

Challenger News

Keeping Parents and Campuses Connected

February 2017

Science Fair Time!

Our kindergartners through eighth graders have been experimenting with the scientific method and want to show you the results!

Challenger's annual Science Fair this month will feature informative and interesting experiments and innovations that our clever students have created.

In years past, many Challenger students have gone on to win regional and state awards for their intriguing and ingenious projects.

Please assist and encourage your child as he or she prepares, but remember that real understanding comes when students put forth their own effort.

Check with your campus for the specific dates and times the Science Fair exhibits will be on display. Challenger students will be pleased to show you what they've learned. Students enjoy discussing their knowledge and discoveries with visitors. We hope to see you there.

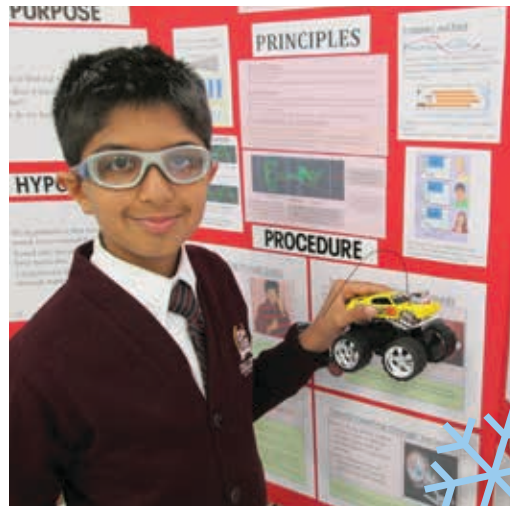
February at a Glance

- **February 13–14 (PS)**
Valentine Fun Day
- **February 14 (K–8)**
Valentine Parties
- **February 17**
Founders Assembly
- **February 20**
Presidents' Day—No School
- **February 21 (K–8)**
Science Fairs Begin*



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* Parents are encouraged to attend.



Speech Festival (K–G8)



Students are gearing up for the upcoming Speech Festival, which will take place in March and April. (See Parent Calendar for specific dates for your region.)

From their first days at Challenger, students learn to express their ideas clearly. They memorize valuable, inspiring poetry and meaningful selections while learning to speak logically and convincingly.

The Speech Festival is a wonderful opportunity for students to exhibit their mastery of the art of oratory. They are fearless and brilliant in conveying their ideas to others, a skill which will continue to serve them well throughout life.

Presidents' Day

There will be no school on Presidents' Day, Monday, February 20. In conjunction with the occasion, Challenger campuses will hold spirit assemblies the previous week to remember American heritage and our nation's founders.

The commemoration recognizes the monumental accomplishments and contributions of the founders who established the United States of America.

The Founding Fathers—including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and James Madison—fought for freedom and independence and worked tirelessly to create an innovative form of government: a constitutional republic.

We honor the lives and the work of these patriots by dedicating ourselves to the preservation of freedom and liberty.



Challenger School will hold a special Founders Assembly this month.

Eighth Grade Trip

In a few weeks, Challenger eighth graders will embark on a memorable and educational tour of Washington, D.C., and other iconic American historic sites.

The trip, which is scheduled to take place in early April, will bring together Challenger students from several campuses and states.



Comic Contest

Attention students in grades 2–8:

Are you artistic? Are you witty and clever?
Are you good at creating things on
your computer?

If you answered “yes” to one or more of
these questions, submit an entry to the Learning
Curve Contest! Are you up to the challenge?

Please email your entry (scan or file) to
Marketing@ChallengerSchool.com by
March 3, 2017. The winning entry will
appear here in the
April newsletter.

Include the following:

- Your full name
- Your grade
- Your campus

We can't wait to see your submissions!



Standardized Testing (K–8)

Challenger School will be conducting standardized testing in late March (Idaho) and early April (all other regions). We administer these tests to provide benchmarks of your child's academic success.

Our students have a history of performing very well on national standardized tests, and we are confident that this year they will continue to prove the benefit of a Challenger education!



Challenger students will take the Iowa Assessments in a few weeks.

Valentine Fun (PS–5)

Valentine's Day is recognized as a day to send tokens of appreciation to those who are important to us. At Challenger, we have Valentine activities to celebrate the day. Students may bring valentines for their classmates if they wish.

Note: Please do not send food, toys, or gifts with your child. Treats will be furnished by Challenger.



Challenger students will learn about the origins of Valentine's Day customs this month.

Spring Break

Though winter may have a firm grip at this time of year, spring is coming! In March and April, Challenger campuses will take time off for Spring Break. Please make arrangements for child care during this time. Here are the dates to keep in mind for each region:

Texas	March 13–17
Idaho	March 27–31
California, Nevada, and Utah	April 10–14



Learning Curve



Learning and fun—it's the Challenger way!



Heard It in the Halls

Round Rock (TX) campus—First grader Embry asked her Program Director which team she had supported in the last Super Bowl.

“I wanted the Denver Broncos to win,” Miss Zachary responded.

“Why?” asked Embry.

“Well,” explained Miss Zachary, “I watched the game with my friend who is from Colorado, and since she liked the Broncos, I had to support them.”

“Not really,” Embry mused. “You do have your own mind!”



Challenger students are taught to rely on the strength of their own minds.



Tax Number

For those who need it for their tax returns, Challenger’s tax ID is **47-1405971**.

Open Houses for Prospective Challenger Parents

Prospective Challenger parents will continue to have opportunities to visit Challenger campuses this month. Please tell friends interested in enrolling their children at Challenger about these upcoming Open Houses.

Many Open Houses are held during the school day so that parents can see the fun, learning, and excitement for themselves. Specific times for each region are listed online at ChallengerSchool.com.

Thursday, February 2	CA
Tuesday, February 7	ID, NV, UT
Saturday, February 11	CA, ID, NV, TX, UT
Thursday, February 16	CA, ID, NV, TX, UT
Monday, February 27	CA, ID, NV, TX, UT

Preschool



Enrollment Considerations

In Challenger preschool, your child is in a stimulating learning environment. Our curriculum is fun-filled with phonics, math, science, activities, music, and thinking skills in all our programs. Students and teachers are excited to come to school each day.

To maximize your child’s preschool experience, consider an all-day program, where she’ll get even more of the learning she loves!

