



## Message from the PTO

September 09, 2018



**eTales**

Week of September 10, 2018

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CHILDREN SCRATCHING  
THEIR BOTTOMS?

**IT COULD  
BE PINWORM.**

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RUN4FUND\$ UPDATE

Outstanding job on the run Friday! The students ran their hearts out and had a great time. We were so impressed with the amazing spirit each class displayed. Thank you to the parent volunteers, kids, teachers, and everyone else who showed up to cheer the kids on for making this day so special. A special thanks to Carah Gelfand and Melanie Weitzenfeld for making it all happen!

As a school, we ran 17,799 laps, that equals 1,112 miles! That's like running from Cottonwood Creek to San Diego! The school average was 28.8 laps and the top class was Burris' 4th graders with 36.31 average laps - that earns them extra recess! Look at your kiddos lap card to see how many laps they ran!



**This year's goal is \$100 in Pledges per Student! School Goal is \$40,000.**

The three classes that are currently leading the school with most funds raised are:

1. O'Brien (1<sup>st</sup> grade)
2. Arnett (1<sup>st</sup> grade)
3. Wells (Kindie)

Great job all the way around!!

Pledges are due **THIS Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**! 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!

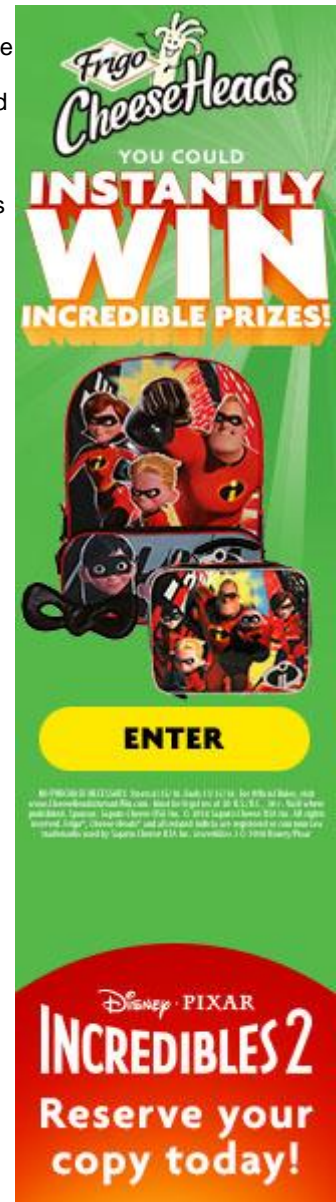
Go to <http://www.run4fundscolorado.com/cottonwood/> to place online pledges. Click on the Parent Login Tab with the username and password below to see your student's online totals and to email to family and friends.

USERNAME: Cwood

PASSWORD: Cougars

Run4Fund\$ Key Dates:

- **Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** – PLEDGE DEADLINE!



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- **Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** – Celebration PRIZE DAY!



### **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:

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](mailto:wferriell@hotmail.com) or Susie McCarthy at 314-477-4825 or [srmccarthy9999@gmail.com](mailto:srmccarthy9999@gmail.com). **The deadline for placing a Sponsorship ad is Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.** See Attached flyer for more information.



### **CALLING ALL COTTONWOOD 5TH GRADERS!! ART**

**CONTEST:** It's that time of year when 5th graders have the opportunity to showcase their creative talents by entering the Cottonwood Caller Art Contest! The artwork will be displayed in the front office where the staff will be voting on their favorite pieces. The winner will be featured on the cover of the Caller, and several additional pieces will be featured throughout the Caller. Please submit your artwork entries for the Cottonwood Caller Student Directory **no later than Wednesday, September 12th.**

\*\*Cardstock for your artwork will be passed out on Friday September 7th, and artwork orientation should be in portrait format (11” side is the length, top to bottom). Please also write your first and last name and homeroom teacher’s name on the back of your artwork.

**HAVEN'T ORDERED YOUR COPY OF THE CALLER?** See attached flyer to order your copy today! **Deadline to Order is September 21st, 2018**



### **UPCOMING COTTONWOOD PARTIES**

There's still time to sign up for these 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.

### **BIKE PUB CRAWL**

Saturday, 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>



**DADDY**

**MOM'S NIGHT OUT at UPSTAIRS CIRCUS-DTC & BAD  
BURGER**

Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.

Upstairs Circus is a bar-meets-shop-class concept where friends can gather together to create unique leather working, woodworking, jewelry making, D.I.Y., art & design projects while enjoying craft cocktails, beer & wine. For a full description of the available projects, check out their website <https://upstairsircus.com/co/dtc/>.

Each person will pay individually the night of the event. Costs will vary depending on the project chosen and beverages ordered. Project costs typically cost \$38 - \$42 total per person.

Please RSVP using the link below no later than Monday, October 8th.

<http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0F44ADAF2FA6FA7-moms>

Want to grab a bite to eat before or after the event? **Bad Daddy's-Landmark is also supporting Cottonwood that evening from 4:00 – 8:00. Be sure to mention Cottonwood!**

### **DUDES and DAUGHTER DANCE**

Friday, 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. See attached flyer for more information.

<https://dudes-daughter-dance-oct-26-6pm.cheddarup.com>



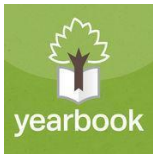
**Chick-fil-A RESTUARANT NIGHT!**

Take a break from cooking and mark your calendars for our upcoming Restaurant Night on **Thursday, September 13th!** Join us at Chick-fil-A on Arapahoe Road from 5-8pm. Enjoy other Cottonwood Families inside or just drive-through and grab dinner to-go. **YOU MUST SHOW THE ATTACHED FLYER ON YOUR PHONE OR IN PERSON AT CHECK-OUT.**



**COTTONWOOD CRUISERS- Begins September 17**

Registration is filled for the Cottonwood Cruisers Running Club as we have a cap due to insurance requirements. If your child is registered, 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. A sign-up genius for the volunteer requirement and more information will be emailed to you soon. Questions? Please contact [jess.rothschild@gmail.com](mailto:jess.rothschild@gmail.com).



**ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!**

**Order your yearbook now and save 15%.** This deal will last through September and you will save money AND check off an item from your to do list. It's a double win for you! **Click Here:** <https://www.treering.com/validate?PassCode=1014637672101413>

See attached flyer for more information.



**CARNIVAL - OCTOBER 5TH!**

This year's Carnival will be **Friday, October 5 from 3:00pm – 6:00pm.** Tickets will be on sale at the school October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> – look out for flyers in backpacks with the exact times. They're also available for purchase at the Carnival.

Make dinner the Carnival easy and order a family pizza meal in advance from Blackjack:

<https://carnival-pizza-pre-order.cheddarup.com>.

Cost is \$20 for a large pizza and 4 drinks. Pizza orders must be placed by October 2.

There are plenty of volunteer opportunities still available, and we really need your help! **IMPORTANT: WE WILL BE RELYING HEAVILY ON PARENT VOLUNTEERS FROM 2:30**

TO 4PM to help run the game booths. If it's at all possible for you to lend an hour and a half of your time, please do so!

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>

**If you are interested either sponsoring the event or volunteering, or if you have any questions, please contact Lauren Kimball at [laurenkimball219@gmail.com](mailto:laurenkimball219@gmail.com).**

Can't wait to see you at the Carnival!



**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/>

If you signed up to volunteer through the website, please know committee chairs have received their lists and will begin contacting you shortly.

*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.*



**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 bagels will be served!



**COUGAR REWARDS!!!**



Help support Cottonwood every time you shop at Amazon Smile, Crave-it!, Delectable Egg, Mabel's Labels and King Soopers!

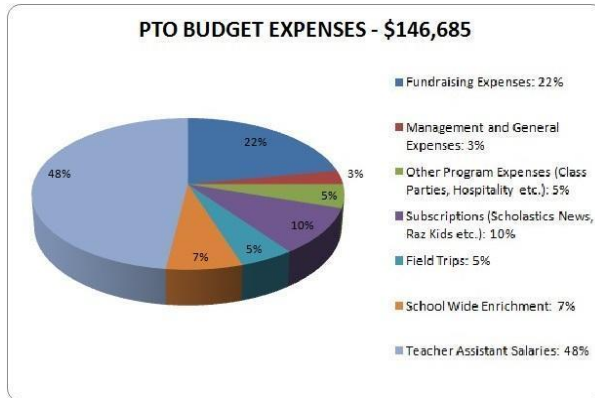
Did you know that every time you make a purchase at King Soopers using your reloadable card, Cottonwood receives a portion of what you load on to your card back? It's that simple and easy. The only difficult thing is to remember to use it! If you don't yet have a card, please contact our treasurer, Kimber Foster at [treasurer@cottonwoodpto.com](mailto:treasurer@cottonwoodpto.com).

# High Trails

## High Trails- King Soopers Cards for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Families:

5<sup>th</sup> 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 by the PTO. Contact Kim Olson for more information or to purchase a card: [thornockolson@yahoo.com](mailto:thornockolson@yahoo.com)

### WHERE DO MY PTO DOLLARS GO?



Have you ever wondered what the PTO does with the money we raise? We have a proposed budget of approximately \$146,000 for the 2018/2019 school year. The largest piece of our budget is to provide teacher assistance – TA's and para-professionals – to our amazing Cottonwood teaching staff! Without the support of you – our Cottonwood community – our school would not benefit from the teacher's assistants which enhance our entire learning community! This is just one very BIG example of your generosity and dollars helping the PTO enhance our Cottonwood community every single day! If you ever have questions about the budget or where the PTO dollars go, please do not hesitate to ask any eBoard member!



### THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Part of what makes the Cottonwood Community so special is its many dedicated volunteers. Thank you to Stacy Johnson for coordinating Spirit Wear! We will be decked out in our new amazing gear thanks to your efforts!

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT COTTONWOOD



### Upcoming Dates:

9/13: Restaurant Night - Chick-fil-A  
9/14: General PTO meeting – Meet the Principal & AP, 8:00 a.m., Cafeteria  
9/14: Run4Fund\$ - Pledge Deadline  
9/21: Run4Fund\$ - Prize Day  
9/22: Bike Pub Crawl – 4:00 p.m., Cottonwood  
10/5: Cottonwood Carnival - 3:00- 6:00 p.m., Cottonwood  
10/11: Mom's Night Out - Upstairs Circle/Bad Daddy Burger  
10/15-10/19: Fall Break – No School  
10/26: Dudes & Daughters Dance – 6:00 p.m., Cottonwood gym  
11/1: Box Top Deadline



#### **COTTONWOOD PTO WEBSITE**

For a full list of upcoming events and other helpful information, please check out our website at [www.cottonwoodcreekpto.com](http://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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