



September 5, 2023

Dear Cottonwood Families,

We hope you had a wonderful Labor Day weekend and soaked up the last days of summer! Please see the information below for school reminders and upcoming events.

CCSD Veterans Celebration:

The Cherry Creek School District cordially invites you and your family to join us on Saturday, Sept. 9, for our 13th annual Veterans and Military Appreciation Event and Community Celebration. This free event offers fun for the whole family while honoring our nation's heroes. You can find the details [here](#).

CMAS Scores:

Parents of 4th and 5th graders, last Friday CMAS scores were sent home in student backpacks. If your student took the CMAS tests last spring as a 3rd or 4th grader, and you did not receive their test scores, please contact the front office to obtain a copy.

Construction on Orchard:

Are you wondering about the white trucks, orange cones, and construction on E Orchard Rd? Last week, the Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority (SEMSWA) worked to repair pipes under E Orchard Rd in front of the school. Damaged metal stormwater pipes were lined so that rainwater and snow melt can drain into the pipes and then the creek. This reduces flooding and roadway damage, which helps Cottonwood students get to and from school safely! SEMSWA would like to thank the Cottonwood Creek Elementary community for their patience with traffic disruptions during this time.

Items dropped off for Students:

When dropping off items for students during the day (including lunches), please make sure they are labeled with their name and their teacher's name. Items should be placed on the table in the front vestibule for delivery. Please note, items are delivered only once or twice during the school day depending on staff availability. If there are items your student absolutely needs by a specific time, it is best to remember to send it to school with your child in the morning. If you think your child can go without the item for the day, it might be a great teachable moment. Remember, we do have water cups in the front office and lunch is free this year:)



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](#).

Battle of the Books:

Calling all parents of 4th and 5th grade students! Registration for Battle of the books is open. We will be meeting from 2:45-3:35 on Mondays, starting Oct. 23, 2022. To register please complete [this](#) Google Form. By completing the form, you give your child permission to participate in Battle of the Books. We will take the FIRST - 40 students that sign up. Please sign up by Friday, Sept. 22.

Running Club:

The Running Club at Cottonwood Creek is BACK! A huge thank you to Jason Mondragon, who has volunteered to sponsor the club again this Fall, and to Principal Francis and the front office staff for all they do to support the club. [Here is what you need to know:](#)

Future Bruins Night:

5th grade parents, mark your calendar for this year's Future Bruins Night at Cherry Creek High School, Thursday November 16, 2023. The details of the event can be found [here](#).

From the Cottonwood Creek Nurse:

At Cottonwood Creek, we are an **allergy-aware school and NOT an allergy-free school**. Our lunchroom may serve foods that are processed in facilities where other common allergens (nuts, soy, dairy, sesame, etc.) are present and/or may be cross contaminated with allergens. As an allergy aware school, our students ARE allowed to bring items containing nuts and other common allergens, but they are asked to NOT share any of their food/snacks while at school and we encourage the student's to be mindful and respectful of everyone sharing the lunch table. All tables are washed after classes leave the lunchroom and we strongly discourage sharing any foods and talk with the students often about this. Please let Nurse Mandy know if your child has any allergies that need to be added to their health record.



In addition, if your student has any emergency medications (i.e., epi pen, inhalers, etc.) that have not been given to the school health clinic/nurse, please bring them in as soon as possible with the signed order from the physician.

Communication:

For those who missed the last PTO newsletter you can access it [HERE](#). **Please note that this is the last time we will include PTO information in this communication.** Therefore, I highly recommend that parents complete the following:

1. Ensure that all your information is accurate in Powerschool Parent. You can do this by logging into your MyCherryCreek account and clicking on the Guardian Update tile. Double check the names, emails, and phone numbers for the contacts listed on your student's account. If you have not set up a MyCherryCreek account, we suggest you do. Go to www.mycherrycreekschools.org, enter the email address you provided for district admissions, when you are prompted to enter a password select "forgot password".
2. Sign up for all communication found here on the [PTO website](#). If you have not already done so, create an account and enter all the information for yourself and your student(s). The system will prompt you to select which communications you want to receive. If you signed up in previous years, be sure to update your information as described above.
3. Make sure your child's teacher has your correct contact information.

These three steps will assure you are connected to our office, PTO, and your classroom teacher. If you have questions, please contact the COT Office.

Sincerely,

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

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