



March 11, 2024

Dear Cottonwood Families,

It was great to connect with many of you last week when you were in the building for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Please review the following important information about upcoming events including CMAS testing for our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. We hope you have a relaxing and fun-filled Spring Break!

CMAS:

Parents of 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students, CMAS testing will take place between April 9th and April 26th. As you may know, it is important that students taking CMAS are present and arrive at school on time for testing. More specific information will be forthcoming in an email this Wednesday evening.

Spring Lockdown Drill:

This Wednesday, 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.

PTO Sponsored Cottonwood Auction April 19th:

Our biggest annual fundraiser is coming up next month, and we need your support! This year's auction has an '80s theme. You can help support our school by purchasing tickets to this fun night out and placing bids on some great auction items. Proceeds from the auction help close the gap between current state funding & school needs. Additionally, the proceeds fund Teacher Assistant salaries, school wide enrichment programs, educational subscriptions for students, and more. We appreciate any support you are able to provide.

Purchase your Cottonwood Auction tickets now for Early Bird pricing! (*Ticket prices increase on March 16th*): <https://us.givergy.com/2024cottonwoodauction/?controller=tickets>



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](#).

SEAC Meeting:

The next Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14th. Please see the attached [flyer](#) for details.

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:

When your child receives any new immunizations throughout the school year, obtain a new immunization record from their physician with the updated immunization(s) recorded on it and PLEASE bring that to the school clinic. We want your student's records to be accurate and up to date.

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. Please remind your child about good handwashing techniques and how it can prevent the spread of germs. See the [LINK](#) for guidelines regarding fever, vomiting, diarrhea, cough etc.

Photos of Furry Friends:

The school clinic is updating our bulletin board for the Spring and we want pictures of YOUR pets (all PETS)! Please send in a hard copy of your pet's picture to the nurses clinic so we can put it on display for the Spring!

CCSD Enrollment for SY 24-25:

All enrollment for the 24-25 school year is now open. Current students do not need to 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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