

# The Challenge Fund...

## Bringing Curriculum to Life!



### *What is The Challenge Fund?*

The Challenge Fund is an annual fund that benefits the students at Soda Creek and Strawberry Park Elementary Schools by providing the extras that allow teachers to enhance the curriculum and bring it to life. The Challenge Fund means that families are no longer asked to sell items to raise money for the schools.

### *We have great schools. Why do we need The Challenge Fund?*

Our wonderful teachers and schools give our kids everything they need to learn. The Challenge Fund can give the teachers what they would like to have to be able to enhance the curriculum to inspire and engage the students. The funding from The Challenge Fund can provide more hands-on, experiential learning. It allows the teachers to provide diverse learning experiences. It gives the teachers more opportunities to teach collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking (the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills).

"The Challenge Fund allows the programs beyond the basics to exist; the ones that make the kids really like school."


-- *Kelly Landers, local business sponsor*

"90% of my class said that their favorite project was the Famous Coloradans. This collaborative project engages our kids and makes history come alive."

-- *Lisa Adams, 4th grade teacher,  
Strawberry Park Elementary*

"What I love about The Challenge Fund is that it immediately changes something in a child's life."

-- *Cindy Gantick, 2nd grade teacher,  
Soda Creek Elementary*

 It was super special that I was able to visit with our senior friends. It felt so good to make them feel good."

-- *Nina, 3rd grader,  
Strawberry Park Elementary*