



April 22, 2024

Dear Cottonwood Families,

Thank you to the families that were able to attend and or support our COT Auction on Friday night. It felt like a huge success with an amazing community and staff turn out. We look forward to hearing more from our PTO. We have 5 weeks of school left in a busy time of year. Even in busy times of the year like this, we think it is best for kids to get regular sleep and try to find our regular routines as much as possible! Yes, sometimes easier said than done.

CMAS:

Parents of 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, we are almost done! All classroom testing is complete and we have through this Wednesday to complete individual make-ups. If your child missed any of their classroom testing times, please make an effort to get them to school tomorrow through Wednesday.

School Accountability Meeting (SAC):

The next Cottonwood SAC meeting will be held on Thursday, May 2nd at 8:10 AM. The meeting will be held in person at Cottonwood Creek. However, please feel free to join online through the following [LINK](#). Microsoft TEAMS: Meeting ID: 294 578 772 590 Passcode: PfyWEq

Restaurant Delivery for Students to School:

We are beginning to see an increase in restaurant delivery for student lunches. Unfortunately, we are experiencing too many problems with restaurant delivery services, therefore, we have to ask that parents no longer use this method to provide lunch to their student(s). If you bring your student lunch and drop it off in-person, this is absolutely fine. Otherwise, please send your student to school with lunch from home or have your student get lunch from our cafeteria. Student lunches from our cafeteria are free so be assured that if home lunches are forgotten we will always provide a cafeteria lunch. Thank you for your understanding.

Items Dropped Off for Students:

This is just a reminder that all items, including lunches, dropped off for students should be labeled with the student's name and teacher name and placed on the drop-off table in the front vestibule. Typically, we make one group delivery of items around 9:20 AM, which is in time for the first snack recess. Therefore, **if an item is important, please be sure it is dropped off by**



9:20 AM or communicate directly with your student before school to instruct them to check-in with the office to pick-up their belongings.

PTO General Meeting:

There will be a PTO General Meeting this Friday, 4/26 at 9:00am in the school cafeteria and by Zoom.

Zoom meeting link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83788293582?pwd=d1VPZTB4Q3kxcTdGZ1FSV2RvbDJ6QT09>

Meeting ID: 837 8829 3582 Passcode: 596462

Teacher Appreciation:

You are invited to join our school and the entire Cherry Creek School District to say “Thank you, Teachers!” during national Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-10. During this nationwide celebration, students, parents, and communities across the country will show their gratitude to the educators who help our children learn, grow, achieve, and succeed.

The Cherry Creek School District invites you to show your support for our teachers by taking a photo of your student holding a thank you sign or message, or recording a short video of them thanking their teacher or describing what’s special about their teacher. Then upload your photo or video by April 30 to <https://forms.gle/tX3kTG4YX2APu4189>. (If you have any trouble with the Google form, please email your photo or video to news@cherrycreekschools.org.) CCSD will share the photos and videos on the CCSD Facebook and Instagram pages during Teacher Appreciation Week.

You can also nominate a teacher for the chance to throw out the first pitch at the May 10 Colorado Rockies vs. the Texas Rangers game at Coors Field! The selected teacher will also receive five free tickets to the game. [Submit your nomination here by April 26](#). The “Teacher First Pitch Event” is sponsored by Westerra Credit Union and the Colorado Rockies.

Cottonwood Library:

This week is the last week for book check-out. The final due date for all library books will be May 3. Please help your children find any missing or overdue library books. We will be sending home reminders about overdue books in case they have forgotten which books they have



checked out. If you know a book is lost and would like to pay the fine, please email jpasso@cherrycreekschools.org and we will generate a bill on RevTrak.

Free Book Fair:

We will be having a free book fair during the week of May 13-17. Classes will come to the library during their regularly scheduled library times, and every single student will get to take home a free book! We are currently accepting donations of picture books, chapter books, and nonfiction. If you have any books you would like to donate, please drop them off at the front office.

Clinic:

The school year is almost over! As we prepare for next year, we want to send a reminder about immunizations and well child check ups. If your child receives any immunizations between today and next school year, please send an updated record to the clinic. Additionally, all rising 6th graders have immunization requirements prior to entering middle school. Keep an eye on your email, CMS will communicate with you directly on their requirements.

Please stay tuned as there will be more information in the coming weeks about medication pickup in the school clinic.

Field Day:

This year, field day will be held on Friday, May 17th. We will need volunteers to help make this day a success! This is one of our students' favorite days of the year and is a great opportunity to get involved. If you are available to help out, please [SIGN UP](#) for a job and time slot.

Hiring:

Cottonwood is currently looking to hire new team members for the following position, [Instructional Paraprofessional](#). If you or anyone you know would enjoy working with the awesome students and staff at Cottonwood Creek, please pass along the job postings.

Leaving Cottonwood?:

To assist us in estimating enrollment for next year, please let us know if you have plans to move out of our neighborhood or otherwise enroll your student in a different school. Additionally, please let us know if you have a 5th grader who will not attend Campus Middle School for 6th grade. To notify us, please complete the attached [Form](#).



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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