

# Cottonwood Creek Elementary PTO Community email from Cottonwood Creek PTO on Jan 7, 2018 "Etales Week of January 8, 2018"



## Message from the PTO

January 07, 2018



### eTales

Week of January 8, 2018

**WELCOME BACK!! WE HOPE YOU HAD A WONDERFUL BREAK AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE ON TUESDAY!**

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- THANK YOU!



KEEP  
CALM

AND JOIN US

AT THE PTO  
MEETING

**PTO MEETING – THIS FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018, AT 8:00 A.M.**

#### IN THE CAFETERIA

Please join us this Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, for our PTO Meeting which will include a presentation on “Modern Technology & the Criminal Justice System – What Every Parent Needs to Know,” presented by Lara Baker, Esq. You won’t want to miss this opportunity to learn about how technology is increasingly becoming more prevalent in our children’s lives and how we can protect them from the technological pitfalls that exist in today’s society. There will also be an update from the PTO and coffee and bagels will be served. All our welcome!

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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!

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### 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>



### MEET OUR AMAZING TEACHER ASSISTANTS!!!

Did you know that a majority of the PTO funds raised each year go to pay for the salaries of our amazing Teacher Assistants and Para-Professionals? Without the generosity of you – our Cottonwood community – these phenomenal individuals would not be at Cottonwood helping and enriching our students' education, so thank you for your contributions and donations all year long!

This month we would like to introduce you to Divya Goel!



Hi Cougars! I am Holly McGahey, and this is my second year at Cottonwood Creek. I have the pleasure of supporting 2nd/4th grade teachers and their students. I am a CSU graduate and taught various elementary grade levels for 10 years. Fortunately, I was

graduate and taught various elementary grade levels for 10 years! Fortunately, I was then able to stay home with my two young sons. They are now students at Grandview High School and I'm back working with the age groups I truly adore! My family enjoys traveling with Denver Elite for lacrosse tournaments, boating and hiking with our two German Shepherds. I am excited to meet more of you this year on the playground, in the cafeteria or at crosswalk!!



### **PARENTS COUNCIL**

This month's Parent Council meeting will be held on January 10, 2018, at the SARC Building and will feature a presentation on Elementary and Middle Schools Innovation Bond Update with CCSD Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Scott Siegfried, Executive Director of Career and Innovation, Sarah Grobbel and Career and Innovation Academy Principal, Mark Morgan. The meetings will be held at 9:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.



### **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!

Thank you to Kathleen McCrohan and Carrie Ripes and all the room parents and party parents for making the holiday season so special for our teachers and staff!! A huge thank you to Jennie Preece and Mimi Skeeahan and all the families who adopted a child or children through the Lend a Helping Hand program, making it possible for so many families to have a happier holiday season!

Thank you also to Sandy Biley for spearheading the E-Board to clean the PTO closet!

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:**

1/10: District Accountability Meeting

1/10: Parents Council at 9:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.

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

1/24: Dad’s Poker Night

2/6: PIN Presentation, SARC Building, 9:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. – 10 Wise Ways: From Lizard Brain (Reacting) to Wizard Brain (Thinking)

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](mailto: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!!!**