

Cottonwood Creek Elementary PTO Community email from Cottonwood Creek PTO on Aug 13, 2017 "eTales - Week of August 13, 2017"



Message from the PTO

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To all of our Cougar Families, both new and old, WELCOME back to school! We are excited for the upcoming school year, and we are thankful, as always, to be working with our amazing Cottonwood staff, students, volunteers and families!

WHAT IS eTales? HOW IS IT DIFFERENT FROM THE COUGAR COURIER?

eTales is the weekly newsletter put out by the Cottonwood PTO. Each week, eTales will fill you in on PTO-related school events and important upcoming dates. The "Cougar Courier" is a bi-weekly electronic newsletter from Principal Julie Jaeger's office, containing correspondence from grade-level and Specials teachers about specific grade-level learning and activities. Both newsletters can also be found on our Cottonwood PTO website <http://www.cottonwoodcreekpto.com> shortly after distribution.

COTTONWOOD PTO WEBSITE



Check us out! The PTO Website is a great one-stop shop for important school information. Visit <http://www.cottonwoodcreekpto.com/> to check it out! **BE SURE to check YES/OPT IN on your CCSD parent forms (online-checkin) to ensure that you will be on our distribution list and also to have your contact information printed in the Cottonwood Caller student directory!** All information will be uploaded this week into our site.

COTTONWOOD CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the volunteers, kids, parents, various committees and Cottonwood staff for making Cottonwood's Check-In Day and Popsicle Meet & Greet such a success!!! This was the first year an online check-in/registration link was available and given its huge success, we are leaving the link live and through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 18th. You are still able to sign up for Cottonwood parties, purchase Cottonwood Spirit Wear and take advantage of any other items you may need for the start of the new school year! To visit the online link go to: <https://cottonwood-creek-elementary-registration-day.cheddarup.com>

If you missed our live Check-In/Registration day last week, there will be an additional opportunity to see and purchase Spirit Wear, personalized water bottles, our Cougar Pride package and the Cottonwood Caller (our student directory). Spirit Wear and personalized

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package and the Cottonwood Caller (our student directory). Spirit wear and personalized water bottles will also be sold live at school on Tuesday, August 15th and Wednesday, August 16th before school from 7:45 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. and after school from 2:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on both days. Please note: **ONLY** cash and checks will be accepted on those days.

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UPCOMING COTTONWOOD EVENTS AT A GLANCE...



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT (GRADES 1-5)

Back to School Night is Thursday, August 17th. The evening is divided into two identical sessions. Session 1 runs from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Session 2 runs from 6:40 p.m. to 7:40 p.m. This evening will be an opportunity for you to hear from our Principal, as well as your students' grade-level teacher. Parents (or caregivers) only, please!



RUN 4 FUNDS

Cottonwood's LARGEST Fall fundraiser is happening EARLY this year to take advantage of the summer weather! **What is it ?** Our Fun Run program promotes fun exercise and eliminates sales like cookie dough and wrapping paper in an effort to raise money for our school.

Run 4 Fund\$ Key Dates:

Friday, August 18, 2017 - School Assembly, Important Information and pledge sheets will be sent home on this day. PLEASE check your student's backpack.

Friday, August 25, 2017 - Fun Run Day (Parents are encouraged to come and support your kids! More information about your student's run time to follow.



COTTONWOOD IS ABOUT COMMUNITY! 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 if you so choose. Please visit <http://cottonwoodcreekepto.com/volunteermanager/> to select which committees or projects you are interested in helping with this year! **Please note: if you are interested in either a Room Parent or Party Parent position, please sign up accordingly by FRIDAY, AUGUST 18TH.** All other volunteer selections should be made by **Friday, September 1st**, at which time volunteer committee chairs will begin contacting you. The key to our school's continued success lies with our amazing group of parent volunteers. Thank you!



FINAL KINDIE MEET & GREET

If you have an incoming Kindergartner, please mark your calendar and spread the word about our final Popsicles in the Park! Come play, eat some treats and meet new friends in the Cottonwood Community! Traci Sandler Reiter and Jenny Emerson, Kindergarten Volunteer Coordinators, will be at Orchard Park behind Cherry Creek Vista Pool on **Tuesday, August 15th** from **4:30-5:30pm**. Siblings are welcome!

COFFEE & KLEENEX

Please join us for Coffee and Kleenex immediately following drop-off (8am-9am) of your Kindergartners on Wednesday, August 16th in the school cafeteria. Please plan on coming to the front office to sign in and join us!

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS

Kindergarten teacher assignments will be posted following screenings by the Kindergarten classroom doors at 2:45 PM on Tuesday, August 15.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT COTTONWOOD...****Mark your calendars for these important dates:**

- 8/14: First Day of School (1st thru 5th)
- 8/16: Kindergarten First Day of School
- 8/16: Coffee & Kleenex - 8 to 9am, Cottonwood cafeteria
- 8/17: Back to School Night (1st thru 5th) - 5:30 to 7:40pm, Cottonwood
- 8/19: Back to School Wine Tasting and Dinner - 7:00pm
- 8/25: Run 4 Funds - Fun Run Fundraiser
- 8/26: Bike Pub Crawl
- 9/1: PTO meeting - at 8:15 a.m. in the Cafeteria
- 9/4: No School - Labor Day
- 9/5: School Picture Day
- 9/8: Run 4 Funds Prize Day
- 9/15: Daddy Daughter Dance
- 9/16: Mother Son Kickball Game

We are looking forward to a great new year!

Marnie Kamensky & Jen Feingold, Co-PTO Presidents

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