

# Challenger News

Keeping Parents and Campuses Connected

October 2016



## October at a Glance

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Behavior Management Workshop for Parents
- **October 17–21 (G4–8)**  
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Halloween Middle School Social/Dance



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## Managing Child Behavior Workshop—It's Time!

Challenger students are achievers! Year after year, our students outperform their peers when it comes to standardized test scores, academic contests, and overall achievement. In part, these accomplishments can be attributed to the self-management skills that we use in our classrooms and teach to our students.

Challenger places a high priority on teaching students to manage themselves at school and beyond. When students learn to manage themselves, they develop self-reliance, which leads to achievement and self-worth.

So, how do children develop the behavior that helps them achieve?

We'd love to share our philosophy and techniques with you. These methods have been tested at Challenger School for more than 50 years—they WORK!

This month, Challenger is offering a Managing Child Behavior Workshop for parents. The workshop is open to guests, so please invite your friends, too.

At the **October 6** workshop, we will discuss common parenting dilemmas such as:

- My son refuses to do homework unless I sit with him. How do I change that?
- How do I get my daughter to sleep in her own bed?
- How can I help my child to be a less picky eater?
- How should I handle a tantrum?



When students learn to manage themselves, they develop self-reliance.

Come learn how you can incorporate our techniques at home to help your child manage herself and develop the self-reliance that will help her maximize achievement. Your child will bring home an invitation soon. We'd love to see you there!



## Challenger Phonics Fun Works!

Have you picked up your copy of the amazing *Challenger Phonics Fun* reading program yet?

With DVDs, music, and activities, *Challenger Phonics Fun* uses original, upbeat phonics songs and humor to teach critically important reading concepts. For children ages 2–8, *Challenger Phonics Fun* is a key to the world of reading.

In the words of a satisfied parent, “I can’t tell whether my child is having fun while learning or is learning while having fun!”



Our experience shows that our students learn faster and more confidently at school when they have *Challenger Phonics Fun* at home because it uses many of the same concepts and methods our teachers use in the classroom. Students recognize the characters and songs, and they have fun while reinforcing their learning!

For more information, stop by your campus, or purchase your kit online at [TheLearningCrew.org](http://TheLearningCrew.org). Kits will also be available for purchase at the Managing Child Behavior Workshop on October 6.

## In the Spotlight: Broadcom Masters Semi-Finalists

Five Challenger students qualified for the semi-finals of the prestigious Broadcom MASTERS (Math, Applied Science, Technology and Engineering Rising Stars) competition with their projects from last spring’s Science Fair.

Congratulations and continued success to Adishree G. of Shawnee (CA), Akhilesh B. of Strawberry Park (CA), Michael S. of Salt Lake (UT), Pujita T. of Strawberry Park (CA), and Shruti S. of Sunnyvale (CA).



Adishree G.



Akhilesh B.

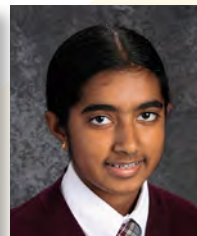


Michael S.


Semifinalists were selected from more than 2,343 applicants who each scored among the top 10% at regional science fairs across the nation. Outstanding work!



Pujita T.



Shruti S.

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## Geography Bee (4–8)

This month, students will have the opportunity to answer questions about the world during our annual Geography Bee. Students may hone their knowledge of geography facts by going online to [NationalGeographic.com/geobee](http://NationalGeographic.com/geobee) and participating in the GeoBee Challenge or by downloading the GeoBee app.

Students will first compete in class. Finalists will advance to the campus

bee. Challenger students have traditionally performed very well in this contest. Maybe your child will be our next geography whiz!



## Picture Days (PS–8)

During the school year, a professional photographer will be visiting campuses to take individual portraits for parents to purchase. Look for specific information to come from your campus.

Picture days are special function days. Preschoolers wear their uniforms, and students in K–8 must wear their full uniforms, including the required cardigans and ties.

## Send Us Alumni Stories!

We’d like to hear about the achievements, successes, and experiences of our alumni since graduation. Are you a Challenger graduate or the parent of one? Are you a teacher who has kept in touch with a former student?

Please update us. Submissions will be considered for publication in a future newsletter. Feel free to drop us a line at [marketing@challengerschool.com](mailto:marketing@challengerschool.com).



## Columbus Day (K–8)

Although not the first European to set foot in the new world, Christopher Columbus was an explorer, navigator, and colonizer who opened the way so that Europeans could settle in the Americas.

To commemorate the great people like Columbus who helped open the doors to freedom in the world, classes will discuss events surrounding the discovery of America, the founding of colonies such as Jamestown, and the significance of the European exploration of the American continents.

## Communicating Student Academic Progress

Challenger is committed to keeping parents apprised of their children's progress in school.

Preschool teachers prepare Reports of Progress for parents, and kindergarten–grade 8 teachers send home Achievement Reports. See the Parent Calendar for dates. These communications occur twice during the academic year.



Feel free to contact the school at any time if you'd like to meet with your child's teacher.

## Halloween Dress-Up Days (PS–8)

Halloween Dress-Up Day is October 31. (Preschool students in TTh programs will dress up on October 27.) Elementary students may wear either costumes or their uniforms to school that day. (It is not a free dress day.) Students in grades 6–8 will be assigned a theme for costumes.



Students who wear costumes will remain in the costume all day and should not plan on changing into other clothes. We encourage creative costumes, but remember that your child will have regular school activities all day. Please leave masks, glitter, and toy weapons at home.

Preschoolers may also dress up on their party day, and teachers will be in costume, too. Preschoolers will have games, an exciting skit, and lots of fun! Parties are geared for students in the intimate classroom setting; however, both preschool and kindergarten parents are welcome to watch a short parade. Look for a notice (PS) or check your Classroom News (K) for parade time.

Middle schoolers are also invited to a Halloween Social/Dance on October 31.

**Note:** Please do not send food or favors to your child's class. Challenger will provide a snack for the festivities.

### Managing Child Behavior Workshop for Parents

**Oct. 6, 2016**

All Challenger parents and friends are welcome!

Locations and times are posted at [ChallengerSchool.com](http://ChallengerSchool.com).

## Preschool

### Learning Names

Your child is learning to print his or her name with a capital letter followed by lowercase letters. (Please note that some names are exceptions to this rule.)

Sadie



### Oxford University Press Online References

We are pleased to provide Challenger students online access to the Oxford University Press online references.

Since much of the reference information found on the Internet is unreliable, these professionally curated references will further inspire Challenger students to embrace the value of clarity and precision in their thinking and writing.

To access these reference sites, visit [ChallengerSchool.com](http://ChallengerSchool.com) and click the Student Resources link. Contact your Headmaster for log-in information.

## Learning Curve

I told you that was a bad idea for a Halloween costume!



### Constitution Day Assembly (K-8)

In assemblies last month, Challenger students celebrated the anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution on September 17, 1787.

At some campuses, special guest speakers shared inspirational thoughts and stories about the Constitution, our Founding Fathers, and the quest for independence.

In just four handwritten pages, the Constitution provides our country with an owner's manual for the greatest form of government the world has ever known.



Welcome,  
Autumn!