



November 6, 2023

Dear Cottonwood Families,

It was great seeing so many families in the school last week for conferences and the Scholastic Book Fair. If you missed the in-person Book Fair you can always shop the online [Book Fair](#) through November 9th.

Red, White & Blue Spirit Day

In honor of our Veterans, this Thursday, November 9th will be Red, White and Blue Spirit Day. Students are encouraged to show their patriotism by wearing red, white, blue or any combination of the three. Feel free to add stars and stripes to take it to the next level!

Veterans Day Celebration:

This year's Veterans Day celebration will take place this Thursday, November 9, 2023 from 7:30 am - 9:00 am. Due to limited space, only Veterans and their families are invited to attend the event. We appreciate your understanding.

If you plan to join us as a veteran or family member, we ask that you **RSVP by the end of today.** Please use [THIS](#) form to RSVP, only one response per family is necessary.

Finally, in preparation for our Veteran's Day celebration, we are requesting the following items:

- 1) Digital photos of the veterans to include in our slideshow. Photos should be emailed to tcovato@cherrycreekschools.org by tomorrow, Tuesday, November 6, 2023. Please title your email "Veterans Day Slideshow" and include; the veteran's full name, branch of the military, years served (ex. 1971 - 1975), names of your COT student(s) and the veteran's relationship to them.
- 2) Child-appropriate military memorabilia for a display at the school. The memorabilia will be displayed behind glass and will not be accessible for students to touch. If you have an item(s) we can borrow, please contact Juli Passo at jpasso@cherrycreekschools.org.

Cougar of the Month Award:

This school year we started a new tradition to celebrate Cottonwood students who consistently demonstrate ROAR (**R**espect **O**wn it **A**ttitude **R**esponsibility) behavior. One student from each



grade level is nominated each month for the Cougar of the Month award. Congratulations to November's Cougars!

Kindergarten: *Charlie Dempster*
First Grade: *Whit Gaurt*
Second Grade: *Annie McAtee*
Third Grade: *Max Chen*
Fourth Grade: *Olive McGowan*
Fifth Grade: *Akshaya Gokulakrishnan*

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.

School Nurse -Mandy Blakeney
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Health Liaison-Lesli Copp
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Clinic (720) 554-3208

Cottonwood Creek Featured in CCSD News:

We were excited to see that Cottonwood Creek and our Cougars of the Month were featured in the Cherry Creek School District News! You can review the article [HERE](#).

Partnership for Academically Successful Students (P.A.S.S.) Meeting:

We are so excited to be offering our first P.A.S.S. meeting of the school year at Cottonwood Creek. P.A.S.S. is a group of parents, teachers, and administrators who partner to ensure that Cottonwood Creek is an inclusive learning environment for all students. We will center our conversations around important topics about race in order to examine achievement, learning, and instruction. This meeting will be at Cottonwood Creek on Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023, from 4:30-5:15 PM.

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting:

The next SEAC meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9th at 9:30 am. Please see the attached [flyer](#) for details.

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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