



March 4, 2024

Dear Cottonwood Families,

It's going to be a busy week! We are looking forward to seeing you for Parent-Teacher Conferences and Tuesday's Community viewing of the Cottonwood Art Show. Please review the following information for details on the upcoming lock-down drill and the Cottonwood Creek Auction, our biggest fundraising event of the year.

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.

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:

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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