

Challenger PTA News

September 2015 – Challenger PTA Chapter 2.6.6

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Your 2015-2016 Challenger PTA Officers are:

President	Co-VPs	Treasurer	Co-Secretaries	Membership
Jennifer Laramore	Betsy Kheriaty Kendra Campbell	Katie Beery	Shannon DeHart Wendy Pacifici	Amy Hammingsh

Key Dates:

September:

- 9/17 – Curriculum Night
- 9/22 – Hop Jack's Night
- 9/23 – Volunteer Training (Library)
- 9/30 – Fun Run Packets due

October:

- 10/2 – FUN RUN & Popcorn Friday
- 10/12 – No School
- 10/14 – Reflections entries due
- 10/21 – Yo Plateau Day

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President's Message

Welcome back Challenger families!

I hope you all had a restful summer and have had a great start to our school year. Even though we have only been back a couple of weeks, PTA has been hard at work hosting the popsicle social, lunch for all staff on meet the teacher day, coffee and Kleenex for the kindergarten parents, delivering school supplies, planning the fun run, coordinating spiritwear, updating the website, facebook page and much more. Thank you to everyone who volunteered for these events and more, we couldn't do it without you!

Did you know that PTA sponsors and organizes over 25 events and programs every school year? Some of these include:

- ✓ Art Docent
- ✓ Class Science
- ✓ Scholastic Book
- ✓ Eager Reader
- ✓ Festival of Cultures
- ✓ Bingo Night
- ✓ Reflections
- ✓ Popcorn Fridays
- ✓ Science Fair
- ✓ Fun Run
- ✓ Staff Appreciation
- ✓ Art Walk

Our upcoming Fun Run funds most of these activities so stay on the lookout for how you can participate. If you would like more information about any of our programs or to volunteer to help, please visit our website. If you did not join PTA as part of registration this summer, you can do so anytime on our website to show your support for all we do.

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**WELCOME TO OUR
PTA NEWSLETTER!**

Future newsletters are sent **via EMAIL** at the beginning of each month.

So, be sure to check your **INBOX!**

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



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

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

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>

Orange Ruler Fun Run!

The Fun Run is very important because it is our PRIMARY fundraiser to raise most of the funds for technology enhancements, classroom grants, PTA events, art, science, student enrichment programs and more. We need your support to help make this one of the most successful fundraisers our school has ever had.



To participate in this important event, just follow these four simple steps:

- ✓ **Step 1:** Register your kids at: orangeruler.com/signup
- ✓ **Step 2:** Send donation requests via email or Facebook to your friends and family.
- ✓ **Step 3:** Enter cash/check donations on your personalized page to ensure your child receives credit.
- ✓ **Step 4:** Turn in all check and cash donations in the collection envelope provided on Turn-in Day (9/30)

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



Orange Ruler
Fundraising without Compromise

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!**

After School Enrichment Classes at Challenger!!! Space is still available!!

These classes are not associated with the PTA or Challenger Elementary, but they do use classrooms at Challenger for convenient after-school enrichment activities for your child. Check them out!

- **Eastside Enrichment - Fall Classes:** Classes begin in 2 weeks and run to December. Classes offered this session are: **Art, Dance/HipHop, Karate, and Technology. For schedule, class descriptions, and to register, visit: eastsideenrichment.org** and head to the Challenger Elementary page.
- **Chess4Life:** Chess classes are offered at Challenger this winter. For more information, go to: Chess4Life.com.

Yo Plateau Day

If you love frozen yogurt you can earn money for Challenger!

Where: Yo Plateau! in Sammamish
When: every 3rd Wed of the month
What: mention Challenger when you check out.

A percentage of the profits goes to Challenger!

Bring a friend or two!

HOP JACK'S FUNDRAISER NIGHT!

Challenger Elementary PTA invites you to attend our Hop Jack's Fundraiser Night!

Tuesday, September 22, 2015
5pm-9pm

Bring the flyer & give to your server when you settle your bill. **Hop Jack's will donate 20% of your total bill to Challenger!!** WOW! <http://challengerpta.org/Page/Programs/Hop%20Jacks%20Night>



Issaquah Schools Foundation Update

Welcome Back!

We're looking forward to a great year with a wonderful group of ISF/PTSA Ambassadors. What is an ISF Ambassador? Your "go-to" person for all Issaquah Schools Foundation information. ISF Ambassadors do a tremendous job of building bridges of understanding, support, and enthusiasm between our schools and the Issaquah Schools Foundation.

This year's ISF Ambassador at Challenger is: Jaime Richards (jaestes@hotmail.com)

How can you contribute to a great education for your child?

Donate to the Issaquah Schools Foundation All in for Kids Annual Fund Campaign, running now through November 17th! Your gift will fund programs and initiatives that elevate education for your child and every Issaquah School District Student. Please give what you can—\$5 a month to \$5,000 a year. Your donation will fuel success for students in every school, and every classroom. Visit www.isfdn.org to make your donation today.

Shop with Amazon and Give Back!

Visit www.amazon.com and use the ISF site to take you there. Visit www.isfdn.org and click on the Amazon logo in the top left corner. Add the link to your bookmarks and up to 8% of your total purchase will be donated to the Foundation. Happy shopping!

Career Cruising for High School Students:

Issaquah students in all of our high schools will be cruising into their future with Career Cruising starting this year. This powerful program will help students build a plan that connects their schoolwork to real life - and to their futures - by engaging students to learn about themselves, explore their options, create a plan, then bring that plan to life. The Foundation is expanding this valuable tool into the community through Inspire, which connects students to local working people to learn about opportunities.

Thank you Puget Sound Energy:

Puget Sound Energy is helping to ensure that all Issaquah schools and classrooms are safe and emergency prepared. Every school will now have a fully functioning Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and every classroom will be equipped with a fully stocked emergency backpack and first aid kit.

Welcome back to school everyone!

Remember to bookmark the Challenger PTA website: <http://challengerpta.org/>

And, while you're there, don't forget to become a PTA member!