

Challenger News

Keeping Parents and Campuses Connected

June 2010

**Challenger
students
are
simply
AMAZING!**

June at a Glance

June 4–9

Merit Assemblies (K–8)

June 7–9

Graduation (8)

June 9–10

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Field Day (1–8)
Last Day of School

June 11–18

Summer Break—No School

June 21

Summer School Begins
All-Day Preschool Resumes



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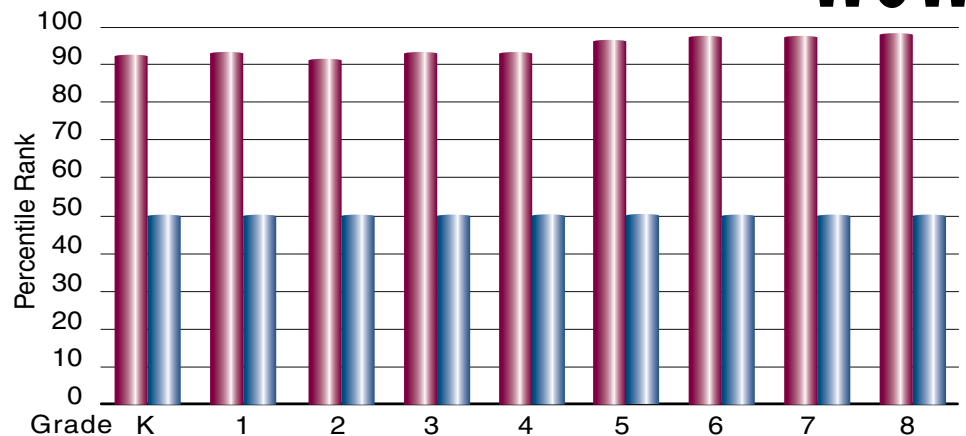
Our Students Are the Best of the Best!

As we wind down to the end of the 2009–2010 school year, we are proud to announce that **our students markedly outperformed their peers** on the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills. Their hard work is evident, and they have every right to feel good about this achievement.

Challenger students from kindergarten to 8th grade achieved scores averaging in the **91st to 98th percentile**. This means that our **average student outscored 94 out of 100 students nationally** who took the test.

WOW!

Iowa Tests of Basic Skills Results 2010



■ = Challenger School

■ = National Average

The Iowa Tests gauge academic performance in reading, language, and mathematics. The results confirm that **students who stay with Challenger through 8th grade reach vastly higher percentiles** than their national counterparts. Way to go, Challenger students!





Merit Assembly

Challenger campuses will hold merit assemblies shortly before the end of school to recognize individual achievements of students throughout the school year.

We congratulate our students for representing themselves and the school so admirably.



Eighth Grade Graduation

Ceremonies for eighth grade graduates will be held in the evenings during the last week of school.

Invitations will be mailed home to the families of graduating students.

We are proud of our graduates who now embark on new chapters in their lives as self-reliant, productive individuals.

**Congratulations,
Class of 2010!**

A HUGE Round of Applause!

We are bursting with pride over the amazing accomplishments of our students!

- Our students achieved incredible standardized test scores in the first **h** year Challenger has administered the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills! Even **h** with a new format, our students excelled.
- 26% of our students scored in the 99th percentile (the best possible!).
- 48% scored at or above the 95th percentile.
- 63% scored at or above the 90th percentile.
- 49% of our middle school students scored in the 99th percentile. The **h** longer students remain at Challenger, the better they perform!
- 16% of our students scored in the 99th percentile **and** have a GPA of **h** 3.9 or higher.

Teachers, your dedication to excellence made this possible. Parents, your support and encouragement paved the way. Students, you should be tremendously proud of your impressive, hard-earned achievement!

Lost and Found

Please check the lost-and-found before school ends. You may find something you did not realize was missing!



Remember to "like"
Challenger School on Facebook!

Summer School

Stop by your school office for more information about our terrific summer school programs.

Preschool and kindergarten students will experience the learning and fun of Challenger Adventureland. Exciting grade-level programs are available for students through 7th grade.

The summer session begins June 21. Don't miss out!

Class Pictures and Achievement Reports

At the end of the school year, your child will receive a class picture and the final achievement report if all tuition and fees have been paid.

Sensational Spring Programs

Kudos to our students and teachers for once again making our spring programs a smashing success! Audiences raved about the enthusiasm, preparation, and talents of the students.



Everest (ID) preschoolers delighted audiences with their spring program "Bugs."

Outstanding Student Accomplishments

Almaden (CA) Campus—

Competing against nearly 1500 top swimmers from around the nation, 5th grader Angeline T. advanced to the final round in the Far Western Short Course swim meet.



We extend a pat on the back to Lone Mountain 4th grader Jason B., who has won his grade-level speech festival award for four years running!

Salt Lake (UT) Campus—

Sixth graders David W. and Alisa B. won big at the Salt Lake Valley Science and Engineering Fair, bringing home 1st and 3rd place honors, respectively.

Sandy (UT) Campus—

Ross D.'s composition for the DAR essay contest won the state award for 5th grade!

Congratulations also to Utah Junior Creative Poetry Contest winners Owen R., Josh N., and Aspen C.

Shawnee (CA) Campus—

Viraj T.'s team captured the Most Innovative Engineering Design award at



The Tech Challenge engineering competition. This is the second year in a row that Viraj has won an award with his team at this competition.

Strawberry Park (CA) Campus—

Challenger student Royce W. is a nationally ranked fencing champion. By practicing 10–15 hours a week for three years, he has achieved the rank of 8th in the nation for 12-year-olds and is already being recruited by Stanford University!



Sunnyvale (CA) Campus—

Fourth grader Grace C. has been accepted into the Tiger Woods Foundation as a member of its National Junior Golf Team, qualifying her to play in this year's Junior World Championship in San Diego!

Anjini K. received Best 6th Grade Project honors for her biological science project at the Santa Clara Valley Science and Engineering Fair.

Natalie N. took home \$5,250, a medal, and a trophy as both a category winner and overall Project of the Year winner at the California State Science Fair! Wow!



Ardenwood (CA) Campus—

At the San Francisco Bay Area Science Fair, Mira P., Sebastian C., and Ignatious H. won cash and awards for their innovative projects.

Everest (ID) Campus—

A team of Challenger K–1st grade students took first place in the recent

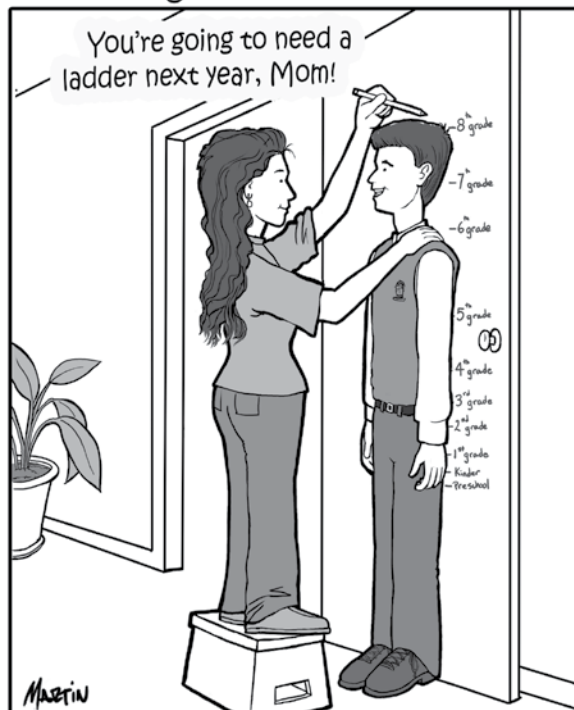


Boise City Chess Championship. The team included Cameron H., Benjamin W., and Colin H.

Lone Mountain (NV) Campus—

Challenger students Justin F., Skylar W., and Nikki G. each won chapter awards in the DAR essay contest.

Learning Curve



Field Day (Grades 1–8)

With summer just around the corner, it's time for some outdoor fun, friendly competition, and fresh air!

Our annual field day, which will be held on the last day of school, is an excellent opportunity for students to take part in outdoor activities such as relays and games.

Students are not required to wear their uniforms on field day. They should wear modest clothing appropriate for outdoor recreation.

Please note that, instead of participating in field day, preschool and kindergarten classes will have Circus Day activities.



Students have a blast at Field Day!



Heard It in the Halls

Everest (ID) Campus— First-grader Jacob had learned all about California while completing his state report. His increased “California knowledge” became apparent when his family was planning a trip to the Golden State. Jake asked his parents, “Can we please start out early in the morning so that we can see the sun coming up over the Sierra Nevadas?”

Salt Lake (UT) Campus—A group of preschoolers were sitting at the table coloring pictures. When one little boy was finished, he held up his paper to show his friends and exclaimed proudly, “Look at my masterpiece!”



Boise Bloom (ID) Campus—The day before Spotlight Time, Karson’s mother went through the questions on the spotlight paper with him to get his honest answers. When she got to the question “I am special because...”

she expected him to answer that he was special because he had a sister, or a mom and dad, or even a dog.

To her delight, Karson replied, “I am special because I go to Challenger School!” That’s right, Karson!



Preschool



Circus Days

Preschool and kindergarten classes will celebrate the accomplishments of this school year with a bigtop of fun!

On the last day of classes, students may come in costume, if they wish. We’ll play games and have lots of laughs and circus-themed activities.



Kindergarten Uniforms

Students who are entering Challenger kindergarten in the fall will need a uniform. For more information, visit ScholarWear.com.

All-Day Preschool Break

There is a summer break for all-day preschool students from June 11–18. Classes will resume on June 21. Please be sure to secure alternate care for your child during the summer break.