

Challenger PTA News

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Key Dates

May:

- 5/2-6: Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/6: Popcorn Friday
- 5/10: PTA General Meeting
- 5/20: Art Walk
- 5/30: No school (Memorial Day)

June:

- 6/3: Popcorn Friday
- 6/16: Last Day of School!

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Presidents Message

Hello families and happy May! I hope you were able to attend our Festival of Cultures last week, it was truly amazing. A special thank you to Emily Lee for chairing this event and thanks to all of the participants, performers and volunteers. This event would not be possible without all of you!

As we reach the end of our Eager Reader program this year, I want to thank our chairs for all their hard work and creativity: Jennifer McCommon, Melissa Yoon, Heather Wolter, Lisa Mitchell and Carole Jevons. Thanks also to all the participants and families for entering and approving minutes online. We love to see so many readers!

As you read this newsletter, our staff appreciation week is already underway. Please join us in celebrating our fabulous teachers and staff at Challenger, they are all awesome! We are so fortunate to have a strong sense of community at Challenger, let's show our thanks! The "favorite things" list can be found on the PTA website if you need some ideas.

Our last evening PTA event, the Art Walk, will take place on May 20th at 6:30pm. Hope you can come and see Challenger art at its finest! A few more volunteers are still needed for this event, sign up on the PTA website if interested.

Finally, our last general meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday, May 10th, at 7pm in the library, following the 4th grade concert. We will be voting in next year's PTA board, doing some initial planning for next year and discussing exciting changes to the parent education program. It will be fun, informative, and everyone is welcome. Please join us!

Jennifer Laramore (laramore96@hotmail.com)
PTA President

Get the scoop!

Staff Appreciation Week is 5/2 - 5/6

This week is an opportunity for every student to show their appreciation to Challenger's Staff for all that they do. There is a theme for each day of the week and it's meant to be a fun opportunity to creatively say thank you to our Challenger Family in a variety of ways. Feel free to participate in any or all of the activities. If you did not get a flyer there are extras in the office.

For a list of the Staff's favorite things please go to the PTA website at: www.challengerpta.org

It's going to be a fun week!

For questions please contact:

Jenifer McCommon at tjpmccommon@msn.com or
Heather Wolter at hrwolter@gmail.com

PTA members save money!!

Did you know that as a member of Challenger PTA, you are also a member of Washington State PTA, and you receive several state and national benefits?

Discounts to DisneyWorld, Wild Waves, Great Wolf Lodge, McCaw Hall/Key Arena, Value Village, and more! Check out <http://www.wastatepta.org/member> for details.

Coming up, Krispy Kreme on May 8. Visit the Issaquah location on May 8th and receive 20% off your order (must show current WSPTA member card). Treat your school's staff!



Save the Date: Art Walk is coming!

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 6:00- 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 shave ice at the food trucks. Grandparents, parents, siblings, neighbors and friends are all invited!

If you would like to help, please contact Ekta Dokania (ekta.dokania@gmail.com) or Rachelle Roberts (rachellehroberts@yahoo.com) or sign up on the PTA website.

PTA Popcorn Fridays:

Next Popcorn Fridays are: **May 6th & June 3rd**
Popcorn is 25 cents or
3 Box Tops

For questions, contact: tjpmccommon@msn.com

The 2016 Bond Passed!

THANK YOU!

**To our Community,
Voters & Volunteers
for your Support!**

Thank you!



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Community Forum Discussions – re: Issaquah Bell Times

- Wednesday, May 18, 6:30-8:30pm, Briarwood Elementary
- Monday, May 23, 6:30-8:30pm, Beaver Lake Middle School
- Wednesday, June 1, 6:30-8:30pm, Issaquah High School

More Scoop!

PTA Eager Reader Ended April 30th!

Eager Reader is officially over for this school year! We had a total of **513 students that participated** in Eager Reader this year and a **grand total of 753,867 approved minutes read!** Great job everyone!

The \$50 movie gift card for the guessing game in the atrium display case is: **Skylar Enns in Mrs. Henson's Class**
 The class that won the YO Plateau Frozen Yogurt Party is: **Miss Garrigue's class**

Here are the Grand Prize Raffle Winners!



Grade	Student Winner	Teacher Winner
K	Preston Karr	Foos
1	Yena Chang	Spada
2	Robert Zurn	Gerber
3	Alana Martin-Foley	Miss Garrigues
4	Ojani Gray	Mrs. Kelly
5	Madeline Kriha	Mr. McCulloch



Last Royal Reader Day is on Wed, May 4th for students that reached their goal!

We hope you have enjoyed the program! Thank you for participating in the Eager Raeder program this year and keep up the great reading!

Warmly,

Your Eager Reader Committee: Jennifer McCommon, Melissa Yoon, Heather Wolter, Lisa Mitchell & Carole Jevons
(A big special thank you to Heather Wolter & Melissa Yoon for arranging the games and prizes in the atrium, Carole Jevons and Lisa Mitchell for preparing the mid-month incentives and Lisa Mitchell for keeping everyone up to date through the Challenger e-News and preparing the class popcorn coupons for the classes that earned it)

School Supplies – don't miss your chance to order!



It's that time of year again! School supplies for 1st Grade through 5th Grade only will be available for purchase online. **Sale starts May 27th and will end on June 10th.** All packs will be delivered to your student's classroom before the first day of school. A flyer will be sent home soon with additional details.

Thank you! Heather Wolter – School Supplies

Math Club at Beaver Lake Middle School (for current 5th graders)

BLMS is excited to welcome the current 5th graders who have a passion for math problem solving to join our club next year.

Math Club at BLMS is a teacher-led student club (rather than PTSA run), we rely heavily on parents' support for managing the competition side of the club (event registration, team formation, and some practices). I understand that many of you have extensive experiences and passion for competitive events such as Math Counts, Blaine, Math Olympiads etc. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming one of the competition parent coordinators for BLMS math club next year. As a volunteer, you can have a front row view of the upcoming events and student readiness. With your early engagement, we will be able to start planning next year's competitions when school opens in the fall. Thanks!

Lynn Wooldridge (BLMS Math Teacher and Math Club Coach)
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