

Challenger News

Keeping Parents and Campuses Connected

March 2017



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Speech Festival Takes Center Stage

The Challenger School Speech Festival begins soon. The festival gives elementary students the opportunity to present in front of an audience, motivates students through involvement in a worthwhile competition, and helps students develop correct elocution. In addition, through participating in the Speech Festival, students gain confidence in their ability to speak in public, a skill that will serve them well in life.

Kindergarten students will choose a poetry selection learned in class, and students in grades 1–4 will recite a poem of their choice. Fifth graders will choose a speech or a portion of a speech from literature or history.

Middle schoolers will write and present a speech that responds to the following prompt:

“What invention of the nineteenth century contributed most to economic growth in the United States?”

Explain why you believe that invention contributed most to an increase in productivity, the creation of new industries, or both.”

The top contestants from class competitions will participate in the campus assembly. Exceptional middle school performers from California, Nevada, and Utah campuses will qualify for region festivals.

Every participant can be proud of the experience gained from preparing for and presenting at the Speech Festival.



At Challenger, we teach students to express themselves clearly and with confidence. The Speech Festival showcases these skills and also allows students to practice courteous listening.



Computer Programming Fair (G1–8)

This May, all Challenger students in grades 1–8 will showcase their creativity, problem-solving, and programming skills in computer projects that will be displayed during the weeks of Spring Programs.

Students will design and complete their projects during computer class. The projects will fulfill specific requirements and challenge students to use their independence and the logical and creative skills they have acquired over the course of the year.

We know you will enjoy seeing what our talented students can do!



Challenger students enjoy the challenge of creating projects for the Computer Programming Fair.

Art Fair (K–8)

The Challenger School Art Fair is a great way for students to exercise creativity and artistic ability. All students in kindergarten through grade eight will submit their best artwork for the fair. Only pieces created entirely at school will be eligible for consideration.

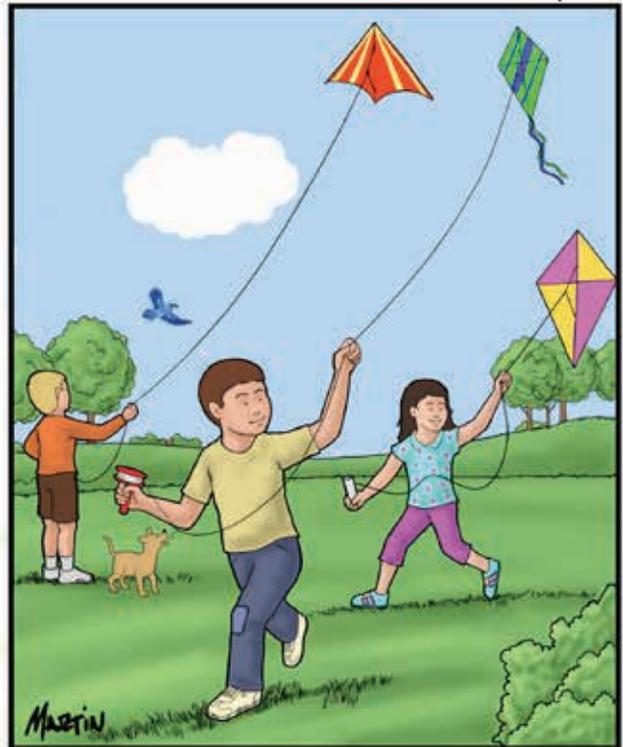
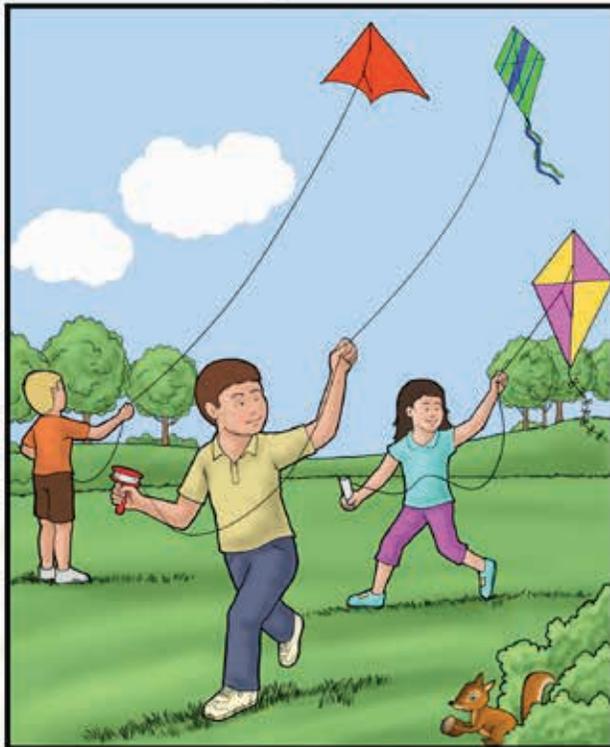
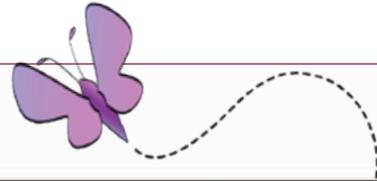


Our students are creative and artistic!

There is no specific theme for Art Fair projects. Teachers will guide students as they work in class on their art pieces and will help each young artist decide what media to use and what project to create for the fair. Outstanding entries will be displayed throughout the campus during the weeks of Spring Programs.

Our students are extremely talented, and we'd love for you to come take a look!

Learning Curve



Can you spot 14 differences between the two pictures above? Answer on back page.



Standardized Testing (K–8)

Challenger School will be conducting standardized testing in the coming weeks. Idaho schools will be testing the week of March 20, and all other regions will conduct the tests the week of April 3.

Our students have a history of performing very well on national standardized tests. We are confident that this year’s results will again prove the benefit of a Challenger education!



Challenger students will take the Iowa Assessments this month.

Tips for Test Days

1. Make sure your child gets a good night’s sleep.
2. See to it that she eats a nutritious breakfast.
3. Ensure that she arrives on time each day.



Spring Break

Please make arrangements for your child’s care during Spring Break.

Region dates are:

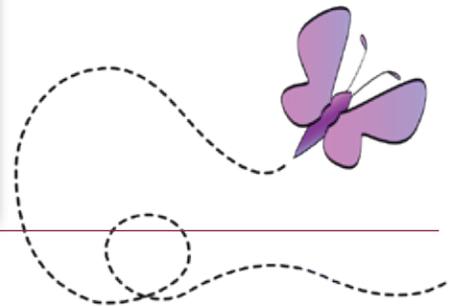
Texas	March 13–17
Idaho	March 27–31
California/Nevada/Utah	April 10–14



Spring Break is almost upon us!

Tax Number:

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



Mid-Term Notices (K–8)

You will receive a report of your child’s academic progress this month. Our students have accomplished much already this year and are continuing to learn and achieve.

Spring Programs (PS–8)

Students are looking forward to performing their Spring Programs in May.

Ask your child to sing songs he has been learning at school. It will help him to practice and will be a treat for you, too!



Spring Program rehearsals are underway!

Preschool

March Fun (PS)



In conjunction with St. Patrick's Day, Challenger preschool students will learn about Irish folklore during the month of March.

Science Fair Success

We are very proud of our budding scientists who used the scientific method to explore their world at last month's Science Fair.

Their projects showed careful thinking and research, and their presentations showed poise and confidence.



Challenger students gave impressive presentations at last month's Science Fair.



Heard It in the Halls

Sandy (UT) campus—Upon returning home from school one day, third grader Cole informed his mother that he and another boy had been called down to the Headmaster's office after lunch. Concerned, Cole's mother asked, "What happened? What had you done? Were you in trouble?"

Cole, putting his mother's fears at ease, explained, "No, Mom, I wasn't in trouble. Mrs. Gourgeon said mostly interrogative statements to me, but she said declarative and imperative statements to the other boy."

Boise Bloom (ID) campus—The kindergarten teacher asked her class, "What do you know about the National Anthem?"

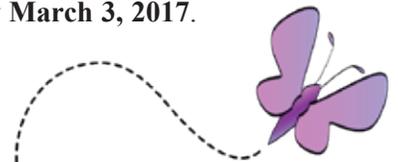
Excitedly, Christopher answered, "It's called the 'Star Sprinkled Banner'!"

Last Chance—Enter Now to Win!

Have you submitted your entry to the Learning Curve Contest yet? All grade 2–8 students are eligible. Please email your entry (scan or file) to Marketing@ChallengerSchool.com by **March 3, 2017**.

Include the following:

- Your full name
- Your grade
- Your Challenger campus



We can't wait to see your fantastic submissions!

Answer to Learning Curve puzzle:

