



September 23, 2024

Dear Cottonwood Families,

On 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](#)

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

Are you registered to vote this November? Check your registration today at <https://www.coloradosos.gov/voter>—it only takes 1 minute! **Reminder:** Ballot measures that impact your town and your school district will be at the bottom of the ballot after national, statewide, and county measures. Don't forget to fill out your ballot completely. Measures at the bottom of the ballot have the greatest local impact.

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### September at a Glance:

9/25 Vision Screenings

9/28 9th annual [STEAM-A-PALOOZA](#)

9/27 Battle of the Books

9/30 Picture Retakes (this is a new date)

Registration deadline (4th & 5th Grade)

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### DISTRICT INFORMATION:

#### Mill and Bond Information

An additional meeting regarding the Bond/Mill will be held on Oct 2, 2024 8:00 am during the School Accountability meeting.

#### Bruin Nights:

5th Grade parents, mark your calendar for this year's Future Bruins Night at Cherry Creek High School on November 6th, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

#### SEL (Social Emotional Learning) Screener

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

[SEL Screener Letter](#)



**Veterans and Military Appreciation Day is October 5th.**

[Military & Veterans Poster 2024](#)

**Parents Informational Night (PIN) Update:**

Next Meeting:

Oct. 1 -- 9:15 a.m. (TUES) AND Oct. 8 -- 6:45 p.m. (TUES)

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

[Upcoming PIN meetings](#)

**Special Education Advisory Committee:**

[Upcoming SEAC meetings](#)

**District Voices of Color meeting:**

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LGBT History Month, Indigenous Peoples' Day, Makahiki Season begins

Cherokee Trail High School: 25901 E. Arapahoe Rd Aurora, CO 80016

[Upcoming meetings for Voices of Color](#)

**SCHOOL INFORMATION:**



**Picture Retakes:**

Please note there is a new date for picture retakes. These are now scheduled for Monday, September 30th.

**2024-2025 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. COT can verify a student's attendance on any one of these three dates.

September 27 – This is the school practice date.

- October 1 – This is the official October Count date.
- October 3 – This is the make-up date.

Special note about October 3: Please know that COT 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 27 or October 1.

## 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:

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](#)

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.

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](#).



### **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.

### **September 27: Movie Night at COT hosted by PTO**

Don't forget to update your personal information, including your teacher assignment, in the Membership Toolkit to get updates on all things COT PTO. Go to [Cottonwood Creek Elementary PTO - Home Page \(membershiptoolkit.com\)](#) for more information on PTO and the movie night.

Sincerely,

Drew Francis - Principal [Cottonwood Creek Elementary School](#)

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