



September 3, 2024

Dear Cottonwood Families,

Thank you for your patience with our office as we get settled into the new year with new front office staff. We are trying to find the balance of keeping you informed and not overwhelming families with too much information. It was great to see so many families at our PTO New Family Welcome last week.

PTO:

PTO general meeting tonight 6pm in person at Cottonwood. To attend the virtual meeting click the link below. [Join our Icloud HD Video meeting](#)

Don't forget to update your personal information, including your teacher assignment, in the [Membership Toolkit](#). This will be the final time this is mentioned in the newsletter.

Parent Information Network (Pin):

PIN works in association with, but is not part of, the Cherry Creek School District. No RSVP needed. Presentations are FREE and, unless noted otherwise, are held at:

14603 E. Fremont, Centennial CO 80112

[PIN presentation Flyer](#)

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](#)

Save the Date: COT School Accountability meeting = Oct 2, 2024 8:00 AM Topic = Bond / Mill



Volunteering at Cottonwood:

There are many opportunities for you to be involved at Cottonwood Creek. Sharing your time and talents enriches educational experience for our students, provides additional support to teachers and staff and promotes positive school/community partnerships.

Every volunteer will need to complete a brief application to support activities. This information will be automatically linked to the Raptor System. Please see the link below to apply. We thank you for your partnership in keeping our schools safe!

[Volunteer Application](#)

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 will be updated the first part of September so please use the link below to check for updates. 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.

[COT 2024-25 Activities & Clubs](#)

Student drop off/pick up :

As a reminder, students cannot enter the school building until 7:50 AM, unless they are going to breakfast, which begins at 7:45 AM. Please note that there is no staff supervision prior to 7:50 AM. Students who are on campus prior to 7:50 AM must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Additionally, if you are dropping off or picking up from the front drop-off lane, please **pull your vehicle all the way forward**. This allows better traffic flow on Orchard for our community. At no time should you park your vehicle in this lane because it is a fire lane. If you need to get out of your vehicle, please park either in the school parking lot or on Orchard Rd or one of the side neighborhood streets. Thank you for understanding.

Lunch Accounts:



All meals (breakfast and lunch) remain free for all students this year due to the Free Meals For All legislation that passed in November of 2022. Families should be encouraged to complete a meal application to take advantage of other benefits offered to them and to support Title I funding in CCSD. Meal Application: www.myschoolapps.com

Adding money to your students lunch account: Parents are welcome to add money, cash or check, directly through Cottonwood's kitchen staff. Additionally, you can also add money through our online system. Food and nutrition implemented a new online system this year, MySchoolBucks: www.MySchoolBucks.com (there is no fee for this service). For questions or assistance please call 1-855-832-5226.

Save the Date:



Basketball Tryouts are coming up!



[Click here for more information](#)

[CCSD STEAM-A-Palooza](#)



Veterans and Military Appreciation Day is October 5th.

[Click here for more information here](#)

Sincerely,



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