

# Challenger News

Keeping Parents and Campuses Connected

June 2018

## 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.

## June at a Glance

- **June 4–7 (CA, ID, NV, UT)**  
8th Grade Graduation
- **June 5–6**  
Merit Assembly (K–8)
- **June 7–8**  
Circus Days (PS–K)
- **June 8**  
Field Day (1–8)  
Last Day of School
- **June 18**  
Summer School Begins



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## Challenger Students' 2018 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 again scored impressively in every grade. In the chart on the bottom right, the dark bars represent Challenger student performance against all Iowa test-takers nationally. In every grade, Challenger students excel!



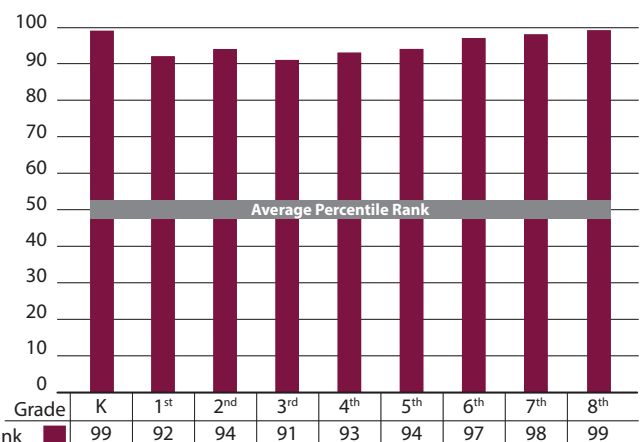
Aren't Challenger students amazing?

The fiftieth percentile represents the average rank of all test-takers, and the *average* Challenger student in every grade outpaces—by a significant margin—his peers in both public and private schools!

Embracing challenge is a value—part of our mission—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.

Great job, Challenger teachers and students!

**Challenger Students vs.  
All Iowa Assessments Test-Takers**



## The Value of Challenger Preschool

At many schools, rigorous learning starts in kindergarten or even later; the preschool years are generally reserved for play or learning the simplest of concepts, like shapes, colors, and counting. Challenger School, on the other hand, has demonstrated since 1963 that very young students are ready—and excited—to learn to read, write, and spell on their own.

Using our phonics-based learning system, our skilled teachers equip our youngest students with the vital means to properly sound out and blend letters and words; in so doing, we optimize students' conceptual and logical thinking skills. The system of phonics teaches students to recognize essential similarities among apparent differences. By teaching the logic of language, we teach them the very system of logic that allows them to independently make sense of the world.

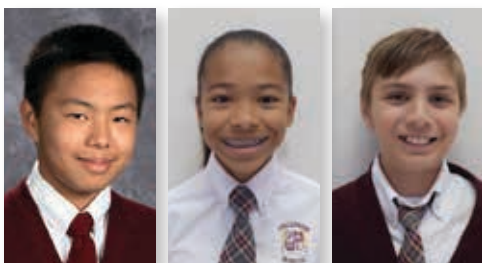
This positive, logical, and fun approach to learning leads Challenger's students to build confidence in the strength of their own minds. Over time, our students improve their abilities to focus, concentrate, and stay on task, all skills that greatly enhance the capacity for living successfully and happily.

Challenger School's proven conceptual teaching methods are used by bright teachers who are passionate about student learning and ready and eager to encourage independence.

—Hugh Gourgeon, Challenger CEO



California Speech Festival winners  
Ada P., Andrea T., and Zara A.



Nevada Speech Festival winners  
Emmett S., Chloe H., and Jackson B.



Utah Speech Festival winners  
Michael D., Priyanka M., 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 8	Berryessa
Zara A.	Grade 8	Middlefield
Ada P.	Grade 7	Ardenwood
Angelina P.	Grade 7	Almaden
Joseph V.	Grade 6	Harwood
Ruhi S.	Grade 8	Sunnyvale
Ryan A.	Grade 8	Strawberry Park
Vikram A.	Grade 8	Shawnee

### Region Winners

1st place  
2nd place  
3rd place

### Nevada:

Emmett S.	Grade 8	Lone Mountain
Chloe H.	Grade 7	Silverado
Jackson B.	Grade 6	Silverado
Linda L.	Grade 8	Silverado
Paula L.	Grade 6	Lone Mountain
Victoria C.	Grade 6	Lone Mountain

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### Utah:

Michael D.	Grade 8	Salt Lake
Priyanka M.	Grade 7	Sandy
Steven W.	Grade 7	Traverse Mountain
Emma S.	Grade 7	Sandy
Michael S.	Grade 8	Salt Lake
Rosa K.	Grade 7	Traverse Mountain

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## 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 27, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.; Saturday, July 28, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

**Ardenwood sale dates:**\* Wednesday–Thursday, August 1–2, 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 1–7. 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 2018!**

## NEW! Parent Portal

Have you created your parent portal account on ChallengerSchool.com? Via the portal, you can view account balances and print statements, request changes to student information, and submit questions directly to your campus. Contact your campus if you have not received instructions for setting up your account.

Remember, if your plans change, and your child won't be attending Challenger School for the 2018–2019 school year, you must notify the campus in writing (or through the portal) **by July 31, 2018**, to avoid the minimum charge for withdrawal.

## Eighth Grade Trip

*Have a great*  
**SUMMER!**

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, the National Gallery of Art, Georgetown University, Arlington National Cemetery, Gettysburg, Independence Hall, the Betsy Ross House, and the Liberty Bell.

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



# Preschool

## Summer School

There is still time to sign up for Challenger Adventureland. Classes begin June 18. See your campus office for details.

## Phonics Practice

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

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

## Updates

Michael S. of Salt Lake (UT), Kiersten M. and Emmett S. of Lone Mountain (NV), and Alyssa S. of Everest (ID) have advanced in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) American History Essay Contest.

Kiersten, Emmett, and Alyssa all won at the state level. Michael's essay was named best in his region and is now in competition for the national award!

## 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.



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## Field Day (Grades 1–8)

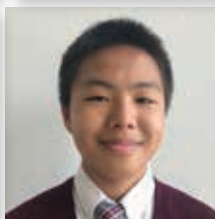
With summer just around the corner, it's time for some outdoor fun, friendly competition, and fresh air!

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.



# Thanks for a fantastic year!



Clockwise from top left: Michael S. of Salt Lake (UT), Kiersten M. and Emmett S. of Lone Mountain (NV), and Alyssa S. of Everest (ID)

## 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!

## Important Dates

Mark your calendars for our two main breaks for next school year.

### Winter Break

Dec. 24–Jan. 4 All Regions

### Spring Break

March 11–15	Dallas
March 18–22	Austin
March 25–29	ID
April 1–5	CA, UT
April 15–19	NV