



October 30, 2023

Dear Cottonwood Families,

This is going to be a busy week...parent-teacher conferences, the Scholastic Book Fair, and Friday is a non-contact day. Oh yes, and Happy Halloween!

Veterans Day Celebration:

Save the date! This year's Veterans Day celebration will take place on 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 Monday November 6, 2023. 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 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.

Scholastic Book Fair:

The annual Scholastic Book Fair is happening this week! This is a great opportunity to start your holiday gift shopping and support Cottonwood at the same time. The book fair shopping hours are as follows:

October 30th:	8:00 AM - 3:15 PM
October 31st:	8:00 AM - 3:15 PM
November 1st:	8:00 AM - 3:15 PM
November 2nd:	8:00 AM - 6:30 PM
November 3rd:	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM



If you are unable to make it in-person you can still support Cottonwood by shopping online through our [website](#). Additionally, for those of you who would like to allow your students to shop on their own but do not want to send cash to school, you can set up an e-wallet. This is done through the link above to our website as well. Please note that unused e-wallet funds are not refunded, they are instead converted to a credit with Scholastic that can be used at a later date.

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
Ablakeney@cherrycreekschools.org
Clinic (720) 554-3208

Health Liaison-Lesli Copp
Lcopp@cherrycreekschools.org

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](#).

Report cards:

Report cards were issued electronically last Friday, October 27th for grades 1 - 5. Please check your email (including your junk mailbox) for a message containing a link to your student's report and instructions on how to access it. The link is active for 7 days only, so please make sure you review the report soon.



Fall Conferences:

This week we are holding Parent-Teacher Conferences. Conference sign-up links went out via email on Friday, October 13th at 4:00 PM. If you have not already signed up for a time you can [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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