



September 9, 2024

Dear Cottonwood Families,

It's hard to believe we have been back in school for almost a month! Please take note of the reminders below including important information on the Mill and Bond measures. This has a significant impact on every school in CCSD and it is important that you as a community member are an informed voter. [Click here 2024 Mill Bond info.](#) On behalf of the Cottonwood Staff, we are grateful to be in a community and district that continues to support their neighborhood schools.

DISTRICT INFORMATION:

Cherry Creek Feeder Mill and Bond Presentation

Please join us for the Bond Presentation!

Cherry Creek Feeder Presentation - September 11 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Campus Middle School, 4785 S. Dayton Street, Greenwood Village, CO

[Cherry Creek Feeder Presentation Flyer](#)

Districtwide Mill and Bond Presentation

When: September 17 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Where: Cherry Creek Innovation Campus, 8000 S. Chambers Road, Centennial, CO

An additional meeting regarding the Bond/Mill will be held on Oct 2, 2024 8:00 AM at the Cottonwood School Accountability meeting in the Innovation Room.

Parents Informational Night (PIN) Update:

Please note that the September 10th meeting has been canceled.

[Upcoming PIN meetings](#)

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Attendance Reminders:

Absences/Late Arrivals - K-5 parents must leave a message on the attendance line (720) 554-3295 by 7:50 AM if your student will be absent or late. Please note that you need to include the reason for the absence or late arrival. If a reason is not provided, it will be considered unexcused. Please refer to pages 9 -11 of the [Student Conduct and Discipline, Rights and Responsibilities Responsibilities](#) for the District's policy on student absences and excuses.

Tardy Arrivals - The district does track the number of times a student arrives late. Although we understand that sometimes life circumstances are unavoidable, we ask that parents do their best to have students arrive on-time. The school day entails a tight schedule for both teachers and students so we need your help to reduce classroom interruptions. If possible, please try to keep your student's unexcused late arrivals under 10 occurrences over the course of the school year. Please reach out to the front office if there is a special circumstance we need to be aware of or can assist with.

Late Pick-Ups: Like tardy arrivals, we will also track late pick-ups. After dismissal, teachers and staff continue a busy schedule. Again, we are asking for your help by assuring that your student(s) are picked up on time. If you have conflicts that regularly prevent you from picking up on time, you might want to look into after school care. Cottonwood Creek has a [Before & After School Program](#) and there are a number of private child care centers in the area that offer after school programs.

Items dropped off for Students:

When dropping off items for students during the day (including lunches), please make sure they are labeled with their name and their teacher's name and delivered to the school by 9.30am. Items should be placed in the white cubby in the front vestibule for delivery. Remember, we do have water cups in the front office and lunch is free again this year.

Building Visitors:

Just a reminder that all building visitors must come through the main entrance and obtain a security badge from the front office. Do not enter the building through the playground doors. For safety, we do not want students or staff to get used to visitors walking around the building without a badge.

From the Cottonwood Creek Nurse:

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 & 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.

Vision Screenings 9/25: Our school will be performing vision screenings on Wednesday 9/25. If you have any questions, please contact the school clinic at (720) 554-3208, Mandy Blakeney RN or Lesli Copp Health Liaison.

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](#).



Battle of the Books for 4th and 5th Grade:

Battle of the Books registration is open! Please use this [Google form](#) to sign up your child. Practice will be held in Mrs. Bainbridge's room on Mondays from 2:45-3:35. Due to the collaborative nature of this club, we request that your child not miss more than two meetings. Only 40 students can participate in Battle of the Books. We will send more information to the first 40 students that sign up. Please sign up by Friday, Sept. 27.

Events and Dates:

2024-2025 District Voices of Color Meetings (previously known as P.A.S.S.)

September 18, 2024

National Hispanic Heritage Month

Overland High School: 12400 E. Jewell Ave Aurora, CO 80012 6.00 - 7.30pm

[Upcoming meetings for Voices of Color](#)

 Basketball Tryouts are coming up

[Click here for more information](#)

STEAM-A-Palooza IX:

The 9th annual [STEAM-A-PALOOZA](#) will take place on Saturday, September 28th this year at the Cherry Creek Innovation Campus.

Veterans and Military Appreciation Day is October 5th.

[Military & Veterans Poster 2024](#)

Sincerely,

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