

Challenger PTA News

November 2015 – Challenger PTA Chapter 2.6.6

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Key Dates:

November:

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

December:

- 12/2 & 3 – Conferences & Book Fair
- 12/9 – Winter Concert
- 12/18 – 5th Grade Fundraiser – Brown Bear Car Wash sales before/after school

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Presidents Message

Hello families and happy fall!

As the weather changes and we turn back our clocks, I enjoy the time at home reading, playing board games and other indoor activities. One of my favorite fall events is PTA's Family Bingo Night on November 13th from 6-8pm. You can purchase a package that includes a large pizza and come for dinner, or purchase bingo cards separately. More information can be found on our website under "programs" and you can pre-order online as well.

If you have not been inside school lately, I encourage you to drop in before or after school to see all the fabulous Reflections entries displayed on the wall across from the office. I am always amazed at the creativity and talent of our students! The Reflections reception will be on November 4th at 6:30pm in the library. Come and celebrate all the entrants and a huge thank you to Apexa Sheth for chairing this year's Reflections program.

Finally, our Scholastic Book Fair will take place during student conference days on December 2nd and 3rd in the multipurpose room. Come by to pick up new books, posters, holiday gifts and more. We also need many volunteers to help with this event so please sign up on our website. Our next PTA general meeting will be on November 10th at 7pm in the library. We will have a guest speak about the VOICE Mentor program, and Sara Jo will share information about student reunification. I hope you will join us.

Jennifer Laramore
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PTA President

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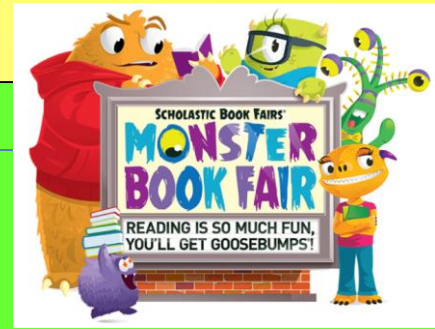
PTA Scholastic Monster Book Fair!

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

Students, don't forget to guess the number of eyeballs in the display case for the chance to win some great prizes! One entry per student, entry forms will be available in the office starting November 18th. Volunteers are needed to help at this event, so please sign up on the PTA website or let Jennifer know if you are interested. Happy reading!

Jennifer Laramore (laramore96@hotmail.com), Book Fair Chair



Bingo Night!

Challenger Elementary PTA invites you to Family Pizza BINGO Night!



Friday, November 13, 2015 6pm to 8pm

Join us for an exciting evening filled with pizza, bingo and fun for the whole family!

6 to 6:30pm – Pizza Night
6:30 – 8pm – BINGO

Pre-Order Online at: www.challengerpta.org

(Go to Programs on the left hand side, then select Family Bingo Night under the Community section.)

Pizza will not be for sale the night of the event.

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

The 5th graders are hosting a Bake Sale!



Challenger's 5th graders will be hosting bake sales throughout the year to raise money for their Class trip to Camp Orkila in May. **The first 5th grade bake sale of the year is coming up on Bingo night, November 13th 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 13th.

Although we encourage 5th 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.

Hope to see you at Bingo Night!

More Scoop!

The PTA Challenger Student Directory!!

The PTA Directory is here!! Did you get yours? In the Directory, you will find class lists, teacher/staff and family contact information (including email addresses), and other useful school information. It's a great help for planning playdates and parties.

If you would like a copy, there's still time to join Challenger PTA at www.challengerpta.org.

Invitation to all 2015-16 Reflections Art Program Participants

Reflections participants and their family are cordially invited to attend a Reception & Award Ceremony on **Wednesday, Nov 4th, 2015 (6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) at Challenger Elementary Library**. It's a celebration event to honor all Challenger Artists and recognize those 12 entries which will move step further to participate at District.

Help your class win FREE popcorn coupons & earn 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 30th and February 26th. 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. Thanks for choosing to support our school by collecting Box Tops!

Upcoming PTA Popcorn Friday schedule:



POPCORN FRIDAYS!

November 6th
December 4th
January 8th
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 tjmccomon@msn.com to sign up. It's going to be a fun year!

More Scoop!

Holiday Food and Clothing Drive Challenger Elementary Student Council and Challenger PTA

Challenger's annual food and clothing drive is **November 9-20th**. This month we will be supporting the **Issaquah Food Bank**. Please bring gently worn clothing and non-perishable food. No glass please! Please send your donations to school in brown paper grocery bags for easy transport to the food bank.



Help Support Our 5th Graders!

This year the Challenger 5th Graders have partnered up with Brown Bear Car Wash and Lynch Creek Farms to help them raise money for their class trip to Camp Orkila and they need your help. All Challenger students will be sent home with a presale packet on November 2nd.

Brown Bear Car Wash ticket presales will run from November 2nd to November 20th. All presales must be turned in to the PTA lockbox in the atrium by 3pm on November 20th. Purchased car wash tickets will be sent home with students on December 11th. What do you get for helping the 5th graders? Chances to win fun prizes like a Samsung Galaxy Tab 4, a Kindle Fire, a iPod Shuffle with headphones to name a few. The more you sell the more chances you have to win.

The 5th graders have also partnered up with Lynch Creek Farms this year for online fundraising. Please go to www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/c/31884 to check out all the wonderful Holiday items available for purchase. Online sales will run from November 2nd through December 20th and all items purchased will be shipped directly to you. Challenger's 5th graders will receive 20% of all purchases.

Thank you for your support!

The 5th Grade Fundraising Committee

(Jennifer McCommon, Heather Matthews, Sharon Sausville & Manisha Prasad)



Win a Frozen Yogurt Party for your Class!

Save the date!! On November 6th (from noon-11pm) Challenger's 5th Graders have partnered up with YO Plateau for a fun fundraising event to help them raise money for their class trip. All Challenger students will be sent home with a coupon with their teacher's name on it that you will bring to YO Plateau and present to the cashier at time of purchase. The class that turns in the most coupons wins a YO Plateau frozen yogurt party. The 5th graders will also receive a check from YO Plateau for 15% of all sales associated with the coupons that are turned in during this event. Coupons with your teacher's name on it will be sent home with students the week of the event.

Hope to see you there!

Warmly,

The 5th Grade Fundraising Committee
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