



January 22, 2024

Dear Cottonwood Families,

We are back in the swing of the school year! Please see below for important information on registration, after-school club opportunities, safety and an update from our school nurse.

Kindergarten Round-Up and UPK Registration:

Registration for 24-25 Kindergarten and Universal Pre-Kindergarten will open on February 1st. Please see the attached [Kindergarten Round-Up](#) flyer. Please feel free to pass it along to any friends or neighbors who will be registering a kindie in CCSD for next school year.

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 also open their registration at the same time. If this is not the case, parents are encouraged to continue with their registration with CCSD. Just be sure to also submit the State portion when their website opens. Our understanding is that UPK enrollment will be into the student's school of residence with two exceptions; if an older sibling attends an alternate school or the student was previously enrolled in the CCSD Child Find Program and would like to stay with their teacher. Please note, enrollment in a school other than your neighborhood school in UPK does not qualify the student for continued enrollment in that school for kindergarten.

If you have any problems or questions regarding enrollment for next school year, please contact Thessica Covato at (720) 554-3201.

From the School Clinic:

As we come back from winter break, we expect to see a high number of illnesses. Colorado is currently experiencing a higher than usual number of norovirus outbreaks. Norovirus is highly contagious, and while it is often referred to as the "stomach flu," it is not influenza. Norovirus sheds in the stool of people who are ill and spreads via fecal-oral route. Common symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea, nausea, and stomach pain. The best way to prevent the spread of the Norovirus is handwashing with soap and water. Hand sanitizer is not as effective on this virus. If your child becomes 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.

The Green Team Club:

Attention 2nd - 5th grade parents! Cottonwood is happy to offer another school sponsored club opportunity. The Green Team Club, led by Mr. Mondragon and parent Heidi Clune, will be held Tuesdays after school. Space is limited to 5 students per grade, so be sure to [REGISTER](#) early.

Another Morning Drop-off Reminder:

Please, if you drop your child off in the circle drive, DO NOT allow them to exit the car in the parking or standing area. Students unloading in the parking area have to cross through the cars in the drop-off lane. This is an unsafe situation for our students. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

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.

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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