



Morrissey-Compton Educational Center, Inc.
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Celebrating 30 Years of Challenge School

Half Moon Bay office now open!

**Enroll by March 30th
and save \$225.00!!**

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When and where does Challenge take place?

A: Classes run Monday through Thursday from 8:45 a.m.—12 noon. This year, Challenge will be held at Juana Briones School (4100 Orme Street, Palo Alto, 94306). An After-School Program is available until 5:00pm at Juana Briones.

Q: Why do all students new to Challenge need an interview?

A: To ensure a good match between the needs of the student and the program. The interview is 30 minutes and involves parents and child.

Q: Do I need an interview for the ADHD/EF Curriculum if I was a Traditional Challenge Student last year?

A: Yes.

Q: Is the length of the day the same for both curriculums?

A: Yes.

Q: Do students from both curriculums interact with one another?

A: Yes. All students share recess and the "hallmarks" of Challenge: the flag ceremony, Yellow Shirt Awards, Green Hat Drawings, Challenge Theme, Talent Show, Competitions, and End of Year Awards.

Q: What if my child has the need for both programs?

A: Primary consideration will be placed on the major concerns of the child, with additional consideration of which program will foster the best success.

Tuition & Financial Assistance

Tuition for the 2012 summer session is \$2250.00. A \$175.00 non-refundable deposit is required with your application. This deposit is applied to the total tuition fee. The remainder of the tuition is due on or before June 18, 2012. Partial financial assistance is provided by: Luther Burbank Savings of Palo Alto, The John A. Inglis Scholarship Fund, Mid-Peninsula Speech and Language Center, Several Private Foundations, and Individual Donors.



One of our Yellow Shirt Winners!

Enroll in Challenge Summer School by March 30th and save \$225.00!

Download all forms and your application at www.morrissey-compton.org under the Challenge heading or call our office to receive a copy of the forms in the mail. Send completed forms to our office or electronically to morrisseycompton@gmail.com

A Summer School Program administered by the Morrissey-Compton Educational Center

Challenge Summer School

Summer School 2012

Monday June 18 - Thursday July 19, 2012

Special points of interest:

- Tuition Discount if you enroll by March 30th!
- After-School program now available until 5:00pm!
- ADHD/ Executive Functioning classroom now offered to 3rd graders!

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30 Years Strong!

Wow! 30 Years of Challenge Summer School! It's going to be another great summer. Challenge is a very unique summer school. It is the only private summer school of its kind that is not part of a year-round special education school. As a measure of our success, each summer we have a very high rate of return BY THE CHILD'S OWN CHOICE! This is revealing, given that many of these children find school unrewarding.

Challenge is a 5 week summer school program for students in K-6th grades and those entering 7th grade in the fall. It is the perfect option for children who struggle academically in their regular class. Our small classes (8-12 students per class) are taught by experienced teachers and all students are grouped by

age and instructional needs. Learning occurs in a fun theme-based curriculum. Students with learning disabilities receive a review of



Small class size allows for one-on-one instruction.

basic reading, writing, and math as well as strategies to develop organization and thinking. Our ADHD/Executive Functioning curriculum is designed for students in grades 3-6 who have ADHD, and emphasizes behavioral strategies to improve learning. The three goals of Challenge school are to:

- Maintain Academic Skills over the Summer
- Foster Self-Esteem and Academic Confidence
- Teach Alternative Strategies for Reading, Writing, Math and Organization.

High Quality Follow Through

Every student in Challenge School receives high quality, individualized attention and preparation for the following school year. This includes a parent-teacher conference to help guide recommendations for the Fall, a parent education series of classes, and teacher reports with individualized recommendations by September.

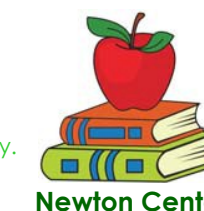
Read on to learn more about our program and decide which curriculum would be the best for your child!

After-School Program

Morrissey-Compton, in collaboration with Newton Center, is proud to bring to Challenge the Kidsventure After-School Enrichment Program. Kidsventure is an exciting enrichment program with a variety of weekly activities. Parents have the option of signing up for Kidsventure one week at a time from 12-5pm, Monday-Thursday at Juana Briones. All day Friday care through Kidsventure is also available. The cost is \$255 per week for the Monday-Thursday program. For the all day Friday care,

the cost is \$55 per Friday. Separate enrollment is required.

This enrichment program will include activities such as making musical instruments, cooking, scavenger hunts, obstacle course challenges, and exploration into Ancient Egypt, recycling and gravity. Please call Lyna or Monique at 650-345-4043 to sign up or for more information.



Traditional Challenge Curriculum



Enjoying a little recess break!

Students in the Traditional Challenge program demonstrate academic struggles as a primary concern. Some of these students have a diagnosed learning disability, such as dyslexia, (though it may co-

exist with another type of disability). This program is academically centered and focuses on building academic self-concept, self-esteem, learning strategies, and maintenance of academic skills over

the summer. Behavioral issues are secondary to learning issues. Three parent education classes are offered: Homework Support, Communicating with Teachers, and Understanding Psycho-Educational Evaluations.

Nicole Ofiesh, Ph.D.,
Director
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Principal

For Kids In Kindergarten, 1, and 2

Our teachers in the K-2nd grade classrooms focus on important developmental skills such as handwriting, social skills, classroom behavior, letter formation, sentence formation, number sense, and concepts of time and money. Our K-2nd grade

teachers use a variety of multi-sensory approaches, and research-based methods for skill development and review of previously learned skills. Our teachers understand the importance of language development and

classroom behavior at this age, and infuse this awareness in all aspects of the day. Parent conferences provide you with useful information about the developmental needs of your child as well as ideas for support with the upcoming school year.

For Kids Entering Grades 4 thru 7

Challenge school teachers who work with children who have completed 3rd-6th grades know that these children need support with writing paragraphs, reading comprehension, fractions, decimals, long division and recall of basic math facts. However, some have not yet mastered basic reading and spelling skills, and struggle with basic math. A variety of fun and effective

approaches are used to review basic skills, and also provide strategies and "tools" so that when your child returns to school in the fall, they are better prepared to meet the needs of the upcoming curriculum. Students in these classrooms are often exposed to software and technology that can help them to succeed at school and during homework time.

These include: audio-based books, word prediction tools, proofreading systems, as well as graphic mapping software for brainstorming and idea development. Parent conferences provide you with feedback on how well these strategies worked with your child, and what can be helpful for the upcoming school year.



Challenge is Fun!

ADHD and Executive Functioning Curriculum



Having fun and making new friends while learning!

Students in the ADHD/ Executive Functioning (EF) program have ADHD as a primary

diagnosis (inattentive, hyperactivity, or combined). The program focuses on behavior, social skills, stress reduction (yoga and meditation), and

strategies for self-regulation. There is less of an academic focus than the traditional Challenge curriculum. A parent education program is also integrated into the ADHD program.

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For Kids Entering Grades 4 thru 7

Students who have completed grades 3 thru 6 that are in the ADHD/ Executive functioning classroom spend less time on academic needs. We have found the needs of these children tend to be the automatic application or recall of basic skills and are related to behavior. For example they may have difficulty with starting a writing task, math fact recall, paying attention, staying focused, social skill development, and behavioral self-control. Several of the students who

benefit from the curriculum in the 3-6th grade ADHD/EF classrooms need help with reading comprehension due to slow reading rate. We teach comprehension strategies as well as expose these children to audio-based books when appropriate. Multisensory math programs offer alternative approaches to math. Students begin their day with 40 minutes of child-centered yoga that teaches mindfulness, self-awareness, and self-control. Intermixed with language arts and math, students also take a 40-minute social skill class that

targets empathy, listening, teamwork and self control. Each of the ADHD/EF classrooms is taught by a lead teacher and a behavior specialist. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend the parent education program that is included in the enrollment fee. At the end of the summer, students in these classes take home a classroom "Tool Box" so that you can support your child at home and school with their newly learned skills.



Using technology to aid learning!

Theme for 2012

Every year, Challenge Summer School picks a fun theme to base the curriculum on. This year, we have chosen The

2012 Summer Olympics to be our theme. Join us as we explore this exciting theme at Challenge School!



