

# Challenger News

**Keeping Parents and Campuses Connected**

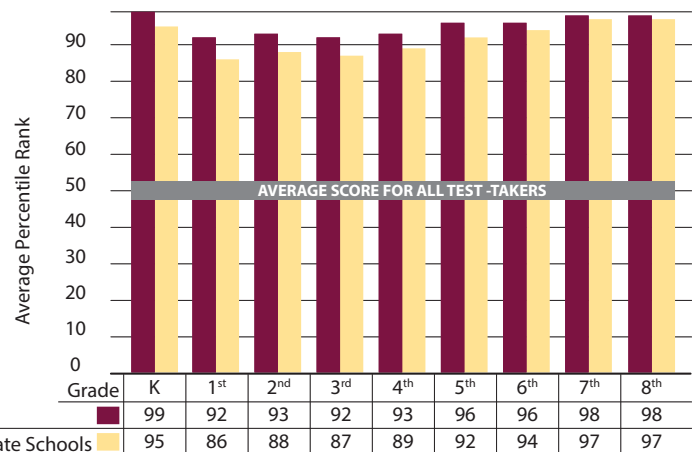
June 2017

## Challenger Students' 2017 Test Scores Are Amazing!

We are proud to announce that Challenger students have again surpassed their national peers by a wide margin and achieved excellent results on the Iowa Assessments. (Personalized Iowa results will be mailed to you this month.)

This year, Challenger students, perpetual high scorers on standardized tests, again scored impressively in every grade. In the chart on the right, the first bar represents Challenger student performance against all Iowa test-takers nationally, while the second, lighter bar represents performance compared to private school Iowa test-takers. In every grade, Challenger students excel!

**Challenger Students vs.  
All and Private School Test-Takers**



### June at a Glance

- **June 5–7 (CA, ID, NV, UT)**  
8th Grade Graduation
- **June 6–7**  
Merit Assembly (K–8)
- **June 8–9**  
Circus Days (PS–K)
- **June 9**  
Field Day (1–8)  
Last Day of School
- **June 19**  
Summer School Begins



**CHALLENGER**  
SCHOOL

Aren't Challenger students amazing? Fifty percent represents the average rank of test-takers, and the *average* Challenger student in every grade easily outpaces his peers in both public and private schools!

Embracing challenge is a value—driven by our mission (right)—that we teach our students. Additionally, our emphasis on rational thinking and academic skills has equipped and will continue to equip our students to excel.

We will continue to refine our curriculum to challenge our students to perform to their potential. Great job, Challenger teachers and students!

### *Our Mission*

is to prepare children to become self-reliant, productive individuals;

to teach them to think, speak, and write with clarity, precision, and independence;

to lead them to recognize and value their individuality and unalienable rights;

and to inspire them to embrace challenge and find joy and self-worth through achievement.

## In the Spotlight:

### Steven W. of Traverse Mountain (UT)

Challenger sixth grader Steven W. has passed the difficult and mathematically complex Amateur Extra License Exam to become a licensed ham radio operator.

With this license, Steven is licensed to transmit on all amateur radio frequencies at the maximum wattage allowed.

Steven credits Challenger's strong math and English education for preparing him to excel in this hobby. His family now has antennas at their home that allow Steven and his brother, Challenger alumnus Brian, to receive and transmit around the world.



Brian (left) and Steven W. of Traverse Mountain (UT)

## More Winners!

Karthik I. of Berryessa (CA) has been accepted into the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth program as a result of his excellent performance on the SAT-1 test.

Vasath N., also of Berryessa, won the top prize for his age group in the CalChess State Scholastic Championship.

Deann H., Sandy (UT) kindergartner, was the youngest performer at a winners concert for the American Protégé International Violin Competition at Carnegie Hall.

Congratulations to all!



Karthik I. of Berryessa (CA)

## Important Reminder

If your plans change, and your child won't be attending Challenger School for the 2017–2018 school year, you must notify the campus in writing by July 31, 2017, to avoid the minimum charge for withdrawal.



California Speech Festival winners  
Andrea T., Stuti P., and Nishita B.



Nevada Speech Festival winners  
Isabel O., Jina U., and Alea F.



Utah Speech Festival winners  
Sophie B., Isabel C., and Steven W.

## Region Speech Festival

We extend hearty accolades to the following Challenger students who, on the basis of their performances at their campus festivals, advanced to regional competitions.

### California:

Andrea T.	Grade 7
Stuti P.	Grade 6
Nishita B.	Grade 8
Daniel M.	Grade 8
Leah N.	Grade 6
Neeraj R.	Grade 8
Shweta A.	Grade 7
Yash V.	Grade 8

Berryessa	1st place
Sunnyvale	2nd place
Strawberry Park	3rd place
Almaden	
Harwood	
Middlefield	
Shawnee	
Ardenwood	

### Region Winners

### Nevada:

Aleea F.	Grade 8
Isabel O.	Grade 8
Jina U.	Grade 8
Anya D.	Grade 7
Emmett S.	Grade 8
Isabella R.	Grade 8

Silverado	1st place
Lone Mountain	2nd place
Silverado	3rd place
Silverado	
Lone Mountain	
Lone Mountain	

### Region Winners

### Utah:

Sophie B.	Grade 8
Isabel C.	Grade 6
Steven W.	Grade 6
Henry C.	Grade 7
Hugo E.	Grade 8
Sachin S.	Grade 8

Sandy	1st place
Traverse Mountain	2nd place
Traverse Mountain	3rd place
Sandy	
Salt Lake	
Salt Lake	

### Region Winners



## ScholarWear Uniform Sale Days

Mark your calendars! Uniform sales will occur in late July and early August at the Lone Mountain (NV) and Ardenwood (CA) campuses.

**Lone Mountain sale dates:** Friday, July 28, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.; Saturday, July 29, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

**Ardenwood sale dates:**\* Wednesday–Thursday, August 2–3, 3 p.m.–8 p.m. both days

Or visit one of ScholarWear's store locations:

<b>ScholarWear CA</b> 12333 Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd. Saratoga, CA (408) 973-1701	<b>ScholarWear UT</b> 9937 South 500 West Sandy, UT (801) 565-9327
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The California ScholarWear store will be open later hours during the month of August. Stop by from 10 a.m.–7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

ScholarWear.com is offering free shipping for the first order per family placed from July 2–8. Use the code FREESHIP to take advantage of this great deal!

Shop early for the best selection. Order online any time at Scholarwear.com.

\*Only Preschool–Grade 4 clothing available.

## 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, you should have received an invitation in the mail.

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

**Congratulations, Class of 2017!**

## Honors Chorale (UT)

Congratulations to the 2017 Utah Region Honors Chorale for an outstanding musical performance on Saturday, April 22. Forty-three fifth through eighth grade students from our Salt Lake, Sandy, and Traverse Mountain campuses participated.



2017 Utah Region Honors Chorale

*Have a great*  
**SUMMER!**

## Eighth Grade Trip

In early April, Challenger eighth graders from California, Idaho, Nevada, and Utah embarked on a week-long tour of some of our nation's most historic sites. Their memorable trip included visits to the White House, the United States Capitol, Ford's Theatre, the Library of Congress, the Supreme Court Building, various memorials, Mt. Vernon, the Smithsonian, the Holocaust Museum, Arlington National Cemetery, Plimoth Plantation, Boston Common, Minuteman National Park, Harvard University, and the USS Constitution.

Students enjoyed the opportunity to bond with one another as they learned more about our great country.



# Preschool

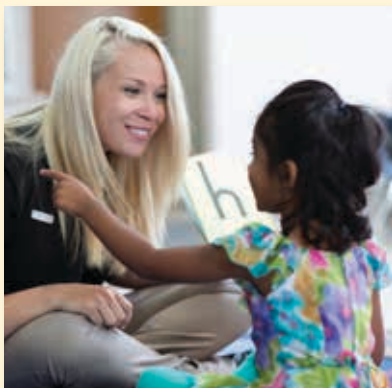
## Phonics Practice

To keep concepts alive in your child's mind this summer, consider picking up the Challenger *Phonics Fun* kit.

The activities, songs, and characters are so fun that children learn while they play! Visit [TheLearningCrew.org](http://TheLearningCrew.org) today.

## Summer School

There is still time to sign up for Challenger Adventureland. Classes begin June 19. See your campus office for details.



## 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.



Circus Day is fun for everyone!

## Field Day (Grades 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 a day for students to take part in outdoor activities like relays and games.

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

## 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.

## 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!

## Correction

All four Nevada DAR essay winners—Aja J. of Lone Mountain and Anya D., Damian P., and McKenna M. of Silverado—won at the state level!

## Heard It in the Halls

**Boise Bloom (ID) campus**—A kindergarten teacher asked her students, “Does anyone know what brainstorming is?”

Kolby answered, “It's when you have a whole lot of clouds with words in your brain, and you have to let them out!”



# Thanks for a fantastic year!