



September 30, 2024

Dear Cottonwood Families,

I can not believe that we are 7 weeks into school and 2 weeks away from Fall Break! The time has gone by so fast this school year. I hope to bring your attention to two important topics mentioned in our newsletter:

1. October 2 from 8:00- 9:00 AM we will be discussing two important topics at our School Accountability Committee Meeting (SAC). We will be in person at COT and virtually [HERE](#)

- Bond / Mill = Guest Speakers - CCSD BOE member and Bond/Mill Consultant
- Growth and Achievement updates specific to COT - Mr. Francis

2. October Count: Did you know that October Count is a state-wide gathering of data for public schools in Colorado to verify student enrollment? See below for more information!

October at a Glance:

10/1 October Count Day	10/2 Cottonwood Voices of Color Meeting
10/1 Parents Informational Night (PIN) Meeting	10/5 Veterans and Military Appreciation Day
10/2 Cottonwood Lockdown Drill	10/10 Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting
10/2 Bond/ Mill SAC Meeting 8:00	10/23 District Voices of Color Meeting

DISTRICT INFORMATION:

Dam Road Closure:

Please be aware that starting today, the Dam Road will be closed for 3 weeks for repaving. Make plans to use an alternative route if this affects your commute to school. More information [HERE](#)



Veterans and Military Appreciation Day is October 5th.

[Military & Veterans Poster 2024](#)



Future Bruins Night

5th Grade parents, please mark your calendar for this year's Future Bruins Night!

When: November 6th, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Where: Cherry Creek High School

Parents Informational Night (PIN)

When: Tuesday, Oct. 1st @ 9:15 am and Tuesday, Oct. 8th @ 6:45 pm

Where: 14603 E. Fremont Avenue, Centennial, CO 80112

Topic: Dealing with Challenging Behavior: Who is Challenged: Me or My Child?

[Upcoming PIN meetings](#)

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC):

When: Thursday, October 10, 2024 -5:30-7:00 pm

Where: SARC (14188 E Briarwood Ave, Centennial, CO 80112)

Topic: Special Olympics

[Upcoming SEAC meetings](#)

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Lockdown Drill Reminder:

Scheduled for October 2nd. [COT Lockdown Drill Letter](#)

2024-2025 COT Voices of Color Meeting (previously known as P.A.S.S.)

When: Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024

Time: 4-5 pm

Location: Cottonwood Creek Library

District VOICES of Color engages community members in meaningful and effective partnerships that lead to positive outcomes for all students, but more specifically, students of color. We also would love for our multilingual families to join us for this meeting. The intent of our time together is to allow our families to engage with staff and administration in a smaller setting. Please let us know if you would like an interpreter. We hope to see you on Oct. 2.

October Count Day

October Count: Did you know that October Count is a state-wide gathering of data for public schools in Colorado to verify student enrollment? Below are the dates that we are required to use for October Count. At Cottonwood, we can verify a student's attendance on any one of these three dates.

- September 27 – School practice date
- October 1 – Official October Count date
- October 3 – Make-up date

Special note about October 3: Please know that Cottonwood is aware that families may be observing the High Holiday, Rosh Hashanah, and as such, we will be able to verify a student's attendance on September 27th or October 1st.

After School Clubs

We have a Science club starting in October!

Please visit our homepage under the Activities and Clubs heading for more information about this club and to sign-up. [24-25 Activities and Clubs](#)



From the Cottonwood Creek Nurse

Donations Needed: The clinic is in need of some clothing and underwear donations in specific sizes. Boy/girl underwear size 4-5 & 6-7 & Boy/girl pants/shorts size xs-s (4-5). 😊

Health Reminders: Hello from the Cottonwood Creek Clinic. As we are getting settled into the new school year we wanted to remind families about our health and wellness expectations here at school. In order to keep our students and staff safe and healthy please refer to the document listed below.

Health & Wellness Reminders: [A note from the Health Clinic](#)

Emergency Medication Reminder: If your student needs medications in the clinic please provide the updated health care plan and the medication. These plans must be renewed every year for use of medications in the clinic.

From our Specialists Teachers:

In an effort to provide parents information about what is happening during your student's specials time (Art, Music, P.E. and STEM), 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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