to submit an entry in any of six art areas - Visual Arts, Photography, Literature, Music Composition, Dance Choreography, and Film Production. Choose the category you're interested in, create an original piece of artwork based on the theme: "Let Your Imagination Fly" and be recognized as an artist in your community.

Print PTA Reflections entry form from [http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/reflections/2015-16/Forms/2015-16\\_Student\\_Entry\\_Form.pdf](http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/reflections/2015-16/Forms/2015-16_Student_Entry_Form.pdf)

Submit your student art entry at Challenger school office before Oct 14, 2015.

Find more details for program at <http://challengerpta.org/Page/Programs/Reflections>

## The 5<sup>th</sup> Graders are hosting a Bake Sale!

**Challenger's 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be hosting bake sales throughout the year to raise money for their class trip to Camp Orkila in May.**

**The first 5<sup>th</sup> grade bake sale of the year is coming up on  
Bingo night, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm.**

**Please consider baking one or two dozen individually wrapped preferably nut free (or labeled clearly if it contains nuts) goodies or volunteer to help sell during one of the half hour shifts at this event. Baked goods can be dropped off anytime during the day in the office on November 13<sup>th</sup>.**

Although we encourage 5<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents to contribute their time working at the bake sale table or to donate baked goods for this event, everyone is welcome to sign up to help. The Bake Sale volunteer sign up is listed on the PTA website. Log on to the PTA website and click on volunteer and sign up under the Bingo night Bake Sale. There is an option to bring baked goods or an option to sign up for one of the half hour shifts to work at the bake sale table during the event. If you have any questions please email Jennifer McCommon at [tjpmcccommon@msn.com](mailto:tjpmcccommon@msn.com).

**Hope to see you at Bingo Night!**

**MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE PTA WEBSITE AND WILL BE SENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD.**

## More Scoop!

### Become a PTA Member for the 2015-2016 School Year!

**Did you know? Research shows that students do better when their families are involved both at home and at school. Grades are higher. Test scores rise. Self-esteem grows. Schools improve.** Join the Challenger PTA today to benefit your student's education and support Challenger Elementary. Your membership helps create a louder voice for state and national PTA as they advocate for our children and schools. **Our programs are established and funded annually, so your child will directly benefit this year.** It is also a fantastic way to get to know teachers, staff, and other parents!

**When you join, you receive several benefits, plus offers available from State and National PTA:**

- ✓ **Print and online Challenger Directory**
- ✓ **Discounts on Great Wolf Lodge, Silverwood, Wild Waves, Hertz, and other area attractions**
- ✓ **Discounts on supplies, copy and printing at Staples and FedEx Office**

**Each year, we aspire to attain 100% PTA membership.** Joining simply means signing up on our website, and does not obligate you to further time or financial commitment. Memberships are annual and for each school.

**Sign up today, and help us all invest in this year's Challenger students! Thank you!**

## Community Outreach

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Introduction to the American School System: Who Are We In Issaquah?  
Thursday, October 29, at 6:30pm  
at Issaquah Valley Elementary School

Free child care and snacks.

Interpretation available in Mandarin, Spanish and Korean  
If you need interpretation in another language, please contact:  
Rosann Rankin by Oct 15 at [RankinR@issaquah.wednet.edu](mailto:RankinR@issaquah.wednet.edu)

District parents and staff will share information and answer questions.

### ***BINGO is BACK***

**Bingo Night is Friday, November 13!** The PTA is looking for volunteers. You can sign up at [www.challengerpta.org](http://www.challengerpta.org).

Look for more information in your child's folder in the next few weeks!

### **Yearbook Pictures Needed!**

Students love to see their pictures in the yearbook. If you have any pictures that would be great to show the fun memories of this school year, please send them to Heather Matthews: [heather.matthews@comcast.net](mailto:heather.matthews@comcast.net)

## Help needed - No experience necessary!

Vision and Hearing Screening  
Thursday, October 15

Training provided at the beginning of each session.  
Work one or both sessions.

8:35- 11:15 (20 helpers needed)

12:15- 2:45 (20 helpers needed)

### Specify your preference:

Vision testers-10

Hearing testers-5

Class runners -2

Door holder/"direction givers"-2

Card sorter-1

Whatever is needed

Contact Medeya Golesh at [medevaster@gmail.com](mailto:medevaster@gmail.com)  
and Sherrie Brewer, our school nurse at  
[brewers@issaquah.wednet.edu](mailto:brewers@issaquah.wednet.edu) or 425-837-5156

Thanks so much for considering!!



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### PTA Popcorn Friday schedule

November 6<sup>th</sup>

December 4<sup>th</sup>

January 8<sup>th</sup>

February 5<sup>th</sup>

March 4<sup>th</sup>

April 1<sup>st</sup>

May 6<sup>th</sup>

June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Popcorn is 25 cents or 3 Box Tops  
If you are interested in joining our fabulous  
parent team of poppers this year please  
email

Jennifer McCommon at  
[tjpmccomon@msn.com](mailto:tjpmccomon@msn.com) to sign up.

It's going to be a fun year!

## Help your class win FREE popcorn coupons while earning money for Challenger at the same time!

It's Box Top time! This year Challenger Elementary will continue to collect Box Top coupons to raise money for our school. Did you know that some local schools raise thousands of dollars for their schools each year, just from clipping and submitting Box Tops? Each Box Top earns **10¢** for our school and they add up fast.

We will be collecting Box Tops all year long, we do however only have two submission deadlines which are October 30<sup>th</sup> and February 26<sup>th</sup>. Free popcorn coupons will be awarded to two classrooms that bring in the most Box Tops-one in November 2015 & one in March 2016. So start saving and sending in your Box Tops today!

Be sure to track our progress at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). Thanks for choosing to support our school by collecting Box Tops!

### *Holiday Food and Clothing Drive* Challenger Elementary Student Council And Challenger PTA

This month we will be supporting the Issaquah Food Bank. Challenger's annual food and clothing drive is *November 9-20th*. Please bring gently worn clothing and non-perishable food. No glass please!

Please send donations to school in brown paper grocery bags for easy transport to the food bank.