



November 20, 2023

Dear Cottonwood Families,

We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving. Remember, this is only a two-day week, there is no school Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

Cottonwood Options for Giving:

Food Drive

Did you know that there are over 15 food and resource pantries in schools throughout our district? And countless more backpack programs? Student Leadership and the Specials Team are working in conjunction with the district to stock up food items/toiletries/household items for these programs this November. Bring in a can or two to show we care!

EASY WAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR FOOD DRIVE - You can support families with food insecurities by using [RevTrak for monetary donations](#) or our [BRAND NEW Amazon wishlist!](#)

Thank you to all of you who have made a donation to our November Food Drive already!

We will continue to accept donations through November 30th.

Helping Hands

Starting after the Thanksgiving holiday is another opportunity for giving, the Cottonwood Creek Helping Hands gift drive. Bring unwrapped gifts, wrapping paper and tape to support families from Cottonwood Creek and surrounding areas. For details please see the Helping Hands [FLYER](#). To sign up to sponsor a child or an entire family, please use our [SIGN-UP GENIUS](#) .

Students on campus during non-school hours:

We are happy to have students use our playgrounds during non-school hours. If your student is planning to play on our grounds, please adhere to the following rules:

- Parents and students should communicate directly about their plans to play here and pick-up procedures.
- If the playtime is after dismissal, students must first leave the school campus before returning to play.



- Parents need to understand that, except for after-school activities, there is no school supervision after dismissal.
- Students must use the equipment responsibly and not damage or deface school property.

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.

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,

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