



Cottonwood Creek
Elementary PTO

eTales

Week of August 15, 2016

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 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 shortly after distribution. To ensure that you continue to receive *eTales* and additional PTO communication, “**Check YES!**” to share your contact information with the Cottonwood Creek PTO. You can verify your election through <https://mycherrycreekschools.org>.

UPCOMING COTTONWOOD EVENTS AT A GLANCE...



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT (Grades 1-5)

Back to School Night is Thursday, August 18th. The evening is divided into two identical sessions. Session 1 runs from X:XX to X:XX and Session 2 runs from X:XX to X:XX. This evening will be an opportunity for you to hear from our Principal, as well as your students’ grade-level teacher.

If you missed our Registration/Check-In day last Tuesday, Back-to School night offers an additional opportunity to purchase Spirit Wear, personalized water bottles, our Cougar Pride package and the Cottonwood Caller (our Student Directory). Please note: ONLY cash and checks will be accepted at Back to School Night.



RUN4FUNDS

Cottonwood’s LARGEST Fall fundraiser is happening EARLIER this year! **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.

Run4Fund\$ Key Dates:

Friday, August 19 – School Assembly, Important information and pledge sheets will be sent home on this day. PLEASE check your student's backpack.

Friday, August 26 – Fun Run Day (Parents are encouraged come to support your kids! More information about your student's run time to follow.)

Friday, September 9 – Prize Day



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://cottonwoodcreekpto.com/volunteermanager/> to select which committees for which you are interested. **All volunteer selections should be made by Sunday, September 11th, at which time volunteer committee chairs will begin contacting you.** The key to our continued success lies with our amazing group of parent volunteers. Thank you!



COTTONWOOD PTO WEBSITE

The PTO Website is a great one-stop shop for important school information. Visit <http://www.cottonwoodcreekpto.com/> to check it out!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT COTTONWOOD...



Upcoming Dates:

8/15: *First Day of Kindergarten*

8/15: *Kindie Koffee & Kleenex at 9:10am in Cafeteria*

8/18: *Back to School Night, Session 1: 5:30pm, Session 2: 6:40pm*

8/19: *Run4Funds Assembly (Look for information in your child's backpack)*

8/26: *Run4Funds Fun Run Day*

9/2: *Mixed Up Shoe Day*

9/5: *No School – Labor Day*

9/6: *School Picture Day*

9/9: *Run4Funds Prize Day*