



September 16, 2024

Dear Cottonwood Families,

We continue to see extremely positive growth and achievement scores in multiple data points at our school. During our next SAC, School Accountability Meeting on October 2 at 8:00 AM, I will explain how our local and state scores are some of the best in the district as well as the entire state. I believe one of the keys to Cottonwood's success is putting the very best staff members in front of your children. We are so lucky to have amazing adults working with your children in so many ways every single day.

Whether it is our SAC, PTO, or VOICES of Color, we hope that you find a way to be connected and informed at COT. We are in the final days of our 2024 Cougar Dash and appreciate your support and generosity as we fundraise as a way to pay for more positions to support the students at Cottonwood.

September at a glance:

9/11 - Bond Meeting Cherry Creek Feeder

9/25 - Vision Screenings

9/17 - Bond Meeting Districtwide

9/27 - Battle of the Books registration
deadline (4th & 5th Grade)

09/20 - No students in school

9/18 - Voices of Color District Meeting

DISTRICT INFORMATION:

Cherry Creek Feeder Mill and Bond Presentation

Please join us for the Bond Presentation!

When: September 11 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Where: 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

AM at the Cottonwood School Accountability meeting in the Innovation Room.

An additional meeting regarding the Bond/Mill will be held on Oct 2, 2024 8:00

SEL (social and emotional learning) Screener:

As part of our effort to support our students' Whole Wellbeing, the Cherry Creek School District is once again implementing a universal social and emotional (SEL) screening for students. Please click the link for more information.

 [SEL Screener Family Letter 2024 - English.pdf](#)

Parents Informational Night (PIN) Update:

[Upcoming PIN meetings](#)

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Secure Perimeter Drill:

On the morning of Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 9:55 am, Cottonwood Creek Elementary School will be practicing a Secure Perimeter drill. This drill should take less than 20 minutes. During this drill, staff and students will be inside the building and business as usual. Students and staff will be able to move throughout the building and we will not be able to open the exterior doors to visitors at this time. This is all part of the district supported [SRP Safety Protocols](#).

After School Clubs:

Cottonwood offers a variety of after school clubs. Please visit our homepage under the Activities and Clubs heading for more information and sign-ups. This section has been recently updated, so please click the link below. The Cottonwood Front Office is happy to assist with questions on clubs that our teachers have made available. If you have questions about an outside club, we ask that you contact them directly. [24-25 Activities and Clubs](#)



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 Voices of Color Meeting (previously known as P.A.S.S.)

Please join us for our first **V.O.I.C.E.S. of Color** meeting this school year. We will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 4-5 pm in the Cottonwood Creek Library.

District V.O.I.C.E.S. 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.

Next District Voices of Color meeting:

[Upcoming meetings for Voices of Color](#)

Picture retakes:

For those who missed picture day or need their picture retaken, please mark your calendar for Picture Retakes on October 3.

 **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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