

Challenger PTA News

January 2016 – 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 Hammingh

Key Dates:

January:

1/12 – PTA General Meeting – All Welcome!

1/18 – No School: MLK

1/23 – Value Village Fundraising Drive

1/25 – No School: Teacher Work Day

February:

2/5 – Popcorn Friday &
Yo Plateau Fundraiser

2/15-19 – No School: Mid-Winter Break

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Presidents Message

Hello families, I hope you all had a fun and restful break and have had a great week getting back into the routine of school. PTA is planning some wonderful upcoming events such as Book Swap, Science Fair, Eager Reader and Golden Acorn awards. We will be discussing and planning these events at our PTA General Meeting on Tuesday, January 12th at 7pm in the library. We will also have a district representative come present information about the upcoming school bond. It will be a great meeting, I hope you can join us.

Unfortunately, we were unable to find a volunteer to chair the Festival of Cultures this year, and as a result, the event is cancelled until further notice. This is one of my favorite events so it makes me sad to have to cancel it. I hope that we will have someone volunteer for next year and this beloved event can return. On that note....

We are putting together a PTA nominating committee to nominate volunteers for next year's PTA board. We will be recruiting for the roles of president(s) and treasurer(s), as well many committee and event chairs. The nominating committee only meets a couple of times (over coffee?) over the next few months so the time commitment is very small. Please consider volunteering for this important role, or a position on the board next year. We have a lot of fun and provide lots of smiles to our Challenger students and community. Hope to see you Tuesday night!

PTA President

Jennifer Laramore (laramore96@hotmail.com)

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Get the scoop!

On Campus After-school Enrichment Programs – Winter Session

If you are looking for after school enrichment opportunities for you child, one option is to consider activities offered right here on campus after school! While some class schedules are still being finalized, be on the look-out for registration opportunities with these organizations VERY SOON!

- **Eastside Enrichment** classes range from art, lego, karate, technology, etc)
For more information: eastsideenrichment.org or 425-449-9443
- **Small Hands on Art (new – coming soon!)** to offer performing arts instruction in February.
For more information: smallhandsonart.com
- **Chess4Life** starts their next session on 1/29
For more information or to register: chess4life.com, call 425-283-0549, or email kids@chess4life.com

Note: after-school programs are NOT PTA sponsored events. They are included here to provide helpful information on school happenings.

Help for the rainy day cart!!

Did you receive new kids games and puzzles this holiday season? Do you have gently used games/ puzzles that you no longer use? If so, please consider donating gently used items with no missing pieces to Challenger for their rainy day cart. Items can be taken to the office for Ms. Dziedzic.

Golden Acorn and Outstanding Educator Awards

You can find nomination forms for outstanding volunteers and educators on the PTA website. Please fill out completely and turn in to the PTA lock box no later than Friday, February 12th. The Golden Acorn committee will announce the recipients at the Golden Acorn reception on Friday, March 4th at 3:00pm.



Festival of Cultures: Cancelled

Sadly, Festival of Cultures is cancelled this year due to the lack of a volunteer(s) to chair the event. Please consider volunteering to chair this event next year so we can bring it back.



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

Kids Helping Kids!!!

This month Challenger will be supporting the Beaver Lake Middle School Humanitarian Outreach project by collecting supplies for kids in South Africa. Classes are collecting the gently used or new items below. When classes fill their classroom boxes they get a ticket in the Challenger Ambassador Raffle. The winning class will get to represent Challenger by sending their class picture on a bookmark with the school's donations to Africa. Here is a list of needed items:

- Reading books– all types for any and all ages
- School Supplies- #2 pencils, sharpeners, erasers, crayons, markers, folders, etc.
- Sport balls– soccer balls, footballs, and basketballs, etc.

More Scoop!



Please continue to send in your box tops! Each box top is 10 cents for the school.

The class that turns in the most box tops by our deadline gets free popcorn coupons. **So far we have raised a total of \$762.50 of our \$1,000 goal.** Blank Box Top forms can be found on the PTA Bulletin Board in the Schools Atrium. To check our progress, visit: www.boxtops4education.com

For any questions, please email Jennifer McCommon at tjpmccommon@msn.com Thank you!

Upcoming PTA Popcorn Friday schedule:



February 5th
March 4th
April 1st
May 6th
June 3rd

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 tjpmccommon@msn.com to sign up.

Value Village 5th Grade Fundraiser

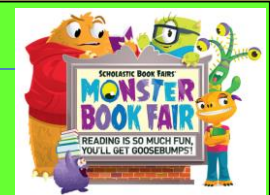


The 5th graders will be hosting a collection drive at Challenger on: Saturday, January 23rd from 9am to 3pm. Please drop off any of the following items:

- **Soft Goods:** clothing, shoes, hats, scarves, undergarments, jewelry, accessories, bags, wallets, bedding, towels, curtains, tablecloths and other cloth materials
- **Hard Goods:** toys, small household goods and appliances (smaller than a microwave only), books, CD's and DVD's

If you have any questions please email Jennifer McCommon at: tjpmccommon@msn.com
Thank you! The 5th Grade fundraising Committee

PTA Scholastic Monster Book Fair! Thank you!



Thank you to those that attended the book fair! And, a huge thank you to those that made it happen: *Arika Dickens, Daya Narayanan, Ekta Dokania, Emily Lee, Heather Wolter, Jennifer McCommon, Arissa Peterson, Yvette Artman, Medeya Golesh, Rachelle Hrniric, Ronda Chin, Kendra Campbell, Linda Mori, Smitha Komandoor Elayavilli, Marjorie James*

And, of course it couldn't have happened without Jennifer Laramore who chaired the event! THANK YOU!

Thanks to all of you that participated in the Brown Bear Car Wash Ticket Presales. With your help we raised \$3,409 for our 5th Graders!



There are still car wash tickets available, if you would like to purchase tickets please email Jennifer McCommon at tjpmccommon@msn.com.

Thank you for your continued support!
The 5th Grade Fundraising Committee



Thank you to all of you that participated in the YO Plateau Fundraiser in November!
The fundraiser raised \$100 for our 5th Graders.
Our next YO Plateau Fundraiser is on Friday, February 5th from 11am to 11pm.
Hope to see you there!
The 5th Grade fundraising committee