



February 26, 2024

Dear Cottonwood Families,

I can't believe we have started the last trimester of the school year. Please review the following information regarding T2 report cards, parent-teacher conferences, the Spring Lockdown Drill and the upcoming Art Show.

Report Cards:

Trimester 2 report cards will be sent out via email this Friday, March 1st. Please note that report cards are batched by grade-level so you will receive emails for students in different grades at different times throughout the day and possibly evening. The subject of the email will say "Important Student Report for..." and will contain a password protected link. The link will expire after 7 days, so be sure to access the report and download a copy if you would like before then.

Spring Conferences:

Spring parent-teacher conferences will be held the **week of March 4th**. The Sign-up Genius [links](#) were sent out via email last Wednesday. If you have limited flexibility in your daily schedule, we suggest you sign-up as early as possible.

Spring Lockdown Drill:

On the morning of March 13th, between 8:45 AM and 9:30 AM Cottonwood Creek Elementary School will be practicing a LOCKDOWN drill. The actual drill should take less than 30 minutes. Do not be alarmed to see multiple emergency response vehicles in our parking lot during this time. Additionally, there will not be any student arrivals or check-outs during this time. Please see the attached [letter](#) for more details about this drill.

Cottonwood Creek ART SHOW and the Cherry Creek Mobile Art Gallery Event:

We are excited to have on display the Cottonwood Creek Art Show and the Cherry Creek Mobile Art Gallery from February 28th to March 11th. The Cottonwood Art Show, Future vs Frozen, display will be set up throughout our hallways and the Cherry Creek Mobile Art Gallery will be in the Cottonwood Innovation space.



Our Community Art Night viewing will be on Tuesday, March 5th from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM. During this time, docent tours led by our Student Leadership Representatives from grades 3/4/5, will be available. We will also have demonstrations by our Robotics Club going on at the same time.

What is the Cherry Creek Mobile Art Gallery?

The CherryArts Mobile Art Gallery (MAG) is a pop-up art gallery showcasing original works of art that travels to schools and public venues.

Cottonwood Creek received a grant from CherryArts to allow us to bring the gallery to our school. CherryArts is a Denver-based nonprofit that believes in two fundamental things:

1. Access to art is for everyone.
2. Artists are essential.

Cottonwood Creek is hiring:

Cottonwood is looking for a motivated individual to fill an available Paraprofessional position. This position works 4 hours per day (10 AM - 2 PM, this is flexible), Monday through Friday during the school year. If you or anyone you know would enjoy working with the awesome students and staff at Cottonwood Creek, please pass along the [job posting](#).

Give Back Cherry Creek:

Give Back Cherry Creek is a district run volunteer program intended to involve multiple generations in our schools. Please see the attached [flyer](#) for more information. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining this program, please contact Cottonwood's front office at (720) 554-3200.

From the School Clinic:

Getting vaccinated is an important part of keeping kids in school, as it prevents them from catching and spreading diseases that can make them sick. The State of Colorado and Cherry Creek School District require certain immunizations to attend public school. A required, annual newsletter was recently sent to all families regarding MMR immunization rates at Cottonwood Creek for the 2022-2023 school year. Please take the time to read this letter from our district. It has important information about all immunizations and exemptions.



As we are in the cold/flu season, If your child becomes sick, please follow the CDC/Cherry Creek School District policy for keeping them home during their illness. See the [LINK](#) for guidelines regarding fever, vomiting, diarrhea, cough etc.

CCSD Enrollment for SY 24-25:

Enrollment for SY 24-25 for all grades (UPK - 12) will open this Friday, March 1st. Current students do not need to be re-enroll every year, enrollment is only for students who are going to be new to the district and those who were previously withdrawn. Enrollment can be completed online through the district [Admissions](#) website.

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,

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