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Message from the PTO

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SAVE THE DATE: SPRING ONLINE AND LIVE AUCTION

More details to follow but for now mark your calendars for our upcoming spring Online Auction which will run from **Wednesday, April 11 thru April 18**, and the live auction event will be held on **Friday, April 14 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Two Penguins**. If you or someone you know is interested in donating a book, please stop by the front office to pick up a donation form. Look for more details in future eTales.

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COTTONWOOD SERVES: LEND A HELPING HAND

The mittens are out! The mittens for the “Lend a Helping Hand” drive are located on the bulletin board into the school and we have already received such a brilliant response! Thank you, Cottonwood! The drive is still available, though. New this year: you can pick either an entire family or a single child. And everything helps. This drive benefits families in need from one of our sister schools around the world. See the attached flyer for details. The drive runs through December 14th.



Thank you!
Jennie Preece and Mimi Skeehan
Cottonwood SERVES Committee



A note from Mrs. Wehrle & Mrs. Derbish: Please join us! Cottonwood's Student Leader celebration for Cottonwood Creek's *new* 2017-2018 students. We'll have treats, games, and a celebration will be held on **Tuesday, December 19 from 2:45 to 4:00 p.m.** in Mrs. Derbish's room. Please contact Mrs. Derbish at mderbish@cherrycreekschools.org. See attached flyer for information.



JUNIOR GREAT BOOKS BEGINS IN JANUARY!

JGB is a low-key, relaxed time for students to get together during lunch and discuss short stories. Students will be encouraged to lead the student groups! Deadline to sign up is **December 22nd**. See attached flyer for more information. Contact Erin Tobkin at etate11@aol.com.



HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD BULLETIN BOARD

The Cultural Connections committee is thrilled to announce that they have a new "International Holidays" bulletin board in the hall near the lunchroom that will be left up through the first part of 2018. The board would love for the Cottonwood families to add their holidays to it! Create a 3x5 or 4x6 card for any holiday that you celebrate throughout the year. You can add a picture to the card, a poem, a song, etc. Bring multiple cards for multiple holidays to add if you'd like. The students can add their own cards too!

Thank you for sharing your holidays with our community!



HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR TEACHERS & STAFF

Hard to believe the holidays are just around the corner, which means it's time for **winter parties** and **gift collections** will take place on **Friday, December 22nd**. Party Parents have already begun the planning process and will have more opportunities soon. Room Parents began notifying parents of their individual classroom gift collections after the holidays.

We would also like to thank the Specials teachers and numerous staff members who help our amazing school run smoothly: office staff, kitchen staff, school nurse and teaching assistants. We are requesting a \$5 donation from each of them. We will pool the money received to get each of them a token of our appreciation. **Please contribute no later than December 22nd** to the following link to pay via check or credit card: <https://winter-gift-collection-for-specials-and-staff.cheddaruniversity.com>

As always, gift collections are optional.

For *classroom specific questions*, please contact your teacher's Room Parent or Party Parent. For *school-wide questions*, please contact Kathleen McCrohan (ketomasula@hotmail.com) or Carrie Ripes (caripes11@gmail.com). See attached flyer for more information.

Thank you, Kathleen & Carrie



RESTAURANT NIGHT - CHIPOTLE

Join us at Chipotle on Arroyo Road on **December 16th from 4:00 - 8:00 pm**. A dinner...

Join us at Chipotle on Arapahoe Road on **December 13th** from **4:00 - 8:00 pm**. A percent to Cottonwood...please mention us! See the flyer for more information.



UPCOMING HAPPENINGS!

Dads' Night Out: Come join hosts Brett Johnson, Rob Schmela and Steve Shineman for a 6:30pm at Valley Country Club. \$10 entry (via cheddarup link) and \$25 cash buy-in for the available for purchase.

Moms' Night Out: Come and relax and kick off the 2nd half of the year with hosts Linc Johnson, Karen Laughlin-Leach and Nicole Terch at Lindsey Talaga's house on February be provided. \$25 entry (via cheddarup link).

Sign up at: <https://mom-dad-nights-out-2-seperate-nights.cheddarup.com>



HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE

If your family needs financial support for the holidays, please contact Kristina Lengerich & will remain confidential.



HELP SUPPORT COTTONWOOD EVERY TIME Y

'Tis the season...Did you know that if you shop online through Amazon Smile, you can h at the same time?! Please remember when shopping this holiday seasons to please gc select Cottonwood Creek Elementary PTO and Amazon Smile will donate a portion of the that easy! Also, King Soopers reloadable cards make great holiday gifts f Contact treasurer@cottonwoodpto.com for more information.

Don't forget about these other ROAR Rewards, too! Earn money for Cottonwood e Delectable Egg, My Favorite Muffin (new!), My Salad Chop (new!) and other Restaurant N





THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Part of what makes the Cottonwood Community so special is its many dedicated volunteers. From the art room to the school paths during walk/bike/scoot to school days and all over Cottonwood, we have a great group of volunteers! On behalf of the PTO, we thank all of you for donating your time and energy.

Please know we do our best to acknowledge as many volunteers as we can through our website, located at: <http://cottonwoodcreekpto.com/>

ALL OF THE ABOVE ITEMS AND MORE CAN ALWAYS BE FOUND ON THE COTTONWOOD PTO WEBSITE. Check us out at: <http://www.cottonwoodcreekpto.com>. You can also find us on FACEBOOK! <https://www.facebook.com/cottonwoodcreekelementarypto/?pnref=lhc>

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT COTTONWOOD



Upcoming Dates:

- 12/11: Board of Education Meeting
- 12/13: Restaurant Night: Chipotle 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- 12/19: Student Leadership New Student Winter Party 2:45 to 4:00 p.m.
- 12/21: 2nd Grade Program, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. (PLEASE note this was changed 12/19)
- 12/22: Winter Class Parties
- 12/22: Deadline for Junior Great Books sign up
- 12/25 - 1/8: NO SCHOOL/Winter Break
- 1/12: PTO Meeting 8:00 a.m. – “Modern Technology & the Criminal Justice System: What We Need to Know,” presented by Lara Baker, Esq. All welcome!
- 1/15: NO SCHOOL – MLK, Jr. Day

For a full listing of upcoming events, please check out our webpage at <http://cottonwoodcreekpto.com/>

HOW ARE WE DOING?

What can we do to make your experience at Cottonwood better? We want to hear from you! Please share your thoughts, suggestions, and ideas. Just email Marnie Kamensky or Jen Feingold at president@www.cottonwoodcreekpto.com or make sure to visit our website with us up to date in our calendar for Cottonwood at <http://www.cottonwoodcreekpto.com> or visit us on Facebook.

WE HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!!

Attachment #1: [Chipotle flier \(1\).pdf](#)

Attachment #2: [Helping hand 1.pdf](#)

Attachment #3: [helping hand 2.pdf](#)

Attachment #4: [Junior Great Books Flyer 2017.docx](#)

Attachment #5: [SLCwinterinvite.docx](#)

Attachment #6: [Winter Gift Collection for Specials and Staff 2017.docx](#)

