

Cottonwood Creek Elementary PTO Community email from Cottonwood Creek PTO on Sep 3, 2017 "eTales - Week of September 3rd"



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Parent Express



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Note from the PTO:

We hope you're enjoying the sun, warm weather and the long holiday weekend! There's a lot to report on at this time of the year...please make sure to read all the way through. Also, you may have noticed we are having technical trouble with our website. We are working with our provider to rectify the issue and expect it to be resolved soon. Thank you for all you do to build a better community at Cottonwood!

Marnie Kamensky & Jen Feingold, PTO Co-Presidents

eTales

Week of September 3, 2017

UPCOMING COTTONWOOD EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

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THANK YOU to everyone who supported Run4Fund\$ this year! We are so lucky to have such caring families in our Cottonwood community. Currently, we have surpassed our school goal - AMAZING! Please note: some classes have not hit their Kona Ice and Hydroblast Parties— ask your student how their class is doing! Just a reminder our student goal is to have each student raise at least \$100.

Class winners have not yet been announced as we are calculating late pledges, but here is the current standing (winners will be announced on 9/6):

GRADES K-2:

1. Mrs. Kark (1st)
2. Mrs. Gayle (1st)
3. Mrs. Lang (K/PM)

GRADES 3-5

1. Mrs. Layman/ Mrs. Wehrle (4th)
2. Mrs. Minatta (3rd)
3. Mrs. Derbish (5th)

We have had several people ask if donations are still being accepted. The answer is YES! **We have extended the deadline - donations will be accepted through Tuesday 9/5!** We will keep the online site open and checks/cash will be accepted in the main office through Tuesday (9/5) EOD. Please make sure if you do not have your form or envelope that you label your donation with your student's name and teacher! Funds must be collected by 9/5 to be counted towards class and individual prizes on 9/8.

www.run4fundscolorado.com/cottonwood

To see your student's online totals, click on **MY PLEDGES** button and enter the username and password below:

USERNAME: Cwood

PASSWORD: Cougars

If you're not sure what prizes your student or family qualifies for, please go to:

<https://www.run4fundscolorado.com/cottonwood/school-prizes.php>

As a reminder, class parties are:

- \$85 Avg/Student = Kona Ice Party
- \$95 Avg/Student = Hydroblast Party

Top Dollar K-2/ 3-5 = Class Mascot + Limo Cruise

Best Spirit K-2/ 3-5 = Class Mascot + Limo Cruise

Top Grade to raise the most FUNDS = Foam Party

Reminder that Prize Day is THIS Friday 9/8* so make sure your students donations are turned in ASAP. We have a lot of students who are really close to the next prize level— remember funds raised through this event are crucial to the success of Cottonwood!

Finally, to make prize day a success we need your help— please sign-up below to volunteer for one of the two shifts!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4eaca82ca20-prize>

If you have any questions, please contact Carah Gelfand or Nicole Terch
carahgelfand@gmail.com or nicoleterch@gmail.com.

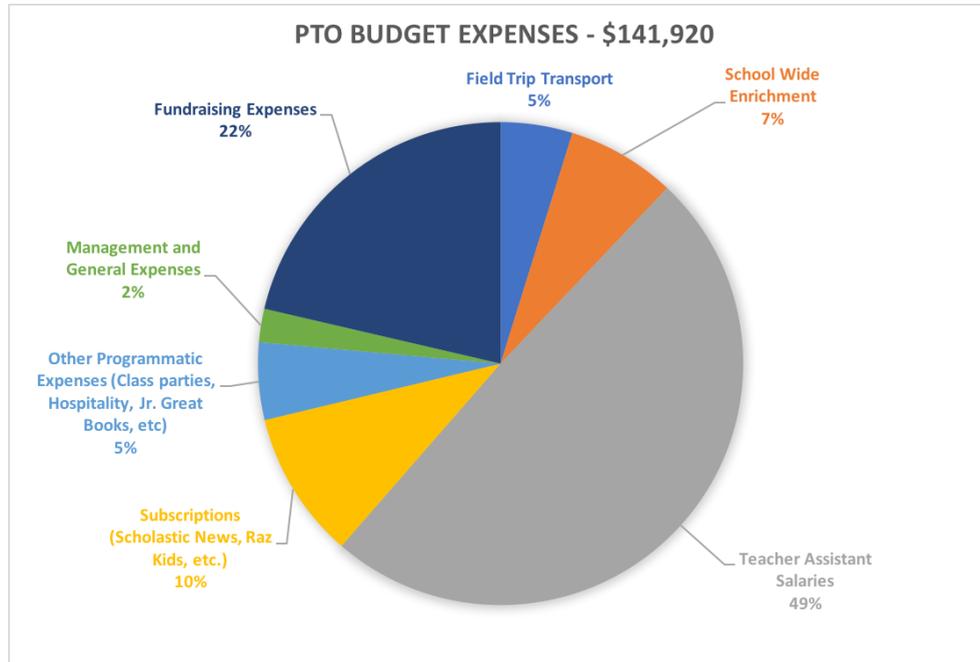
**3rd graders will still get to participate in all celebration activities before and after their field*

Where does the money go?



WHERE DO MY PTO DOLLARS GO?

Have you ever wondered what the PTO does with the money we raise? We have a budget of approximately \$140,000 for the 2017/2018 school year. Here's a snapshot of where it all goes:



CARNIVAL ON OCTOBER 13TH!

SAVE THE DATE! Carnival is just around the corner! This year, Carnival will take place on **Friday, October 13th from 3 to 6pm**. Please consider being a sponsor for the carnival games and booths! New this year - different sponsorship levels are being offered: \$100, \$50 or \$25! To sponsor, click on the following link:

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/carnival-sponsorship>

IMPORTANT: In the past, we have relied on student volunteers from Campus and CC High School. Because of the new time, they will not be available until after 4pm. **WE WILL BE RELYING HEAVILY ON PARENT VOLUNTEERS FROM 3 TO 4PM.** If it's at all possible for you to lend an hour of your time, please do so! If you are interested either sponsoring the event or volunteering, or if you have any questions, please contact Chareese Lopez at chareese.lopez@gmail.com or Lauren Kimball at laurenkimball219@gmail.com.





UPCOMING COTTONWOOD PARTIES*

WE ARE LOOKING FOR HOSTS FOR GRADE LEVEL KIDS' PARTIES! Please consider being a host for a Cottonwood Kid's Parties. Contact Nicky Fleming at nickysaddress@hotmail.com or see attached flyer for more details.

There's still time to sign up for these upcoming Cottonwood parties!

Doggie Dip and Dive. September 10th from 5:00 to 7:00pm. Bring your dogs to Cherry Creek Vista Pool to watch them dive into the pool before the pool is winterized for the season. This event is open to all-sized, nice dogs. A baby pool available for our little pooches. <https://doggie-dip-dive-sept-10th-55775.cheddarup.com/>

3rd Grade Boys Dart Wars Party. September 10th from 4:30 to 6:30pm . Drop off your 3rd grade boy(s) for an afternoon of dart wars! Pizza and snacks provided. The fun will take place on Sunday, September 10th* from 4:30 - 6:30 at Orchard Park, 11350 E Orchard Road, Englewood, CO 80111. Please bring sunglasses for eye protection if the kids have them, and a nerf gun (we have extras if you don't). Please write your name on darts and nerf guns if you want to be sure they will come home with you. To register, click here: <https://3rd-grade-boys-nerf-wars-party-63900.cheddarup.com//>

Dudes and Daughters Dance. September 15th at 6: 00pm. Attention all Dudes/Dads: Make memories with your daughter at the annual Cottonwood Creek Dudes & Daughter dance. Dance will take place on Friday, September 15th at 6pm. \$25 per couple. To sign up, click on the following link: <https://dudes-daughter-dance.cheddarup.com>. SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Mother-Son Kickball Game. September 16th at 10:00am. Moms, make memories with your son at the annual Mother/Son Kickball game. This will be held on September 16th at 10am on the Cottonwood Creek fields. \$15 per couple. Click here to sign up: <https://mother-son-kickball-game-sept-16-10am-cottonwood-creek.cheddarup.com>

*If you need financial assistance for any of our events, please contact our wonderful school social workers....all communication is confidential.



UPCOMING RESTAURANT NIGHTS

Stop by DogHaus or Pieology for the 1st Restaurant Nights of the year on **September 15th & 16th** . They've been specifically planned around the Daddy-Daughter Dance/Mother-Son Kickball weekend, so grab your kids and enjoy time off from cooking! For details, please see attached flyers at the bottom of eTales.



COTTONWOOD CALLER (student directory)

INFORMATION

Advertise your local business in the Cottonwood Caller!

Reserve your space today!

The Caller is Cottonwood Creek's School Directory purchased by approximately 95% of Cottonwood families. The directory is used as a reference tool for essential school information throughout the year, so your advertisement's potential exposure is great! Advertising in The Caller is an economical way to support the school and community while promoting your business.

Prices for camera-ready ads are as follows:

Front/back inside cover	\$350.00
Full page	\$175.00
½ page	\$125.00
¼ page	\$ 75.00

If you or someone you know is interested in placing an ad in The Caller, please contact Whitney Berger at 443-834-4834 or send an email to wferriell@hotmail.com.

The deadline for placing ads is Friday, September 15, 2017.

CALLING ALL 5th GRADE ARTISTS! The 5th Grade Caller Art Contest is happening now! 5th grade artists may submit their artwork until Sept. 15th. See attached flyer for more details.

If you would still like to purchase a caller, please fill out the attached form (below) or pick one up outside of the front office. Deadline for orders is September 22, 2017.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Cottonwood is a special place due in large part to our parent community. There are multiple ways to share your time and talents at school (or home) if you so choose.

If you signed up to volunteer through the website, please know committee chairs will be receiving their list of volunteers in the next week and begin contacting you shortly.

Currently, there is an urgent need for volunteers at Run for Funds Prize Day (9/8) and also our upcoming Carnival (10/13). Please see related sections in eTales for more information. The key to our continued success lies with our amazing group of parent volunteers. Thank you!



HELP SUPPORT COTTONWOOD EVERY TIME YOU SHOP!

Did you know that every time you make a purchase at King Soopers using your reloadable card, Cottonwood receives 5% back? It's that simple and easy. The only difficult thing is to remember to use it! If you don't yet have a card, please contact our treasurer, Lisa Farr at jhlsfarr@msn.com. Thank you for your support!

Don't forget about these other ROAR Rewards, too! Earn money for Cottonwood every time you shop: Cravelt!, Delectable Egg, Red Robin, Box Tons for Education, and other

time you shop: Gravel!, Delicate Egg, Red Robin, Box Tops for Education, and other Restaurant Nights.



COTTONWOOD CLUBS ARE STARTING FOR THE YEAR!

Please see the attached flyer for details. FYI, these are managed by the front office. Please direct all questions to Joan Salinger at jsalinger@cherrycreekschools.org or the respective club instructors!



HOW ARE WE DOING?

What can we do to make your experience at Cottonwood better? We want to hear from you! We'd love to hear your thoughts, suggestions and ideas. Just email Marnie Kamensky or Jen Feingold at presidents@cottonwoodpto.com. Also, make sure to visit our website with up to date information on everything Cottonwood at <http://www.cottonwoodcreekpto.com> or visit us on Facebook.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT COTTONWOOD



Upcoming Dates:

- 9/4: No School – Labor Day
- 9/6: School Picture Day
- 9/8: Run4Funds Prize Day
- 9/10: 3rd Grade Boys Dart Wars Party
- 9/10: Doggie Dip and Dive
- 9/15: Dudes & Daughter Dance/Restaurant Nights
- 9/16: Mother/Son Kickball Game/Restaurant Nights
- 10/3: Bike/Walk/Scoot to School Day
- 10/13: Carnival (after school)

- Attachment #1: [17 Cottonwood Dudes and Daughters Dance Color \(1\).pdf](#)
- Attachment #2: [Caller - 5th Grade Art Contest.doc](#)
- Attachment #3: [Caller Order Form 2017-2018.doc](#)
- Attachment #4: [Cottonwood Clubs & Activities.pdf](#)
- Attachment #5: [Dog Haus Flyer 2018.doc](#)
- Attachment #6: [Party advert PTO.doc](#)
- Attachment #7: [pieology.docx](#)

