



March 25, 2024

Dear Cottonwood Families,

We hope you have a wonderful spring break and are ready for the remaining 9 weeks of the 23-24 school year. Please review the following information for school information and upcoming events.

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. For more specific information please refer to the [parent letter](#) sent out on March 13th.

District PASS Meeting:

The next district Partnership for Successful Students (PASS) meeting will be held on March 27th at the Cherry Creek High School, 9300 E Union Ave. from 6:00 PM - 7:30. The topic of the meeting will be Women's History Month.

Parent Information Network (PIN) Meeting:

The next PIN meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd from 9:15 AM - 11:00 AM. For more information please go to the PIN [website](#).

Solar Eclipse:

On Monday April 8th, we will hold a school-wide viewing of the solar eclipse from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM. During this time all students and staff will be outside, visitors will not be permitted on the school grounds. Please note that there will be no student check-in or check-out during this time. If you need to check your student in or out, plan to arrive at school by 11:30 AM. Otherwise, the front desk will reopen at 1:00 PM.

Class/Individual Pictures:

Save the date! Class and individual student photos will be taken on **Tuesday, April 9th**. Please note, there are no picture make-ups for this picture day. A [flyer](#) was sent home before spring break in student backpacks with ordering information.



Photos of Your 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!

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 three motivated individuals to join our team! We currently are hiring for the following positions, [Instructional Paraprofessional](#), [Severe Needs Paraprofessional](#), and [Behavior Regulation Technician](#). If you or anyone you know would enjoy working with the awesome students and staff at Cottonwood Creek, please pass along the job postings.

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.

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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