



February 5, 2024

Dear Cottonwood Families,

Happy Monday! Please see the following information on school activities, clubs and upcoming parent-teacher conferences.

February Fitness Challenge:

There has been a lot of chatter in the classrooms and hallways about the February Fitness Challenge. Students are excited about it, but we understand that many have questions. The February Fitness Challenge is a daily activity for students to do at home. A [handout](#) describing the challenge went home in backpacks over the past 2 weeks. The handout is double-sided, the front identifies a word for each day of February and the back identifies an exercise for each letter in the alphabet. Use the attached [glossary](#) of exercises to help your student(s) through their workout. If students complete all of the exercises associated with the word of the day, they are to cross that day off on the front -side of the handout.

Girls on the Run:

Parents of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade girls! We are looking forward to our spring season of Girls on the Run at Cottonwood Creek! Girls on the Run is open to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade girls. See the attached [flyer](#) for specific information regarding practice dates and cost. **Before you sign up, please note that girls must be able to attend BOTH practices each week (Mondays AND Thursdays until 4:15 pm).** Please do not sign up if your girl is already involved in a club on Mondays or Thursdays. Space is limited, so visit <https://girlsontherunrockies.org/registration/> to register today. Once you register, be on the lookout for a SignUp Genius for volunteer opportunities. Volunteers make a huge difference at our practices! We look forward to working with your girls this spring!

If you have questions, please contact our site coordinators, Coach Kori or Coach Kristina (kshaiman@cherrycreekschools.org or klayman@cherrycreekschools.org).

CCSD Dyslexia Community Group:

The Dyslexia Community Group will be holding a spring speaker series. Please see their [flyer](#) for the schedule of speakers.



Spring Conferences:

Just a heads-up, fall parent-teacher conferences will be held the **week of March 4th**. A conference Sign-up Genius will be emailed out the evening February 21st. If you have limited flexibility in your daily schedule, we suggest you sign-up as early as possible.

Kindergarten Round-Up and UPK Registration:

Just a reminder that registration for 24-25 Kindergarten and Universal Pre-Kindergarten is open. Please see the attached [Kindergarten Round-Up](#) flyer. Feel free to pass it along to any friends or neighbors who will be registering for UPK or kindergarten for next school year.

Registration for Universal PreKindergarten (UPK) requires registration with the State of Colorado and with Cherry Creek District Admissions. The website for the Cherry Creek registration will open February 1st but we now understand that the State registration will not open until a later date. Parents are encouraged to continue with their registration with CCSD. Just be sure to also submit the State portion when their website opens.

If you have any problems or questions regarding enrollment for next school year, please contact Thessica Covato at (720) 554-3201.

School of Choice:

Just a reminder that the deadline for the first school of choice lottery is this Wednesday, January 31st. The first lottery is limited to in-district applicants and children of CCSD qualified staff. Subsequent lotteries will run bi-weekly for applications received through May 31, 2024. Please note that the school of choice does not apply to incoming UPK students. To submit an application for school of choice, please visit the CCSD 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](#).

Parent Information Network (PIN) Meeting:

The February PIN meeting will be held tomorrow February 6, 2024 at 9:15 AM. For the meeting details, please visit their [website](#).



From the School Clinic:

As we come back from winter break, we expect to see a high number of illnesses. Colorado is currently experiencing a higher than usual number of norovirus outbreaks. Norovirus is highly contagious, and while it is often referred to as the “stomach flu,” it is not influenza. Norovirus sheds in the stool of people who are ill and spreads via fecal-oral route. Common symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea, nausea, and stomach pain. The best way to prevent the spread of the Norovirus is handwashing with soap and water. Hand sanitizer is not as effective on this virus. 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.

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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