

Message from the PTO

August 12, 2018



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Week of August 13, 2018

To all 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!

Please note: We are currently in the process of updating our communications email list for the 2018/2019 school year. Thus, you may still be receiving this newsletter as the parent of an outgoing 5th grader (or may not receive this if you are new to Cottonwood)! Our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause you.

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COTTONWOOD CHECK-IN THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the volunteers, kids, parents, various committees and Cottonwood staff for making Check-In Day and Popsicle Meet & Greet such a success! We are lucky to have an amazing Cottonwood community!

SPIRIT WEAR, CALLER, AND COUGAR PRIDE STILL AVAILABLE!

If you missed live Check-in last week, you still have a chance to place an online order for spirit wear, personalized water bottles, the Cottonwood Caller, and/or the Cougar Pride Booster Package. Spirit wear is a great way to show school pride on Cottonwood Spirit Days! The collection will close by the end of the day on **Friday, August 17th**. To order, visit the following link:

<https://cottonwood-creek-check-in-day-2018-in-person-copy.cheddarup.com>



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 (district online check-in) to ensure that you will be on our distribution list and to have your contact information printed in the Cottonwood Caller student directory!** All information will be uploaded this week into our site.



COTTONWOOD IS ABOUT COMMUNITY! HELP NEEDED!

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. To select which committees or projects you are interested in helping with this year, please visit:

<http://cottonwoodcreekpto.com/volunteermanager/>

Please note: if you are interested in either a Room Parent, Party Parent, or Story Parent position, please sign up accordingly by FRIDAY, AUGUST 24th. All other volunteer selections should be made by **Friday, August 31st**, 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!

UPCOMING COTTONWOOD EVENTS AT A GLANCE...



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT (GRADES 1-5)

Back to School Night is Wednesday, August 15th. 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!

We will have spirit wear and personalized water bottles for order at the event. Only cash and checks will be accepted.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

KINDIE COFFEE & KLEENEX

Please join us for Coffee and Kleenex immediately following drop-off (8am-9am) of your Kindergartners on Wednesday, August 15th in the school cafeteria. Please plan on coming to the front office to sign in and join us!

KINDIE TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS

Kindergarten teacher assignments will be emailed and posted following screenings by the Kindergarten classroom doors at 2:45 P.M. on Tuesday, August 14. Kindergarten Enrichment assignments will be posted at the door only.



Celebrate the Back-to-School Pool Party on August 19th with dinner for your family from Lil' Ricci's. Come dine with us on your way to the pool, or pre-order food to be delivered to the pool at 6:00 p.m. To pre-order, please sign-up at the link below. If you have any questions email Lauren Kauffman at lauren.k.kauffman@gmail.com. Thanks for supporting our PTO!

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<https://lil-ricci-s-at-the-back-to-school-pool-party.cheddarup.com>

* See flyer for additional information. Don't forget to mention Cottonwood or bring along flyer if picking up.



Cottonwood's BIGGEST Fall fundraiser is **FRIDAY, September 7th**!

What is Run4Fund\$? Our Fun Run program promotes fun exercise and eliminates sales like cookie dough and wrapping paper to raise money for our school.

Run 4 Fund\$ Key Dates:

- **Friday, August 24th** - School Assembly, Important information and pledge sheets will be sent home on this day. PLEASE check your student's backpack.
- **Friday, September 7th** - Fun Run Day (Parents are encouraged to come and support your kids! More information about your student's run time to follow.

See attached flyer for more details on Run4Fund\$.



UPCOMING PARENT & PARENT/KID PARTIES

Reconnect with the Cottonwood community and build memories with your families while giving back at the same time! To register for these fun events just click on the link...then put it in your calendar and enjoy the fun! Feel free to pass on to other families that may have missed the link.



BACK TO SCHOOL POOL PARTY

August 19th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Grab your suits, gather your friends, and head to the CCV pool for a back to school pool party! Ice cream sundaes will be served. Dessert provided by the Reiter family.

\$5/per child

<https://cottonwood-back-to-school-pool-party.cheddarup.com>

PARENTS NIGHT OUT BBQ

August 24th @ 7:00 p.m.

Book your sitter for a fun PNO BBQ at the Whitehead House!

[11653 E. Berry Ave., Englewood 80111](#) (Lake Pointe Estates)

970-319-1634

Dinner and drinks will be served.

Bring a bottle of wine (priced around \$15) and enter the wine bottle raffle. Winner takes home all the wine!

Hosted by the Miller, Mohr and Whitehead families.

\$50 per couple, \$25 per person.

<https://parents-bbq.cheddarup.com>

DOGGIE DIP and DIVE

September 9th, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

*We know it's a holiday for some of you but it's the official day for the pool to be closed. Bring your dogs for a fun family event at the CCV pool. Watch the dogs dive in before the pool is winterized for the season. All-sized, vaccinated, nice dogs are welcome!

\$10 per dog; \$15 for household of dogs.

<https://doggie-dip-dive-sept-9th.cheddarup.com>

BIKE PUB CRAWL

September 22nd @ 4:00 p.m.

Meet at Cottonwood on your bike, trike or unicycle for a fun ride! We will proceed to area bars and restaurants for cocktails and food. Hosted by the Johnson, Talaga, Lauber and Eggers families.

\$20 per couple, \$10 per person.

<https://bike-pub-crawl-2018.cheddarup.com>

DUDES and DAUGHTER DANCE

October 26th @ 6:00 p.m.

Make memories for your daughter and the special Dude in her life at the annual Dudes and Daughter Dance in the Cottonwood Gym.

\$25 for the first daughter and \$10 for each additional daughter.

<https://cottonwood-daddy-daughter-dance.cheddarup.com>



Please SAVE THE DATE for:

- Run4Fund\$ - Friday, September 7th

- General PTO meeting – Friday, September 14th, 8:00 a.m., Cafeteria
- Cottonwood Carnival – Friday, October 5th, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT COTTONWOOD...

Mark your calendars for these important dates in August:

- 8/13: First Day of School (1st thru 5th)
- 8/15: Kindergarten First Day of School
- 8/15: Kindie Coffee & Kleenex – 8:00-9:00 a.m., Cottonwood cafeteria
- 8/15: Back to School Night (1st thru 5th) - 5:30-7:40 p.m., Cottonwood
- 8/17: Welcome Breakfast for New Families – 8:00 a.m., Cottonwood
- 8/19: Back to School Pool Party – 7:00-9:00 p.m., CCV pool
- 8/24: PNO BBQ – 7:00 p.m., Whitehead house
- 9/3: Labor Day - No school
- 9/5: Picture Day
- 9/7: Run4Fund\$ - Run day
- 9/9: Doggie Dip & Dive – 5:30-7:30 p.m., CCV pool
- 9/14: General PTO meeting – 8:00 a.m., Cafeteria
- 9/22: Bike Pub Crawl – 4:00 p.m., Cottonwood

For a full list of upcoming events, school supply lists, and other helpful information, please check out our website at <http://cottonwoodcreekpto.com>. Also go to our Facebook page to get all the latest news and events right in your Facebook feed! Like and follow us at Cottonwood Creek Elementary PTO.

We are looking forward to a great year!

Paula Hruska and Jenn Bub

PTO Co-Presidents

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