Challenger Broadcast

May 18, 2016

Dear Challenger Families,

I want to take a moment to share about a great act of kindness that happened at Challenger. This year, Challenger's Student Council has focused on ways to help others by doing one act of kindness at a time. Our Student Council organized a school wide food drive to collect trail mix items to donate to Kids Food Basket. At our PTC meeting, students, parents, staff and Kids Food Basket representatives worked together to fill over 1,000 bags of trail mix. This opportunity taught our kids the joys of giving at a young age! It was a fun filled night ☺

Thanks to everyone who donated items to help this great cause.

Your partner in education,

Teressa Gatza
Principal

Important Events

5/19	5th Grade Field Trip - Kendall
5/20	Summer Celebration (5:00-8:00)
5/21	GOTR 5K
5/26	Y5 Field Trip – Wildwood Farm
	Mother / Son Bowling
5/27	1st Grade Field Trip – Zoo
6/2	5th Grade Field Day
6/3	Kindergarten Field Trip
	– Pony Farm
6/6	Rink's Class Field Trip
	– Boulder Ridge
6/7	4th Grade Walk / Bike / Hike
	3rd Grade Field Trip -
6/8	5th Grade Graduation (6:30)
6/9	School Picnic
	K-4 Field Day
6/10	Last Day of School

Spring Mstep Test Windows

Grade 3: April 25-May 13
(ELA & Math)

Grade 4: May 9-May 27
(ELA, Math & Science)

Grade 5: April 11-29
(ELA, Math & Social Studies)

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School Hours

Playground & Breakfast Opens	8:40 a.m..
1st Bell Rings	8:52 a.m.
Tardy Bell Rings	8:55 a.m.
Recess	2:15-2:35 p.m.
Dismissal Bell Rings	3:55 p.m.
Half Day Dismissal	12:13 p.m.

Job Opportunity

Do you wish to make a difference in the lives of students in your district by helping them become even better readers? Consider becoming a literacy tutor with the Michigan Education Corps. Together we can close the literacy gap 20 mins at a time!

Apply today at **http://tinyurl.com/MiApply2016** or visit mieducationcorps.com for more information.

MICHIGAN EDUCATION CORPS

Girls on the Run

May 18, 2016

Girls on the Run Food Drive
May 9-19, 2016

Why? Our Girls on the Run team has chosen to have students and staff donate can goods or boxes of non-perishable food for a local Kentwood food pantry.
When? - May 9-19
What? Bring in can goods or boxes of non-perishable food

**The class with the most items donated will win a cupcake and pajama day party!
*Support your local food pantry and your GOTR Team!

2016 GOTR 5K

Good luck to all our girls who will be participating in the 5K run downtown at Calder Plaza on Saturday, May 21. We are so proud of all the hard work and training that you've put into this program.

You all are going to do great!

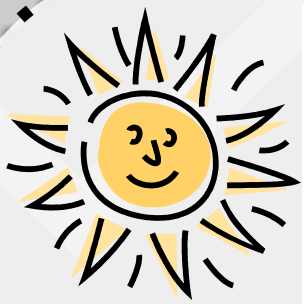
Counselor Corner

May 18, 2016

Spring is finally here and summer is coming. Now is the time to explore summer activities for your children to keep them learning and active during summer. West Michigan has a nice variety of Day Camps, Over-night camps and Activity-focus camps offered by area colleges and agencies. Art, science, drama, music and zoo camps are all offered in our area. Many offer scholarships since the cost can be an issue for many families. Now is the time to apply. A good web-sight to research options is www.westmisummercamps.org

Summer safety is also an important issue to discuss with your children. Now is a good time to plan/review family rules for staying safe. Who are safe adults they can be with? How to stay safe when home alone? How to stay safe in public areas: beach, parks and playing in the neighborhood. Planning ahead will help ensure a safe, fun summer.

Jennifer Kazmierski – School Counselor



Kentwood Public Schools

Summer Enrichment

To the Parent/Guardian of _____

We are excited to have _____in our Summer Enrichment Program! Summer Enrichment will allow us to target and meet your child's academic needs in a smaller group setting. This will be a valuable experience for your child.

_____ will need to attend and complete Summer Enrichment before being prepared to advance to the next grade level.

If you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call (698-2524).

Summer Enrichment Information

→ Goal

The goal of the 2016 Summer Enrichment Program is to provide targeted, individualized intervention to increase student achievement in Reading and Math.

→ Days of Operation

Monday - Thursday
June 20 – August 4
No Summer Enrichment or Arch the week of July 4 - 8

→ Hours

9:00-12:00 Summer Enrichment
12:00-3:00 ARCH

→ Location

Challenger Elementary, 2475 52nd Street SE

→ Transportation

Transportation will be available for students living outside of walking distance and within Challenger's attendance area. The bus will pick up around 8:30 A.M. and drop off around 3:30 P.M. if they are enrolled in ARCH. Students not attending ARCH need to be picked up at 12:00.

→ Food Service

Breakfast will be available. Students who received free or reduced breakfast during the regular school year qualify during Summer Enrichment. Reduced breakfast is $.30 and full pay breakfast is $1.10. Reduced lunch is .40, and full pay lunch is $1.90.

Challenger's Summer Enrichment Registration Form

June 20 – August 4 from 9:00-12:00

Name of Student: _____

Grade Level of Student (during 2015-2016 school year): _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact Name and Phone Number: _____

Additional Phone Contact Number(s): _____
(A working phone number where a parent can be reached at all times during Summer Enrichment must be listed)

Please list any medical concerns: _____

Please Check All That Apply:

_____ I plan to have my child eat breakfast at school beginning at 8:45.

_____ I plan to fill out separate registration paperwork for my child to stay for ARCH.

_____ I would like my child to ride the bus to Summer Enrichment.

_____ I would like my child to ride the bus home from ARCH.

_____ I will provide transportation for my child to and from Summer Enrichment.

_____ My child will walk to and from Summer Enrichment.

Important Notes:

*Students who received free or reduced breakfast and lunch during the regular school year qualify during Summer Enrichme Reduced breakfast is $.30 and full pay breakfast is $1.10. Reduced lunch is .40, and full pay lunch is $1.90.

**Transportation is only available to students living outside of walking distance and within Challenger's attendance area. We will set up a bus stop near your home (information will be communicated to you at a later time). Pick up will be around 8:30 and drop off will be around 3:30 (If enrolled in ARCH).

***Our school has a limited number of ARCH slots available, so if you are requesting transportation home, it is in your best interest to return all paperwork as soon as possible. It is available on a first come first serve basis only.

Parent/Guardian Signature

I will be sending my child to Challenger's 2016 Summer Enrichment. I understand that _____must attend at least 24 of the 28 Summer Enrichment days (excused absences will be taken into account) and give their best effort in order to complete the program and be prepared to progress to the next grade level in the fall.

_____ _____
Parent/Guardian Signature Date

******Please return this form to the office by Friday, May 6******

Challenger's school picnic is right around the corner!
This year we are combing field day and picnic day. Come cheer and have lunch with your student on Thursday, June 9.

Field Day Schedule

(Please have your child wear appropriate clothing & shoes)

2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, & 4th Grade	10:00-11:00
Y5, Kindergarten & 1st Grade	1:00-2:00

Lunch Schedule

5th grade	11:30 - 12:05	2nd grade	11:50 – 12:25
4th grade	11:35 – 12:10	Y5 & 1st grade	11:55 – 12:35
3rd grade	11:40 – 12:15	Kindergarten	11:40 – 12:20

Grilled beef hot dog on a bun (including condiments), baked potato chips, fresh apple, fresh watermelon, and choice of milk.

Student Meal: (regular meal deducted from their lunch account)

Sibling Meal = $2.25

Adult/Parent/Staff Meal = $4.00

Additional Hot Dogs = $1.00 each

Unfortunately, there are <u>NO</u> sales at the door on the day of the picnic

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Please fill out and return to school to reserve your meal(s) by Wednesday, May 25.

Student Name / Teacher _____/_____

Number of adult meals _____ x $4.00 = _____

Number of sibling meals _____ x $2.25 = _____

Number of extra hot dogs _____ x $1.00 = _____

Total Enclosed:_____

9th Annual SUMMER CELEBRATION

May 20, 2016 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Challenger families are invited to our 9th annual Summer Celebration on Friday evening, May 20th from 5:30-8:00. Plan to join us for dinner and to stay for some great entertainment, a reading incentive, and family fun. We are planning on good weather, so bring your lawn chairs and blankets. We'll all gather on the back playground.

We want to include all families in the Challenger area who have pre-school children, and those with children who do not attend school here. Please help spread the word and invite the community to come.

"Krazy Keith Show" (6:45 – 7:25)

Students will laugh out loud with award winning comedy and magic from one of the UK's top performers.

A British champion magician, Keith has performed at schools on two continents. He has also entertained in theaters from New York to Las Vegas and starred in two shows in London's West End. "The Krazy Keith Show" is filled with opportunities for students to become the "stars" of the show and participate in comedy magic routines and general good natured craziness.

Entertainment

ABC Orchestra (5:30-6:30)

Games

The Berry Go Round & Giant Bounce House
(closed between 6:45-7:25)

Book Fair

There will be a (BOGO) buy one get one Scholastic book sale in the library.

Food

You can bring a picnic dinner from home or order a meal deal from Food Service for $2.50 **(cash only)**. The meals will include a grilled hot dog or hamburger, chips, fruit, treat, and lemonade.

Mother Son Bowling

Challenger's Mother & Son Bowling Night

When: Thursday, May 26, 2016
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Where: Spectrum Lanes 5656 Clyde Park
Price: $20.00 for mother and son
Each additional Challenger son $10.00

Cost includes

- Bowling ball and bowling shoes
- Two hours of bowling
- Pizza and pop
- A printed photo of you and your son

RSVP by Friday May 20

Please fill out the attached paper and send back to school with money by Friday, May 20.

Name of Student_____ Grade ____

Mother's Name _____

_____

Additional Challenger brother participating:

Student_____Grade____

Student_____Grade_____

School Calendar

September

2	Open House (5:30-7:00)
8	First day of school
15	Fundraiser Kick-Off
17	School Picture Day
22	Action Hero Assembly
24	PTC Meeting (6:30-7:30)
28	Fundraiser Ends

October

7	Count Day
29	Photo Re-Take Day
30	Harvest Parties
	Half Day for students

November

2	Challenger Musical
6	End of first quarter
	Family Movie Night
12	Fundraiser Delivery Day
17	Conferences (4:00-8:30)
18	Dismiss at 12:13
	Conferences (1:00-8:30)
	Teacher Luncheon
19/20	Dismiss at 12:13
25	Dismiss at 12:13
26/27	Thanksgiving Break
30	Santa's Secret Shop

December

1-4	Santa's Secret Shop
3	PTC Meeting (6:30-7:30)
9	Dismiss at 12:13
17	Holiday Parties (2:45-3:45)
18	Holiday Sing-a-Long (3:15-3:45)
21	Holiday Break (12/21-1/1)

January

18	No School - In Service Day
29	Report Cards sent home

February

10	Count Day
12	Valentine Parties
	Dismiss at 12:13
15/16	Mid-Winter Break
23	PTC Meeting (6:30-7:30)
27	Sweetheart Dance

March

3	Dismiss at 12:13 – In Service
8	5th Grade middle school visitation
11	Challenger Carnival
23	5th Grade parent visitation (6:30)
28	Conferences (4:00-8:30)
29	Dismiss at 12:13
	Conferences (1:00-8:30)
30/31	Dismiss at 12:13

April

1	Spring Break (4/1-4/8)
11	Classes resume
14	Kindergarten Early Enrollment (7:00)
21	PTC Meeting (6:30-7:30)
22	Family Movie Night
26	Kindergarten Visitation

May

20	Summer Celebration
30	Memorial Day - No School

June

8	Fifth Grade Graduation (6:30)
9	School Picnic
	Field Day (K-4)
10	Dismiss 12:13 – last day
	Report Cards sent home