

Cottonwood Creek Elementary PTO Community email from Cottonwood Creek PTO on Dec 17, 2017 "Etales Week of December 17, 2017"



Message from the PTO

December 17, 2017



eTales

Week of December 18, 2017*

***PLEASE NOTE THIS WILL BE THE LAST ISSUE OF ETALES UNTIL SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH.**

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AND A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR.

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Happy Holidays

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. The Winter Party will take place on Friday, December 22nd. Party Parents have already begun the planning process and will be notifying parents about volunteer opportunities soon. Room Parents began notifying parents of their

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We would also like to thank the Specials teachers and numerous staff members who help our amazing school to run smoothly, including our front office staff, kitchen staff, school nurse and teaching assistants. We are requesting a \$5 donation from each child, but any amount is welcome. We will pool the money received to get each of them a token of our appreciation. Please contribute no later than **MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH**. Go to the following link to pay via check or credit card: <https://winter-gift-collection-for-specials-and-staff.cheddarup.com>. We strongly encourage online donations!

As always, gift collections are optional.

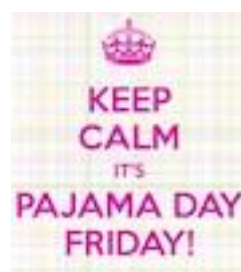
For classroom specific questions, please contact your teacher's Room Parent or Party Parent. For school-wide gift collection questions, please contact Kathleen McCrohan (ketomasula@hotmail.com) or Carrie Ripes (caripes11@gmail.com). See attached flyer with all the details!

Thank you, Kathleen & Carrie



SAVE THE DATE: SPRING ONLINE AND LIVE AUCTION

More details to follow but for now mark your calendars for our upcoming spring Online and Live Auction! Online auction will run from **Wednesday, April 11 thru April 18**, and the live auction event will be held on Friday evening, **April 20 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Two Penguins**. If you or someone you know is interested in donating an item or service to the auction, please stop by the front office to pick up a donation form. Look for more details in future eTales!



PAJAMA DAY ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

Student Leadership Council is sponsoring Pajama Day this **Friday, December 22nd!** Who says you have to wait until winter break to wear your pajamas the entire day? Kids can get ready for a relaxing and fun break by wearing their favorite PJ's to school.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL WINTER CELEBRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS

A note from Mrs. Wehrle & Mrs. Derbish: Please join us! Cottonwood's Student Leadership Council is hosting a winter celebration for Cottonwood Creek's *new* 2017-2018 students. We'll have treats, games, and fun activities. The celebration will be held

on Tuesday, December 19 from 2:45 to 4:00 p.m. in Mrs. Derbish's classroom. RSVP to mderbish@cherrycreekschools.org. See attached flyer for information.



JUNIOR GREAT BOOKS BEGINS IN JANUARY!

This is the LAST WEEK to sign up for Junior Great Books! Books will be purchased over break and handed out immediately after the start of the second semester. A laid back Q&A will be offered on January 9 at 8:00am in the cafeteria for any parents with questions regarding running a group. Group assignments and start(s) will also occur at the beginning of January and will run for 6-8 weeks. We look forward to seeing your child(ren) participating in this educational extracurricular activity! Deadline to sign up is **December 22nd**. See attached flyer for signup information or 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 up in the hall near the lunchroom that will be left up through the first part of 2018. The board is divided into 12 months. They would love for the Cottonwood families to add their holidays to it! Create a 3x5 or 4x6 card with a bit of information about any holiday that you celebrate throughout the year. You can add a picture to the card, a quote, a fact, a question/answer, etc. Bring multiple cards for multiple holidays to add if you'd like. The students can add them to the board at any time.

Thank you for sharing your holidays with our community!



UPCOMING PARTIES!

Dads' Night Out: Come join hosts Brett Johnson, Rob Schmela and Steve Shineman for a night of poker on January 24 at 6:30pm at Valley Country Club. \$10 entry (via [cheddarup link](#)) and \$25 cash buy-in for the pot at the door. Food and drink available for purchase.

Moms' Night Out: Come and relax and kick off the 2nd half of the year with hosts Lindsey Talaga, Molly Lamar, Stacy Johnson, Karen Laughlin-Leach and Nicole Terch at Lindsey Talaga's house on February 22 at 7pm. Wine and dessert will 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 at 720-554-3215. All information will remain confidential.



HELP SUPPORT COTTONWOOD EVERY TIME YOU SHOP!

This holiday season you can support us when you shop!

Shop for everyone on your list at smile.amazon.com.
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Tis the season...Did you know that if you shop online through Amazon Smile, you can help raise money for Cottonwood at the same time?! Please remember when shopping this holiday seasons to please go to www.smile.amazon.com and select Cottonwood Creek Elementary PTO and Amazon Smile will donate a portion of the profits back to Cottonwood! It's that easy! Also, King Soopers reloadable cards make great holiday gifts for local friends and family! Contact treasurer@cottonwoodpto.com for more information.

Don't forget about these other ROAR Rewards, too! Earn money for Cottonwood every time you shop: Cravelt!, Delectable Egg, My Favorite Muffin (new!), My Salad Chop (new!) and other Restaurant Nights.



THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Part of what makes the Cottonwood Community so special is its many dedicated volunteers! From the classrooms to the art room to the school paths during walk/bike/scoot to school days and all over Cottonwood, you can find our phenomenal group of volunteers! On behalf of the PTO, we thank all of you for donating your time and energy to our sweet students!

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

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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT COTTONWOOD



Upcoming Dates:

- 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 from 12/14)
- 12/22: Winter Class Parties
- 12/22: Pajama Day
- 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 Every Parent Needs to Know,” presented by Lara Baker, Esq. All are welcome!
- 1/15: NO SCHOOL – MLK, Jr. Day

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

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.

WE HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!!

- Attachment #1: [Junior Great Books Flyer 2017.docx](#)
- Attachment #2: [pajama day.docx](#)
- Attachment #3: [SLCwinterinvite.docx](#)
- Attachment #4: [Winter Gift Collection for Specials and Staff 2017.docx](#)