



January 18, 2024

Dear Cottonwood Families,

Happy Thursday! It's nice to ease back into the school routine with another short week. Please see the following information including important deadlines and dates around enrollment for next school year.

SY 24-25 Enrollment:

Enrollment for the 24-25 school year is opening soon. Please see the attached [flyer](#) for upcoming dates. Please note that registration for Universal PreKindergarten (UPK) is a 2-step process, it requires registration with the State of Colorado and with Cherry Creek District Admissions. The website for the Cherry Creek registration will open February 1st and we understand that the State will open their registration at the same time. If this is not the case, parents can still submit their registration with CCSD. Just be sure to also submit the State portion when their website opens. If you have any problems or questions regarding enrollment for next school year, please contact Thessica Covato at (720) 554-3201.

Kid's Heart Challenge:

The Kid's Heart Challenge kicks off this week and will continue through February 14th! Please keep an eye out for more information going home with students by the end of this week.

CCSD Educator of the Year:

If you would like to nominate an exceptional educator, this is the last week to do so. Please complete Cottonwood's Nomination [Form](#) by tomorrow Friday, January 19, 2024. All teachers, special service providers and non-teaching licensed personnel are eligible to be nominated. Please know your nominations make such an impact and are so powerful to our staff.

5th Grade Parent Night at Campus Middle School:

On Thursday, February 1st at 5:45 PM Campus Middle School will hold parent night for 5th grade families whose children will be attending CMS next year. During this time, their 6th grade and elective teachers will share information about their classes and answer any questions. Principal Staal will also be addressing parents at the beginning of the evening. Please see the [flyer](#) for details.



Cold Weather Recess:

With cold temperatures in the forecast, students will require outdoor winter clothes for recess. The district's policy is that, in the absence of lightning, thunder or precipitation, students will have outside recess if the temperature "feels like" 20 degrees fahrenheit or above. Therefore, please remember to send students to school with appropriate clothing to play outside in the cold and possible snow. Unfortunately, we cannot assure that items dropped off after the start of school will be delivered to students before their recess, so please do your best to send these items to school with your child in the morning.

Drop-off Reminder:

As temperatures drop we see more cars at drop-off and pick-up. Please remember to abide by traffic laws, keep a close eye out for children, and be sure to drop off your student(s) in the drop off lane or other designated area. Thank you for your attention to this safety matter.

From the School Clinic:

As we come back from winter break, we expect to see a high number of illnesses. If your child is sick, please follow the CDC/Cherry Creek School District policy for keeping them home during their illness. See the [link](#) for guidelines regarding fever, vomiting, diarrhea, cough etc.

Specials:

In an effort to provide parents information about what is happening during your student's specials time, the Specials Team will be publishing monthly updates that can be found at the following [LINK](#).

Sincerely,

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