



November 13, 2023

Dear Cottonwood Families,

It's hard to believe the holidays are almost upon us. Just a reminder to let your student's teacher as well as the front office know if your family is planning vacations that will result in school absences.

**In-N-Out Burger food truck:**

We are so excited to have the In-N-Out food truck coming to Cottonwood on Friday, November 17th at 4pm! Please make sure you PRE-BUY your meal by Tuesday, November 14th using the cheddar-up link below. **There will be no orders taken on Friday, the food truck will only deliver the pre-ordered meals.** This is a community event, so share the information and link with your neighbors. All proceeds go back to our school and community. We hope to see you there!

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/in-n-out-food-truck?cart=31cfdce3-33c4-473a-8da4-da14e02965dd%21%2167386928&mrlid%0A>

**Veterans Day Celebration:**

This year's Veterans Day assembly was a huge success. Thank you to all of our parents, staff and students who contributed to the celebration of our Veterans.

**Students who bike/scoot to school:**

Parents, if your student(s) bikes or scoots to school, please have a conversation with them about riding safely on the streets. We've had a number of concerning reports about students riding into the streets without looking for cars. Be sure your students know that they should always:

- stay alert and be aware of cars,
- walk their bikes/scooters across the streets at the crosswalks where available, and
- walk their bikes/scooters to the racks once they are on campus.

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe.



### **Cold Weather Recess:**

Dropping temperatures mean students will require outdoor clothing 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 be sure to send students to school with appropriate clothing to play outside in the cold and possible snow. We cannot assure that clothing dropped off after the start of school will be delivered to students before recess, so please do your best to send these items to school with your child in the morning.

### **CCSD Food Drive:**

Beginning November 1st our Student Leadership and Specials Team will be collecting food and household items to benefit the CCSD School Resource Pantries. There will be donation boxes available in all grade-level entryways as well as in the front vestibule area. Please see the [flyer](#) for items being collected.

### **From the Cottonwood Creek Nurse:**

The school clinic is sending out letters to parents whose student(s) are noncompliant with immunizations, meaning they are missing one or more required immunizations. If you receive a letter and have not discussed a "catch-up plan" with the clinic staff OR provided a completed exemption certificate, please do so by **November 17th**. You can download a copy of the medical and non-medical exemption form through this [LINK](#). Please note that exemptions must be completed every school year.

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Health Liaison-Lesli Copp  
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### **Daily Cottonwood Schedule:**

Just a reminder that the Cottonwood master schedule is posted on our website. Please refer to this document to find grade-level schedules, such as when they go to lunch/recess, brain break or specials. To find the Master Schedule, as well as Wednesday's modified schedule, you can use this [LINK](#).



**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,

Drew Francis - Principal [Cottonwood Creek](#) Elementary School

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