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Message from the PTO

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Week of August 27, 2018

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE...



Cottonwood's BIGGEST Fall fundraiser is **Friday, September 7th**! This year's goal is **\$100 in Pledges per Student!** School Goal is **\$40,000**.

Pledges are due on **Friday, September 14th**! Help your child(ren) by sponsoring them for the fun run and putting them in touch with other potential sponsors like grandparents, aunts, uncles and other family & friends!

Go to <http://www.run4fundscolorado.com/cottonwood/> to place online pledges. Click on the Parent Login Tab with the username and password below to see your student's online totals and to email to family and friends.

USERNAME: Cwood

PASSWORD: Cougars

Run4Fund\$ Key Dates:

- **Friday, September 7th** - Fun Run Day, parents are encouraged to come and support your kids!
- **Friday, September 14th** – Pledge Deadline.
- **Friday, September 21st** – PRIZE DAY!

See attached flyer for more details on Run4Fund\$.

What to Expect on RUN DAY!!!!

Students will run/walk as many laps as they can around the track in 30 minutes during their specials time. The track is 1/16 of a mile (16 laps = 1 mile). Students have averaged about 25 laps with a 50 lap max. Parents, you are encouraged to attend this event. Volunteers are needed throughout the day! Please sign-up to volunteer by clicking on the link below!

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/5080c49afab2ca57-run4funds>

RUN SCHEDULE

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| 5th Grade | 8:10-8:55 |
| AM Kindergarten | 9:00-9:45 |
| 3rd Grade | 9:50-10:35 |
| 4th Grade | 11:25-12:10 |
| 2nd Grade | 12:15-1:00 |
| PM Kindergarten | 1:05-1:50 |
| 1st Grade | 1:55-2:40 |



THE COUGAR NEEDS TO BE FILLED! Please consider signing up for one or two shifts to dress as the Cougar at Run4Fund\$. Follow the link below to bring some memories to your kids!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DAEAA2BA1F85-runfor>



ORDER YOUR COTTONWOOD CALLER/STUDENT DIRECTORY TODAY!

If you have not already ordered the Caller, please send in the attached order form/payment with your child to school by Friday, September 22nd.

[About the ads](#)

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES in the Caller! Reserve your space today!

The Caller is Cottonwood Creek's School Directory, purchased by approximately 95% of Cottonwood families. The directory is used as a reference tool for essential school information throughout the year, so the potential exposure for your business is great! Placing a sponsorship ad in The Caller is an economical way to support the school and community while promoting your business.

Prices for camera-ready sponsorship spots are as follows:

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| Front/back inside cover | \$350.00 |
| Full page | \$175.00 |
| Half page | \$125.00 |
| Quarter page | \$ 75.00 |

If you or someone you know is interested in placing a sponsorship ad in The Caller, please contact Whitney Berger at 443-834-4834 or wferriell@hotmail.com or Susie McCarthy at 314-477-4825 or srmccarthy9999@gmail.com. **The deadline for placing a Sponsorship ad is Friday, September 7th, 2018.** **See Attached flyer for more information.



GIRLS ON THE RUN...REGISTRATION OPENS MONDAY!

(This applies to parents of girls only! If you have boys at Cottonwood, please disregard.)

Dear Parents of 3rd, 4th and 5th grade GIRLS,

Girls on the Run registration starts **Monday, August 27th @ 9 a.m!** Girls on the Run is a place where all girls can be themselves. We stretch ourselves physically, mentally, socially and emotionally. We have an innovative program that combines training for a 3.1-mile run/walk race with a fun, health education lesson plan. This program promotes individual achievement and self-confidence. Girls gain self-esteem and learn healthy lifestyle habits while training for a 5k run/walk race. The program is open to girls in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade.

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN MONDAY, AUGUST 27TH @ 9AM! LIMITED TO 45 PARTICIPANTS. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.

Practice meets every Monday and Wednesday from 2:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. between September 12th and November 12th.

Fee: \$170 (includes 20 practices, 5k entry and a t-shirt!)

- Go to www.girlsontherunrockies.org.
- Click on "Register Now". Then select "Denver and Northern Colorado Registration".
- Find and select your school name in the dropdown box.
- Complete the registration.
- Check your email for a registration confirmation email. This means registration is complete!

Please see attached flyer for more information. This flyer will also be sent home in your child's backpack!

For more information, please contact Kim Olson at thornockolson@yahoo.com. Space is very limited and financial support is available. Please contact Kim directly for information.

**Please note: Girls on the Run is not a PTO-sponsored program. Please direct all questions to Kim Olson, our school coordinator, at the email above.*



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS WELCOME BREAKFAST & KICK-OFF MEETING

Please join us on **Thursday, August 30th** at 8:00 am in the Cottonwood Cafeteria for our welcome breakfast and kick-off meeting. Meet, eat, and share a token of your cultural or global passions with other parents in the community. Light breakfast will be provided & little kids welcome! This has always been a wonderful opportunity to welcome and reconnect with families in our community, talk about who we are and the heritage or cultures we cherish, and make globally-minded recommendations for the upcoming year.

****Bring a wrapped coin, treat, postcard or other inexpensive trinket to represent your cultural heritage or interest in a little gift exchange. See attached flyer for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Winnie Chang winnieychang@gmail.com or Kristen Howell kristenhowell@gmail.com.**



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/>

**** *The Dudes and Daughter Dance committee is a recent addition to the Volunteer Interest Form. If you are interested in helping with the dance, please follow the above link and update your form.***

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!



SPIRIT WEAR PICK-UP

Parents or students can come grab their pre-ordered spirit wear at the front of the school on Tuesday, September 4th from 2:30-3:00 p.m. or Wednesday, September 5th from 7:45-8:00 a.m. Dates are subject to change depending on product arrival. If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Johnson at johnson_stacy@allergan.com.



COTTONWOOD CRUISERS

Lace up your running shoes and join Cottonwood's running club for the fall season. The club meets Monday afternoons from 2:45 to 3:45, September 17 to October 29, 2018. Parents are to volunteer one session per registered runner; sorry, no exceptions.

Registration is \$15 per runner and is limited to 50 students, grades 1-5 (Kindie's welcome if a parent runs with them each practice). Registration begins September 5th at 8:30am and ends when the 50 spots are filled, or on September 12th. If you have questions, please contact Jessica Rothschild at jess.rothschild@gmail.com.

Register here: <https://fall-2018-cottonwood-cruisers.cheddarup.com>



Join us for the 1st PTO meeting of the year!

Please mark your calendars and join us for the first PTO meeting of the year on **Friday, September 14th at 8:00 a.m.** in the cafeteria. Our new Principal, Katie Johnson, and our new Assistant Principal, Ashley Gray, will join us for an informal meet and greet. We will also be approving the 2018/2019 PTO Budget, which is available for review on our website. Coffee and light refreshments will be served!



CARNIVAL ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5th!

SAVE THE DATE! Carnival is just around the corner! This year, Carnival will take place on **Friday, October 5th from 3 to 6pm.** Please consider being a sponsor for the carnival games and booths! There are different sponsorship levels being offered: \$100, \$50 or \$25! To sponsor, click on the following link:

<https://carnival-sponsorship-74729.cheddarup.com>

Also, we need parent volunteers! If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Lauren Kimball at laurenkimball219@gmail.com or Lisa Champeau, Lisa_g@champeaus.com.

High Trails

High Trails- King Soopers Cards for 5th Grade Families:

5th Grade parents could earn money towards their students High Trails trip. Purchase a \$5 King Soopers card and start earning today

**Please note this card is different than the King Soopers cards sold at check-in by the PTO. See attachment for more details!

Contact Kim Olson for more information or to purchase a card: thornockolson@yahoo.com



UPCOMING COTTONWOOD 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 links, then put it in your calendar and enjoy the fun! Feel free to pass on to other families that may have missed the link.

There's still time to sign up for these upcoming Cottonwood parties!

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>



THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Part of what makes the Cottonwood Community so special is its many dedicated volunteers. Thank you to Epic Visibility and the Reiter Family for your generous sponsorship at the Back to School Pool Party! Also, thank you to Shelly and Brad Whitehead, Courtney and David Mohr, and Diana and Eric Miller for hosting a super fun Parents Night Out!



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT COTTONWOOD...

Upcoming Dates:

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 – Meet the Principal & AP, 8:00 a.m., Cafeteria

9/22: Bike Pub Crawl – 4:00 p.m., Cottonwood

10/5: Cottonwood Carnival - 3:00- 6:00 p.m., Cottonwood

10/15-10/19: Fall Break – No School

10/26: Dudes & Daughters Dance – 6:00 p.m., Cottonwood gym



COTTONWOOD PTO WEBSITE

For a full list of upcoming events and other helpful information, please check out our website at www.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.

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