

Challenger News

Keeping Parents and Campuses Connected

June 2011



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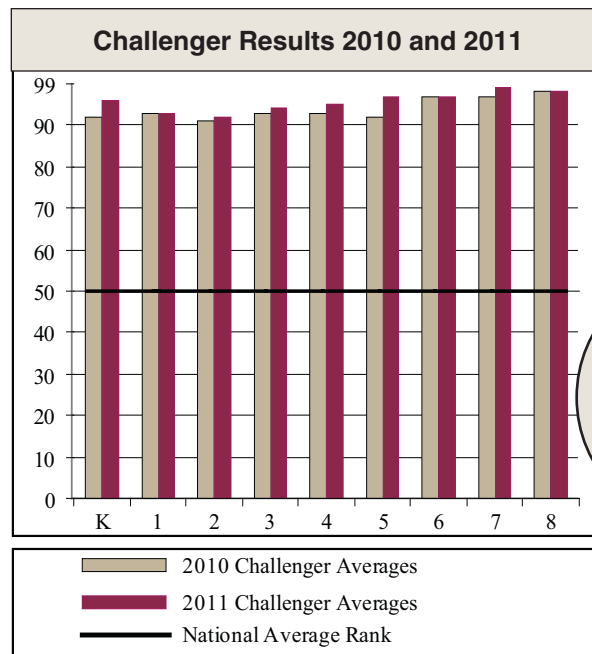


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Challenger Test Scores Are Higher Than Ever!

We are proud to announce that this year's standardized test scores are the highest our students have ever achieved! Challenger students decisively surpassed both national and private school test takers *and* scored even higher than last year, widening their lead on their peers in both groups.

On the 2011 Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS), Challenger kindergartners' average percentile rank was 96, and eighth grade students' average rank was 98. That means that Challenger's *average* kindergartner outscored 96 of 100 ITBS test takers at his grade level—and that Challenger's *average* eighth grader outscored 98 of 100.



Note:
The 50th percentile represents the average rank (not percentage correct) of test takers—those who scored better than 50% of others who took the test.

When compared *only* with other private school students, who as a group score higher than the national average, Challenger students still dominate easily—besting 91% of private school kindergartners to 98% of private school eighth graders.

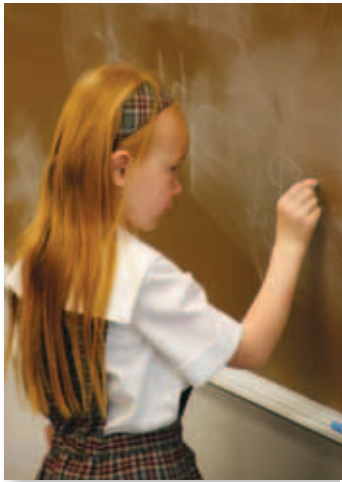
These results show that a Challenger education is an investment with great rewards. The longer a student studies at Challenger School, the further ahead of both his public and private school counterparts he gets. Great job, Challenger scholars!

New in Fall 2011!

As we close another terrific school year, let's take a look at some of the exciting things in store for 2011–2012!

New Saxon Math! (K–7)

The Saxon Math program that works so well for Challenger students is now even better, with upgrades and resources that employ the latest technologies to help children develop a deeper understanding of concepts and how to apply them.



Students will be able to leave their heavy textbooks at school and use the ebook versions on their home computers to complete their homework.

In addition to the step-by-step approach that Saxon is known for, students can also expect a more effective review and a faster leap to new material than before.

New Preschool Uniform Days! Monday and Tuesday

Starting this fall, Monday and Tuesday will be designated as Preschool Uniform Days for those who choose to purchase uniforms for their preschoolers.

Visit ScholarWear.com to order.

Note: The preschool uniforms are completely optional—purchased and worn only if you wish!



Optional preschool uniforms

ScholarWear Special Offer

ScholarWear.com is offering free shipping on orders placed from June 19–25.

Use the code FREESHIP to take advantage of this great deal!

New Science Materials! (1–8)

This fall, students will have brand new textbooks for all levels of the science curriculum. The new series for Grades 1–5, *Science, A Closer Look*, includes engaging activities to promote curiosity and foster the development of science inquiry skills.



Middle school students will use the latest editions of McDougal Littell's *Earth Science*, *Life Science*, and *Physical Science* texts.

All grades will benefit from the excellent resources and supplementary materials that go along with each series.

ScholarWear Fall Sale Days

Mark your calendars! Uniform sales will occur on the following days this fall:

Ardenwood campus Tue., Aug. 2, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.
Wed., Aug. 3, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

Berryessa campus Fri., Aug. 5, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 6, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

Lone Mtn. campus Tue., Aug. 9, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.
Wed., Aug. 10, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

Or visit one of our store locations:

ScholarWear CA
12333 Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd.
Saratoga, CA (408) 973-1701

ScholarWear UT
9937 South 500 West
Sandy, UT (801) 565-9327

Learn more at ScholarWear.com.

Store hours:
Tue.–Thu.,
11 a.m.–7 p.m.
Fri.–Sat.,
11 a.m.–5 p.m.

This Month at Challenger

Alumni Corner

Congratulations to Challenger alumnus Sanjana P. on her acceptance to Stanford University. Sanjana was the valedictorian of the 2007 Shawnee (CA) graduating class. Well done, Sanjana!



Sanjana P. (shown here with sister Khushi, a student at Challenger Harwood), will attend Stanford University this fall.



Graduation ceremonies will take place the second week of June.

Eighth Grade Graduation

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

If you have a graduate in your family, expect to see invitations in your mailbox soon!

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

**Congratulations,
Class of 2011!**

Field Day (1-8)

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

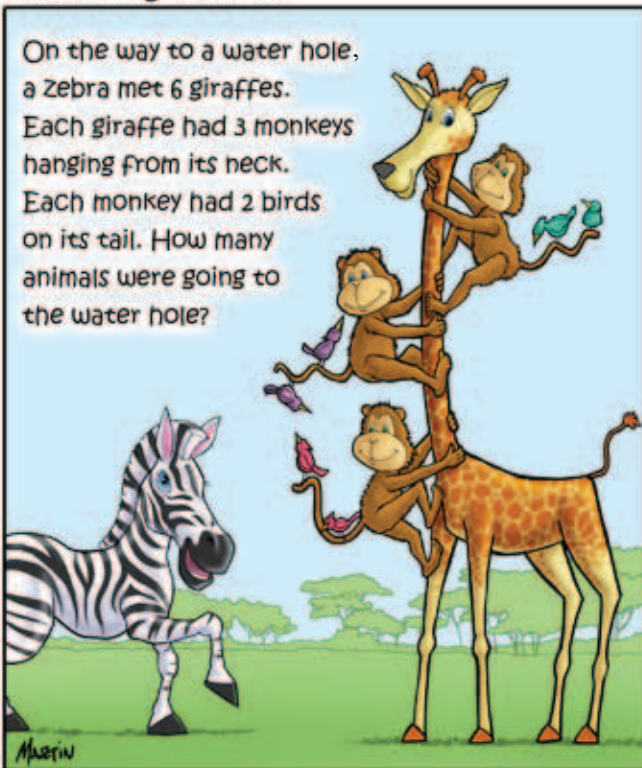
Our annual Field Day, which will be held on the last day of school, is an excellent opportunity for students to take part in outdoor activities such as relays and games.



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

Learning Curve

On the way to a water hole, a zebra met 6 giraffes. Each giraffe had 3 monkeys hanging from its neck. Each monkey had 2 birds on its tail. How many animals were going to the water hole?



Answer on back page

Lost and Found

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

Merit Assembly (K-8)

Challenger campuses will hold merit assemblies shortly before the end of school to recognize the individual achievements of K-8 students throughout the school year.

Circus Days (PS-K)

Preschool and kindergarten classes will close the school year by enjoying a big top 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.

Heard It in the Halls

Traverse Mountain (UT) campus—First grader Emma N. asked her teacher, “Was that the math lesson?”

“Yes, it was,” answered Ms. Butterfield.

“That was so much fun, I didn’t realize it!”

Everest (ID) campus—Two first graders came to the office to report some minor injuries that had occurred on the playground.

“What happened?” inquired the Headmaster.

“Well,” replied Skye B., “Maddie and I were running across the playground at the same rate of speed when we collided.”



Challenger students enjoy outside play.

Harwood (CA) campus—As Miss Deepika gathered her students for LAF-time, she brought out a basket that contained a baby, a ball, and a banana. Before she even began to speak, her three-year-old students spoke up:

“We know you’re going to teach us the letter B. We’re so smart because we’re Challenger students!”

Kindergarten Rocks!
Kindergarten rocks because you can get your golden key. Then you know your Irregular Vowels for ever. You can unlock any book and read it. Golden keys are important. Kindergarten rocks.

Essay by Enzo B. of Boise Bloom (ID)



Remember to “like”
Challenger School on Facebook!



Circus Day is fun for everyone!

Preschool

Summer School

There is still time to sign up for Challenger Adventureland. Classes begin June 20. See your school office for details.

Kindergarten Uniforms

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



Kindergarten students wear uniforms.

Answer to Learning Curve: One. The zebra is the only one going to the water hole. He met all of the other creatures along the way.