



Challenger Elementary

GALAXY GAZETTE

Tara Zdanowicz

Principal

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Assistant Principal

WINTER ISSUE 2019-20

Hello Parents, Students, and Partners of Challenger Elementary,

As we near completion of half of the school year, we turn our attention to measuring what our students have learned through Benchmark Assessment System (BAS) testing of our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students beginning January 15, 2020. The more support a student has at home the better they will perform in school and on assessments. Please be sure your child gets a good nights' sleep before the test day and that they eat a healthy breakfast the day of testing. Challenger provides free breakfast every day from 8:15 am to 8:40 am.

Wishing you all a happy holiday and a happy New Year. See you in 2020!

With love,

Tara C. Zdanowicz, Principal &
Laferne McLean-Cross, Assistant Principal



COMING EVENTS:

December

- 12/12 PTA Holiday Shoppe through 12/19
- 12/20 Early Release 12:45 pm
- 12/23-1/3 Winter Break

January

- 1/6 No School - Teacher Workday
- 1/7 3rd Quarter Begins
- 1/8 Field Day for K & 3rd
- 1/9 Field Day for 1st & 4th
- 1/10 Field Day for 2nd & 5th
- 1/16 PTA Mtg. 6:00 pm
- Science Night 6:15 pm
- 1/20 No School - MLK, Jr. holiday
- 1/29 Report Cards Issued
- 1/30 SAC Meeting 5:30 pm
- 1/30 Family Literacy Night 6:15pm
- 1/31 100th Day of School

February

- 2/3 3rd Grade Honor Roll 9:15 am
- 2/4 Spring Photos
- 2/5 4th Grade Honor Roll 9:15 am
- 2/6 5th Grade Honor Roll 9:15 am
- Spring Bookfair Begins
- 2/7 Father/Daughter Dance - PTA Event
- 2/11 Interim Report
- 2/14 Early Release 12:45 pm
- 2/17 No School - President's Day
- 2/21 SAC Meeting 8:00 am

Congratulations!



Mrs. Tracy Lovell, third grade teacher and team leader. Ms. Lovell also co-coaches our cheerleading squad for basketball. She is enthusiastic about her role as teacher and well respected and loved by her Challenger family.



Ms. Llonia Jackson. Ms. Jackson started as a counselor for our Rocketeer after care program and has since taken the required courses to become a paraprofessional this year and co-sponsors our Kiwanis K-Kids club.



Challenger Elementary

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Absentee Number 754-322-5752
<http://challenger.browardschools.com>

District Website Address (www.browardschools.com)



Participate



January 30

5:30 pm

(Just prior to Family Literacy Night)

The School Advisory Council would like to wish all our families a Happy New Year. And we are looking forward to our next SAC meeting in the evening on January 30th.

TITLE I ANNUAL PARENT SEMINAR

Jan. 25, 2020 - 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Description

An all day event for parents whose children attend a Title I School. Guest speakers, continental breakfast, multiple breakout sessions, vendors, lunch, and giveaways. Sorry, NO CHILDREN ALLOWED. Please contact our front office to register.

For more info contact Annie Mosley, 754-321-1410.



January 16, 2020

6:15 – 8:00 pm

Come for a fun night of "Glowing" good science activities



February 19, 2020 9:30 a.m.

Tell you friends!



February 17, 2020



BSA Testing

(Assessments of Skills)

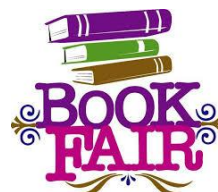
3rd – 5th grades beginning January 15, 2020

Family Literacy Night

January 30, 2019

6:15 pm – 8:00 pm

Join us for a fun family night and meet our special guest



February 6 – 13, 2020

Take a look at all new books!

Essential Info



Spring Photo Day

February 4, 2020

Class Photo Day

March 11, 2020

**EARLY
DISMISSAL**

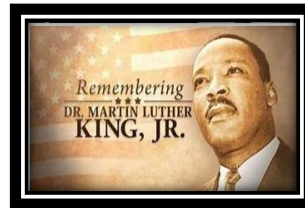


February 14 & March 19

12:45 pm dismissal



Students with a temperature should stay home to fully recover.



No School January 20th



January 29th



JANUARY 31, 2020

NO Dismissals after 2:15 p.m.

If you change the way your child is going home, decide this before your child leaves for school, and send a note to the teacher explaining how your child will go home that day or you may email us at challengerdismissalchange@browardschools.com

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

To locate and review the 2019-20 School Improvement Plan with Title I (Addendum) visit our website at <http://challenger.browardschools.com> or go to:

http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/ospa/school_sip.asp?school_number=3771.

You may also view a hard copy by request in our school office.



**Gently used uniforms needed in our clinic.
Please donate!**



School Uniforms

Challenger is a uniform school. All student are required to wear their school uniforms every day except if they are participating in our "dress your way" fundraiser every Friday. Students can dress their way for a cause (announced each month and appropriate for school). **These items are never appropriate for school:** cut-off jeans, jeans with holes in them, leggings, sleeveless tops, flip flops or sandals.

PTA Events



WHAT IS PTA? WHY JOIN PTA?

The number one reason to **join** the **Parent Teacher Association** is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help your school. But there are many more PTA advantages:

- **GET CONNECTED**

There's no better way to know what's happening in your school.

- **DISCOVER GREAT RESOURCES**

The PTA offers a variety of **programs** designed for parents as well as students.

- **TAP INTO A NETWORK**

PTA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, building rapport and discussing issues that are on your mind. You can share ideas, concerns, and experiences.

- **WATCH YOURSELF GROW**

By volunteering with your PTA, you put your skills and hobbies to use for a noble cause—your child and all children in the community.

- **SPEAK UP**

PTA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at your child's school.



We are excited for our annual **Field Day Event** sponsored by our very own PTA.

Jan. 8 Kindergarten & 3rd Grade

Jan. 9 1st & 4th Grades

Jan. 10 2nd & 5th Grades

Field day will be from 9a.m. until approximately 11a.m. on your child's scheduled day (as listed above). Parents who would like to volunteer or just watch their children participate in field day are welcome. Please make sure you are cleared by the county or you will not be permitted to stay per our Safety Code.



February 7, 2020

6:15 pm – 8:15 pm

Fliers will be going home with details

Early Release – Day of Service

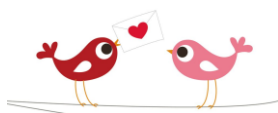
February 14, 2020

The School Board of Broward County has designated February 14, 2020 as a "Day of Service."

We welcome the opportunity to be of service to others and our community. Details to follow in February.



Coming in February!



Jan.16 at 6:00 pm (before Science Night begins)