

Cottonwood Creek Elementary PTO Community email from Cottonwood Creek Elementary on Sep 20, 2015 "Cottonwood Creek eTales for week of 9/21"



## Message from the PTO

Parent Express



September 20, 2015

Dear PTO Community,

Lots of fun events going on at Cottonwood this month! Please see below for more details.

### Thank You!

- Thank you to all of the committee chairs who have been organizing parent volunteers to support our teachers and staff including Molly Lamar, Shikha Sundaram, Amanda Prager, Rachel Schmela, Chareese Lopez, Leigh Bush, Jennifer Stern, Jennifer Tamburini, Kimber Foster, and Susan Tan. And of course a big thanks to all of the parents who've signed up to help out!
- Thank you to the our Caller Committee, Sally Park and Crystal Windbigler for getting our student directory ready last week!
- Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out with the awesome Daddy-Daughter Dance and Mom-Son Kickball tournament this week. It was a great time! Special thank you too our dance sponsors - Total Orthodontics, King Soopers and Digital DJ and volunteers Stacy Johnson, Lindsey Talaga, Kim Eggers, Kim Robles, and Shayna Citron and the big sisters from Cherry Creek high school. And extra thank yous to our kickball referees - Mike Lauber, Matt Kamensky, Billy Karp, and Steve Shineman and also to Amy Shineman for keeping us all organized!

### We Need You!

#### Peaceful Playgrounds

Want to play with your kids at recess and facilitate games? Training for those interested in volunteering for Peaceful Playgrounds is on again on Thursday, September 24th, 9-9:45 am. Contact Cher Serhal, [cmserhal@hotmail.com](mailto:cmserhal@hotmail.com), for more information.

#### Hearing and Vision screenings September 28th-29th.

Volunteers are needed to help conduct the screenings. Simple training will be provided prior to your shift. Sign up here -

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e4aacab29ab9-hearing/>

### Upcoming Events

Fall Carnival is coming! Friday September 25th

## Homework Headaches?

Get tips for successful study practices at **SchoolFamily.com** and make homework hassle-free!



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Fall Carnival is coming! Friday September 25th  
 Mark your calendars! The Cottonwood Carnival is coming on September 25th from 11am to 2pm. Wristbands are good for unlimited games and prizes! Tickets are needed for all food items, face painting, balloon animals, pie eating, cake walk, hair chalk, and more!

- Would you like to volunteer on the day of Carnival? **WE NEED ADULTS !!!** There are several areas that **MUST** have adult volunteers. Please take a minute to sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0449a9ac2fa7f94-cottonwood1>
- We need cakes, pies, brownies, any baked goods, for the **Cake Walk** ! Please visit our sign up sheet to donate baked goods: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0449a9ac2fa7f94-cottonwood1>
- Back by popular demand, the **International Tasting Tent** ! If you would like to make a dish to showcase at the Tasting Tent, please visit our sign up sheet (does NOT need to be an international food): <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0448a9a823ab9-cottonwood1>
- If you would like be a **Sponsor** at the Carnival, please contact: Elise Marks-Gruitch: [eliseemarks@aol.com](mailto:eliseemarks@aol.com).

Pre-Sale tickets will continue all this week before and after school at the Kindie and 5th grade doors, as well as the day of Carnival. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Tickets will be sold at the Kid's Club Door on Wed, 9/16 from 4:30pm-5:30pm

### Carnival Food Drive

Every student or family attending the carnival is encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item **TO** the carnival. Collection boxes will be on the Cottonwood baseball field at the carnival. If you're unable to attend the carnival, donations may be dropped off prior to the carnival at the school front office, or on the porch of Rebecca Peterson: 5181 South Ironton Way. All items will be donated to Wishlist Neworks Fresh Harvest Food Bank.

### Destination Imagination Parent Information Night, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30 PM CCE Library

DI is a team based program that focuses on creative problem solving in engineering, science, art, improve and other areas. If you are interested in coaching a team or getting you child involved, please plan to attend our parent information night. If you cannot attend, please contact Stephanie Peacock at [peacockbrd@yahoo.com](mailto:peacockbrd@yahoo.com). See attached flyer for more details.

### Scoot/Walk/Bike to school Wednesday, September 30th!

The class with the most participants will receive a prize. Volunteers are needed to help stamp the hands of kids who participate when they arrive at school. Sign up here - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e4aacab29ab9-bike/>

### Shop Evereve Wednesday, September 30 from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Grab your Cottonwood Moms and head to Evereve at Park Meadows and pick up some new fall pieces and 15% goes back to Cottonwood! All you have to do is shop that day, tell them you are with Cottonwood Creek and they will cut the school a check the next day! Last time we raised over \$400 for Cottonwood. Let's see if we can better it this time! If you come between 5-7pm there will be wine and a bit of munchies. Thanks for shopping till you drop!

<http://www.evite.com/event/02883XCTCQM4MUUE6EPFLC7DUMZ2MM>

### RUN 4 FUNDS Fall Fundraiser – October 4th

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Get ready for our biggest fundraiser! Student Rally will be held at Cottonwood PTO and pledge forms will go home that day. Run day is Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. More information to come soon.

### **Let Taziki's Bring Dinner to You – Orders Due October 9th**

Taziki's will offer ready-to-go catered dinner to be picked up at Cottonwood on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Pre-orders are due October 9<sup>th</sup>. See attached flyer for details and order form.

### **Upcoming Dates**

Monday Sept 21, [Cherry Creek 2021](#) 7-9 pm Smokey Hill HS

Thursday, Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, Run 4 Funds Rally at Cottonwood

Thursday, September 24th, 7-9 pm Board of Education Candidate Forums , CCHS

Friday, September 25th NO SCHOOL – Cottonwood [Carnival](#), 11AM -2 PM

Monday, September 28th, Destination Imagination Parent Information Night 6-7:30 PM

Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> Scoot/Walk to school

Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, [Run 4 Funds](#)

Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cultural Connections, 8 AM

Monday October 5<sup>th</sup> -16, Cartridges For Kids Collection Drive

Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup> PIN Presentation: Happiness and Stress: Change Your Mindset, 9:15-11:15 AM , SARC

Friday October 16<sup>th</sup>, Box Tops Due

Please contact us with any questions!

Kathleen McCrohan and Stephanie Peacock

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Attachment #1: [Destination Imagination Parent Information Night.docx](#)

Attachment #2: [Peaceful Playgrounds School flyer 15-16.docx](#)

Attachment #3: [Taziki Order Form.pdf](#)