



April 29, 2024

Dear Cottonwood Families,

We are in the last 4 weeks of the school year and this Friday, May 3rd is our last non-contact day. Just a reminder, if you have plans to move over the summer or transfer schools, please be sure to complete the Leaving Cottonwood Form ([link below](#)) so that we can plan appropriately and transfer records timely.

CMAS:

Parents of 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, it is over! A huge thank you for getting your students to school and on time for testing everyday. We were able to complete 100% of the tests for participating students this year!

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

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](#).

Attendance:

This is just a reminder that all late arrivals and absences should be reported by leaving a message by 7:45 AM on the school's attendance line (720) 554-3295. Your message should identify the student name, parent name, date of the late arrival or absence and the reason. Please do not email, text or call school staff directly.

Cottonwood Library:

Just a reminder, the final due date for all library books is this Friday, 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.

Field Day:

This year, field day for K - 5 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.

UPK Activities:

- This **Wednesday, May 1st** we will hold Field Day for our PreK students. The festivities will begin at 9:45 AM on Cottonwood's east playground field. Families should go directly to the field to obtain their visitors badge.
- On **Wednesday, May 8th** from 9:45 - 10:45 AM, our preschool students will have an opportunity to share their artwork with parents during the PreK Art Show. The display will be set up in the PreK hallway and classrooms. Visitors should enter through the school's main entrance to obtain a visitors badge.
- Remember, the last day of school for our PreK students is **Thursday, May 16th**.

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.

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.

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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