

Challenger News

Keeping Parents and Campuses Connected

May 2017



May at a Glance

- **May 1–5 (PS)**
Spring Programs *
- **May 8–12 (K–5)**
Spring Programs and Art Fair *
- **May 8–18 (1–5)**
Computer Programming Fair *
- **May 16–18 (6–8)**
Spring Programs, Art Fair, and
Computer Programming Fair *
- **May 29**
Memorial Day—No School



CHALLENGER
SCHOOL

* Family event

Spring Programs and More!

Can you believe it's time again for Challenger's Spring Programs? All of our programs are original, written specifically for our talented Challenger students. You will be impressed and delighted with the musical performances of our **preschool through fifth grade** students.

Our middle school programs are designed to greatly develop students' theatrical poise and delivery. Both the music and the scripts are more mature and challenging than in previous grades. Students must audition for lead roles.

Sixth graders will present a readers' theater that will spark your imagination and tickle your funny bone. **Seventh grade** classes will deliver a one-act play in which they will display their budding thespian abilities. Our **eighth graders** will perform a challenging historical production which includes period costumes, dances, and music. (Note: At various campuses, some grades and classes have combined for the programs.)

For each program, we will provide a handout that offers a small peek into the music and drama performed in your child's class.

During the weeks of elementary and middle school programs, peruse the outstanding kindergarten through eighth grade Young Author books. Visit classrooms to see Computer Programming Fair projects from grades one through eight. And don't forget to wander through the Art Fair to enjoy a sampling of impressive artistic student work.

You won't want to miss these wonderful events. It's amazing what our students can do!

Watch for an invitation with exact dates and times, or download a schedule from your campus page at ChallengerSchool.com. Invite your neighbors, friends, and family—Challenger Spring Programs are fun for everyone!



Challenger Spring Programs are both entertaining and impressive!

Reward vs. Award

At Challenger, we show students the benefits they gain from the mental sweat of their academic pursuits. Students discover how the knowledge and skills they acquire enhance their lives, and they learn to live and think independently.

We admire the attainment of worthwhile goals and find inspiration in recognizing others who excel. Challenger students know that it is through their hard work and achievement, rather than the **award** given, that they find the **reward** of joy and self-worth. Congratulations to the achievers in this issue!

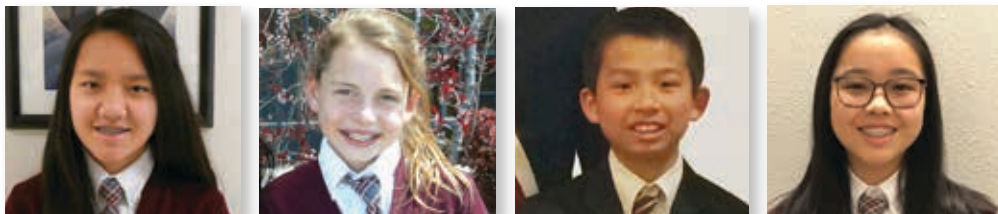


First-place regional Science Fair winners (clockwise from top left) Shervil P., Tharika T., Vybhav U., Trisha B., Mirelle G., Druv R., Emma L., Aditya I., Parul G., Shreya C., and Saatvik A. of Ardenwood (CA), with teacher Mrs. Sampath, also an award recipient

Winning Writers

Each year, Challenger fifth through eighth graders participate in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) American History Essay Contest. Essays are judged for historical accuracy, adherence to topic, organization of materials, interest, originality, spelling, grammar, punctuation, and neatness.

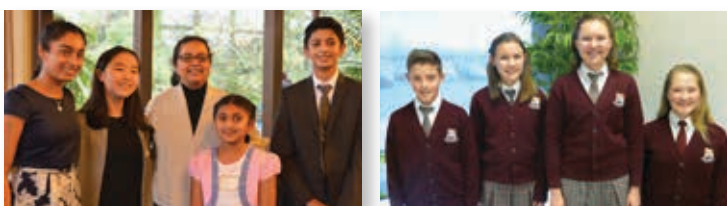
Challenger students traditionally perform extremely well in this contest, and this year was no exception. Many campuses reported chapter award winners from the contest—in several chapters, Challenger students swept the awards for every grade—and a number of students advanced to win at the district, state, and region levels!



From left: Chapter and state winners Emily N. and Indiana M. of Salt Lake (UT) and Henry Y. of Sunnyvale (CA); chapter and district winner Michelle C. of Middlefield (CA)



From left: Chapter, state, and region winner Emily P. and chapter and state winner Megan N. of Everest (ID); chapter and state winners McKenna M. of Silverado (NV) and Rachel P. of Traverse Mountain (UT)



A few campuses swept their chapter awards, including (from left) Middlefield (CA) and Everest (ID).

District, State, and Region Winners

Emily N.	Salt Lake, UT
Emily P.	Everest, ID
Henry Y.	Sunnyvale, CA
Indiana M.	Salt Lake, UT
McKenna M.	Silverado, NV
Megan N.	Everest, ID
Michelle C.	Middlefield, CA
Rachel P.	Traverse Mtn., UT

Chapter Winners

Aja J.	Lone Mountain, NV
Akhilesh B.	Strawberry Park, CA
Alex S.	Traverse Mtn., UT
Anika T.	Shawnee, CA
Anyia D.	Silverado, NV
Arhana A.	Strawberry Park, CA
Bhavita P.	Ardenwood, CA
Carson R.	Everest, ID
Carter J.	Salt Lake, UT
Damian P.	Silverado, NV
Dylan N.	Almaden, CA
Elena V.	Sandy, UT
Harbani J.	Middlefield, CA
Laurel W.	Sandy, UT
Lauren W.	Strawberry Park, CA
Mason L.	Traverse Mtn., UT
Mehar A.	Middlefield, CA
Mihika B.	Ardenwood, CA
Natalie N.	Berryessa, CA
Saanchi K.	Ardenwood, CA
Sadie H.	Everest, ID
Samarveer P.	Avery Ranch, TX
Sanjana D.	Ardenwood, CA
Sara R.	Salt Lake, UT
Shreya D.	Middlefield, CA
Sophie B.	Sandy, UT

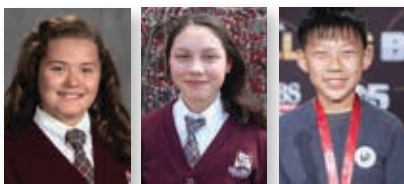


Check out Challenger School on Facebook for even more student accomplishments!

Stellar Spellers

Seven Challenger students competed in qualifying contests for the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Adrian Z. of Ardenwood (CA), Savannah H. of Everest (ID), and Sonja L. of Salt Lake (UT) each placed sixth in their competitions.

Adrian Z.	Ardenwood, CA
Akhilesh B.	Strawberry Park, CA
Paige Y.	Almaden, CA
Prithi S.	Middlefield, CA
Savannah H.	Everest, ID
Sivaanjali T.	Berryessa, CA
Sonja L.	Salt Lake, UT

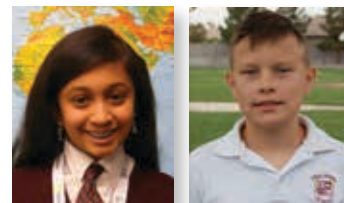


From left: Savannah H. of Everest (ID), Sonja L. of Salt Lake (UT), and Adrian Z. of Ardenwood (CA)

Geography Genuises

Several Challenger students advanced to state finals of the National Geographic Bee. Anoushka K. of Salt Lake (UT) and Tommy S. of Silverado (NV) placed in their state competitions.

Aarav B.	Berryessa, CA
Abby C.	Sandy, UT
Achyuth V.	Sunnyvale, CA
Anoushka K.	Salt Lake, UT
Druv R.	Ardenwood, CA
Sapphire W.	Traverse Mtn., UT
Sofia L.	Lone Mountain, NV
Tommy S.	Silverado, NV
Waylon E.	Everest, ID



From left: Anoushka K. of Salt Lake (UT) and Tommy S. of Silverado (NV), third and sixth, respectively, at state bees

Super Scientists

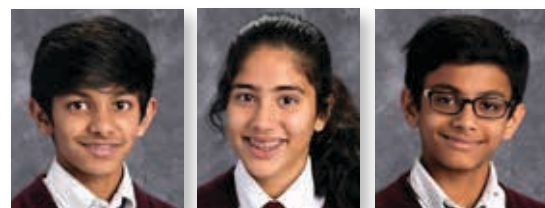
This year, Challenger students continued the tradition of achievement in the field of science.

Many students placed in regional Science Fair events, and quite a few also qualified for upcoming state Science Fair competitions and the Broadcom MASTERS contest.

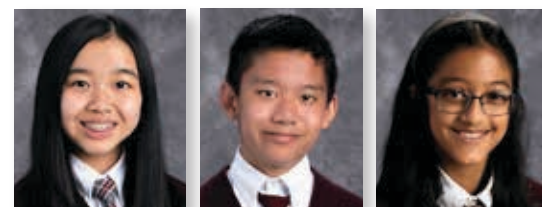
First-place winners in their categories included:

Aditya I.	Ardenwood, CA	Nishita B.	Strawberry Park, CA
Akhilesh B.	Strawberry Park, CA	Parul G.	Ardenwood, CA
Anirudh V.	Sunnyvale, CA	Pujita T.	Strawberry Park, CA
Anya D.	Silverado, NV	Saafa H.	Sunnyvale, CA
Corinne S.	Salt Lake, UT	Saatvik A.	Ardenwood, CA
Druv R.	Ardenwood, CA	Samika S.	Sunnyvale, CA
Emma L.	Ardenwood, CA	Shervil P.	Ardenwood, CA
Grace L.	Almaden, CA	Shlok S.	Berryessa, CA
Hannah O.	Silverado, NV	Shreya C.	Ardenwood, CA
Joyce Y.	Sunnyvale, CA	Tharika T.	Ardenwood, CA
Michelle C.	Middlefield, CA	Trisha B.	Ardenwood, CA
Mihir H.	Strawberry Park, CA	Vybhav U.	Ardenwood, CA
Mirelle G.	Ardenwood, CA	William C.	Middlefield, CA

Aditya I. of Ardenwood (CA) won a Middle School Grand Award and Akhilesh B. of Strawberry Park (CA) was named the top middle school student at their respective fairs, while Mrs. Sampath of Ardenwood (CA) again received Teacher of the Year honors.



First-place winners (from left): Mihir H. and Nishita B. of Strawberry Park (CA) and Shlok S. of Berryessa (CA)



First-place winners (from left): Michelle C. and William C. of Middlefield (CA) and Saafa H. of Sunnyvale (CA)



First-place winners (from left): Anirudh V., Joyce Y., and Samika S. of Sunnyvale (CA)



Grace L. of Almaden (CA), first-place winner



Pujita T. of Strawberry Park (CA), first-place winner and middle school finalist



Anya D. and Hannah O. of Silverado (NV), first-place winners



Aditya I. of Ardenwood (CA), first-place and Grand Award winner



Corinne S. of Salt Lake (UT), first-place winner



Akhilesh B. of Strawberry Park (CA), first place and top middle school student

Some Exciting Accomplishments

We applaud the dedication and hard work of the many students who distinguished themselves this year in outside activities:

- Neeraj R. of Middlefield (CA) placed first in a local Math League competition, and Berryessa's (CA) Math Counts team qualified for state finals.
- In chess, teams from Traverse Mountain (UT) and Berryessa (CA), as well as Berryessa eighth grader Vasanth N. were named state champs, while Ardenwood (CA) second grader Sadhana A. won a local tournament.
- Almaden (CA) fourth grader Arin P.; eighth graders Nick F. of Silverado (NV) and Sachin S. of Salt Lake (UT); and Ardenwood (CA) seventh graders Jeet M., Aditya Iy., Aditya In., Saatvik A., and Dhruv R. qualified for nationals of the National History Bee.
- Nikhil K. of Berryessa (CA) won three medals at the U.S. Open table tennis championships.
- Ardenwood and Strawberry Park (CA) Quiz Bowl teams qualified to compete in the national championship.
- Brian and Steven W. of Traverse Mountain (UT) both qualified for their Amateur Radio Licenses.
- A Lone Mountain (NV) team won the top prize in the state Science Olympiad. A team from Berryessa (CA) also qualified for their state finals.
- A team from Sunnyvale (CA) won a prestigious award at the Tech Challenge competition, while Ardenwood's (CA) Anakha G. and Anika J. garnered first place honors in the Reach for the Stars contest.
- Pianist Kelly L. of Berryessa (CA) won a second place medal at the U.S. Open Music competition, while Sparsh J. of Berryessa and Yash V. of Ardenwood (CA) won second and third place prizes, respectively, at the American Protégé Piano event and performed at Carnegie Hall.
- Arin P. of Almaden (CA) qualified for the Geography Olympiad national championship.
- Ashok N. of Strawberry Park, Nishka J. of Sunnyvale, and a team from Ardenwood (all CA) won awards in robotics competitions.
- Gosha P. of Sandy (UT) won first prize at the Utah State Youth Poetry Contest, while Anika B. and Serrina Z. of Sunnyvale (CA) won the state award in the Letters About Literature competition and first place in the Patriot's Pen essay contest, respectively.

Preschool

Summer School

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 school office to apply today!



Challenger Adventureland—learning and fun!

Heard It in the Halls

Sandy (UT) campus—While his mother folded laundry, kindergartner Ryker asked her to make a wish. Mom asked hopefully, “Can you make me healthy, wealthy, and wise?”

“No, can’t do that!”

“Well, then, can you make me happy?”

“No, can’t do that, either.”

“How about a puppy? Can you get me a puppy?”

Again he shook his head no and handed her more socks.

“So let me get this straight,” mused his mother. “You can’t grant my wishes, and I don’t want extra laundry to fold, so what *can* you do for me?”

Ryker, smiling broadly, answered, “I make you self-reliant.”

Round Rock (TX) campus—As the class studied riddles, the kindergarten teacher asked, “What is something that everyone has but that no one can lose?”

Instead of choosing the answer the teacher had in mind—a shadow—Sanjana responded enthusiastically, “Their rights!”