



## Message from the PTO

Parent Express



January 10, 2016

Dear Cottonwood Community,

We wanted to start this eTales with a big THANK YOU to all of the room and party parents who did so much for the staff and students before Winter break. The class gifts mean so much to the teachers and staff. All of the students enjoyed the many fun parties that marked the beginning of Winter break. A special thanks to Molly Lamar and Shikha Sundaram, our volunteer coordinators who tirelessly filled positions, trained room and party parents and generally made things run smoothly!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Sign up for Junior Great Book by Jan 15<sup>th</sup>**

Junior Great Books is a low-key, relaxed time for students to get together while they eat lunch and discuss short stories. Each set of stories explores a particular theme and is geared to each grade level. The stories typically take about 20 minutes to read at home. Cost is \$20. See attached flyer to sign-up or contact Tina Nagamani at [toffee108@gmail.com](mailto:toffee108@gmail.com) or 720-301-9582 with questions.

[Junior Great Books Sign-up](#)

#### **Family STEM Night: Parent Interest Survey**

Please let us know your family's interest in participating in and helping organize a family STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) night for Cottonwood. Mr Dennstedt will be contact any parents who are interested.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HYSK9D2>

#### **Peaceful Playgrounds is always recruiting volunteers!**

Come play with your child during their lunch recess and help facilitate games that provide structure on the (sometimes scary) playground. Time commitment is once a month (or more if your schedule allows) for 30 minutes. Sound fun? Contact Cher Serhal, [cmserhal@hotmail.com](mailto:cmserhal@hotmail.com)) for more information. Training is provided.

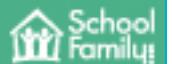
### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Chipotle Restaurant Night, Tues Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, 4-8 PM**

Mention Cottonwood Creek when you pick-up or dine-in at the Peoria & Arapahoe location.



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Help!**

**Cultural Connections Planning Meeting, Wed Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM Cottonwood Library**

The Cultural Connections Committee’s goal is to promote activities and communication to create a welcoming community at Cottonwood. The planning meeting for the second half of the year will be this Wednesday. Children are welcome to attend. Contact Jennie Preece ( [jenniepreece@gmail.com](mailto:jenniepreece@gmail.com) ) or Susan Tan ( [smui2@yahoo.com](mailto:smui2@yahoo.com) ) for more information.

[Why ads?](#)

**REMINDER: SAVE THE DATE**

**Top Golf Night, Thurs Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30 PM**

Play and support Cottonwood on January 28th from 6:30 to 8:30. The cost is \$80 per person. Includes dinner. <https://www.cheddarup.com/tabs/topgolftop-golf-parent-fundraiser>

**Sockhop Dance Fundraiser: Friday, Feb 19 at Cherry Creek High School, 6-8 PM**

Kids dance the night away in their 1950's looks, and enjoy other activities like face-painting, photo booth, and games.

**March Madness Parents Night Out Fundraiser: Friday March 18 at Valley Country Club**

March Madness theme event for adults only. Watch the playoff games on multiple screens, enjoy game day eats, play hoops, darts, corn hole, and other games.

**FULL CALENDAR**

Board of Education Meeting	Mon., Jan 11th	7-9 pm	Sky
Spelling Bee	Tues., Jan 12th	2:00 PM	Gym
School Accountability Meeting	Tues., Jan 12th	3:45-4:45 pm	Libra
Chipotle Restaurant Night	Tues., Jan 12th	4-8 pm	
Cultural Connections	Wed., Jan 13th	8-9 am	Libra
No School	Mon., Jan 18th		
SEAC Meeting	Thurs., Jan 21st	9:30-11:30 am	ESC
PTO Meeting	Fri., Jan 22nd	9:00 AM	Cafe
Western Wear Day	Fri., Jan 22nd	All Day	
District PASS Meeting	Wed., Jan 27th	6-8 pm	Prar
Sock Hop	Fri. Feb. 19th	6-8 pm	CCH
Annual Parents Night Out Fundraiser	Fri. Mar 18th		Valle

Kathleen McCrohan and Stephanie Peacock  
PTO Co-Presidents

