

Cottonwood Creek Elementary PTO Community email from Cottonwood Creek PTO on Nov 19, 2017 "Etales Week of November 20, 2017"



Message from the PTO

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New/Used Toy & Coat Drive

The 1st and 3rd Graders invite you to participate in this year's New/Used Coat and Toy Drive!

We have been helping Coats for Colorado and the Denver Santa Clause Shop (DSCS) in previous years, and this year we hope to make a difference again. Kids have decorated bins for the front of the school lobby (easy drop off) and 1st and 3rd grade areas for collection. Bring any used coat for all ages or toys (any condition) to donate. The DSCS has been serving more than 1 million kids since 1931! It's a great organization that we are excited to help again this year. Go to denversantaclausshop.org for more info.

Collection will run from November 16th through November 30th.

The 1st and 3rd graders thank you for your support!



Holidays Around the World Bulletin Board

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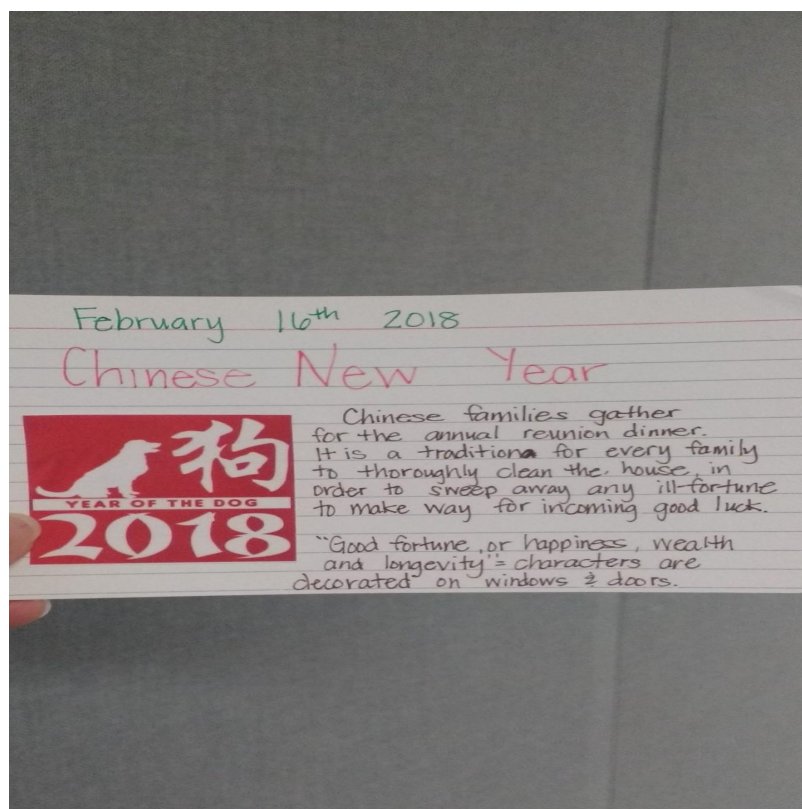
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The Cultural Connections committee is thrilled to announce that they have a new "International Holidays" bulletin board up in the hall near the lunchroom that will be left up through the first part of 2018. The board is divided into 12 months. They 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.

Here is a picture of an example:



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**. 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 will be notifying parents of their individual classroom gift collections after Thanksgiving break.

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 **Thursday, December 14th**. 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).

Thank you, Kathleen & Carrie

Restaurant Night – Chipotle

Join us at Chipotle on Arapahoe Road on December 13th from 4:00 - 8:00 pm. A percentage of all proceeds comes back to Cottonwood! Please see the flyer for more information.



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!

'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!

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



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!

Thank you to **Winnie Chang** and **Kristen Howell** for all their hard work on coordinating and hosting the Holiday Traditions Potluck Dinner! It is a wonderful way for our community to celebrate its unique and diverse traditions!

Thank you to **Cher Serhal** and **Andrea Jones** for the Health & Wellness Initiative and for encouraging our community to get active! So many Cottonwood Cougars enjoyed tracking their activity!

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/>



Finally, on behalf of the PTO Executive Board, as we enter the holiday season, we are so thankful for all of YOU! For your time, your energy, your ideas, your donations, and your willingness to help make the Cottonwood Community so special! We are blessed with an amazing school filled with charismatic educators that truly care about our children and a phenomenal parent community that goes above and beyond to help ensure our students and teachers have the support they need to excel. We hope you are all able to enjoy time with your families over this Thanksgiving Break!

Happy Thanksgiving,

Marnie & Jen

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:

11/22-11/26: NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break

12/5: PIN Presentation: Reducing Anxiety, Learning Strategies, Improving Results, 9:15 to 11:15 a.m.

12/7: Winter Choir Concert, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

12/11: Board of Education Meeting

12/13: Restaurant Night: Chipotle 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

12/14: 2nd Grade Program, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

12/25 - 1/8: NO SCHOOL/Winter Break

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!!!

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Attachment #2: [Coat drive flyer.pdf](#)