



# Challenger PTA News

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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:

### December:

12/2 – 12/3: Book Fair  
 12/4: PTA Popcorn Friday  
 12/21 – 1/3: No School

### January:

1/6: Parent Education  
 1/8: PTA Popcorn Friday  
 1/12: PTA General Meeting  
 1/22: Festival of Cultures

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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

## Presidents Message

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Hello families, I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with family, food and fun. As I reflect upon what I am grateful for, our Challenger community certainly ranks high on the list. We are fortunate to be part of such a collaborative place where every adult cares about our students and the learning that happens at Challenger. I am thankful for all the volunteers that give their time in the classroom as well as PTA volunteers who spend countless hours planning fun things for kids, families and staff. I am thankful for the kindness and smiles that I see every time I am at school, in adults and kids alike!

I am also excited about our upcoming Scholastic book fair and hope you can come to pick up new books for break and do some holiday shopping for the readers in your life. Volunteers are also still needed, so please join us for a shift or two, we always have fun! Check the PTA website for information on all our programs as well as current volunteering opportunities. I hope you have a fun and restful break, and we'll see you in 2016!

PTA President

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## 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)

# Get the scoop!



## PTA Scholastic Monster Book Fair!

Stock up on winter reading and holiday gifts at the PTA sponsored Scholastic Book Fair. The fair will take place in the multipurpose room and be open for two days during student conferences:

- Wednesday, December 2nd, 9-4pm and 6-8pm
- Thursday, December 3rd, 9-4pm

**\*\*\*Volunteers are still needed to make this event happen, please sign up on the PTA website!\*\*\***

Jennifer Laramore ([laramore96@hotmail.com](mailto:laramore96@hotmail.com)), Book Fair Chair

## BINGO Night Success!

If you were able to attend PTA BINGO night last month, you know it was a ton of fun. None of it would have been possible without out the amazing volunteers (staff and parents)- so THANK YOU!!

Sara Jo Pietraszewski

Hank Klein

Kathi McCabe

Alyssa Crandall

Jennifer Laramore

Debbie Orosco

Melissa Kabamba

Wendee Mathiesen

Debbie Toy

Shannon DeHart

Deann Lewis

Rachelle Roberts

Aarti Pathania

Etka Dokania

Katie Beery

Wendy Pacifici

Maria Behlke

Carole Jevons

Emily Lee

Rachelle Roberts

Ligia Lima

Manisha Prasad

And a big thanks to Jennifer McCommons who bought and wrapped all the prizes!!

## More Scoop!

### Festival of Cultures Chairperson(s) Needed!

Challenger's annual Festival of Cultures is scheduled for January 22, 2016 and is in need of a person or committee to organize this wonderful event. Sign up on the PTA website or contact Jennifer Laramore if you have any questions. [laramore96@hotmail.com](mailto:laramore96@hotmail.com)

## Plans for Winter Break??



Do your winter plans include ice skating at the arena near Bellevue Square? If so, be sure to mention that you are with Challenger Elementary and PTA will receive a donation for your visit. Check our website for full details and the specific dates of this offer. Happy skating!