

# Challenger News

Keeping Parents and Campuses Connected

April 2017

## All in a Day at Challenger School



### April at a Glance

- **April 3 (CA, NV, TX, UT)**  
Standardized Testing Begins
- **April 3–7 (ID)**  
Speech Festival
- **April 10–14**  
Grade 8 D.C. Trip
- **April 10–14 (CA, NV, UT)**  
Spring Break
- **April 27–28 (PS–K)**  
Teddy Bear Picnics



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## In the Spotlight— AMC 8 Achievers

This past November, Challenger students in grades 5–8 participated in the American Mathematic Competition (AMC) 8, a middle school mathematics examination designed to promote the development and enhancement of problem-solving skills.

The top-performing students received special accolades for their excellent scores. Some were invited to take the next-level test, the AMC 10, and a few qualified for the American Invitational Mathematics Examination.

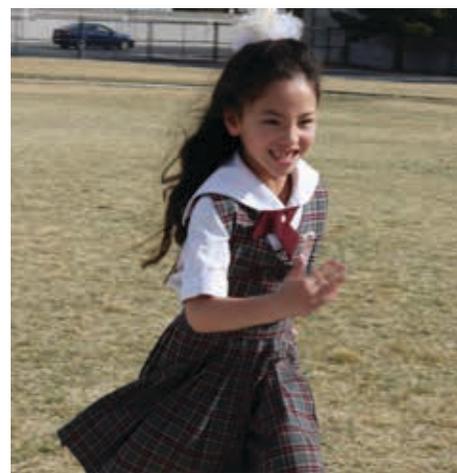
Well done, Challenger mathematicians!



## Fitness Testing (1–8)

The final testing for Challenger’s physical fitness program for first through eighth graders begins this month. The results of these tests will be sent home with your child’s final achievement report.

During the merit assembly at the end of the year, we will recognize those students who have achieved high standards of physical fitness.



Fitness testing occurs this month.

## Grade 8 D.C. Trip

This month, many of our Challenger eighth graders are touring exciting American historic landmarks and sites in and around Washington, D.C. This trip is a wonderful learning experience for our soon-to-be graduates!



## Tax Number

The tax deadline is near!  
Challenger’s tax ID is  
**47-1405971.**

## Young Author (K–8)

Students are in the process of creating their Young Author projects, which will be on display during the week of Spring Programs in May.

They are developing short stories as they concentrate on enhancing their creative writing. Both students and teachers are excited to be working on this rewarding project.

## Computer Programming Fair (1–8)

When you come to your child’s Spring Program next month, be sure to stop by classrooms to check out the displays of computer programming prowess.

Students are designing and completing their projects during computer class.

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

## Spring Programs (PS–8) and Art Fairs (K–8)

Challenger’s 2017 Spring Programs are coming in May! Visit [ChallengerSchool.com](http://ChallengerSchool.com) to see schedules for each campus.

Exemplary artwork will be on display, too. All K–8 students have created pieces for the Art Fair, and the top projects from each class will be showcased. You won’t want to miss it!



Programming projects created by fourth graders Andrew N. (left) and Alara Y. (below) of Lone Mountain (NV)



Rehearsals are underway for next month’s Spring Programs. Each class will perform an entertaining program showing what they’ve learned this year.

## Learning Curve Contest Winner: Sofia L. of Lone Mountain (NV)

Congratulations to eighth grader Sofia L. of Lone Mountain (NV), who designed this clever comic.

We thank all students who submitted entries to the contest. Challenger School has many talented and witty artists!



## Patriots' Day (K–8)

In class this month, elementary and middle school students will commemorate Patriots' Day.



This day marks the anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, the first military engagements of the Revolutionary War, which were fought on April 19, 1775.

On this date, the war began, but more importantly, a momentous idea took root—government of, by, and for the people.

## Heard It in the Halls

**Harwood (CA) campus**—Kindergartner Quintin's mom, a fourth grade Challenger teacher, came to pick up her son from Extended Classtime. She sat next to him as he put the finishing touches on his homework.

Quintin's classmate Aiden tapped her, asking, "Are you a teacher?" She confirmed that indeed, she was a teacher at this school. A few moments later, Aiden tapped her again, whispering, "Does Quintin sleep here, too?"

**Avery Ranch (TX) campus**—As the three-year-old class was walking down the hall, they encountered the Program Director. Preschooler Joseph queried, "Miss Margaret, why are you here?"

Smiling, Miss Margaret countered, "Joseph, why are you here?"

Grinning broadly, Joseph responded, "I am here to learn!"

## Preschool

### Adventureland

Have you heard about Challenger Adventureland? During our summer school program, children will go on imaginary trips each week as they learn phonics, numbers, and so much more.

Classes begin June 19. See your campus office for details.

Preschoolers (including those in all-day classes) need to re-enroll for summer.



### Teddy Bear Picnic (PS–K)

At the end of this month, we will celebrate the arrival of spring with our Teddy Bear Picnic. Each student may bring a favorite stuffed animal guest to the picnic.



Challenger preschoolers and kindergartners enjoy picnicking with their favorite stuffed "friends" at the Teddy Bear Picnic in late April.