

Message from the PTO

September 16, 2018



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Week of September 17, 2018

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UPCOMING COTTONWOOD EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

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RUN4FUND\$ UPDATE

THANK YOU to everyone who supported Run4FUND\$ this year! We are so lucky to have such caring families in our Cottonwood community. Currently we have surpassed our school goal – AMAZING! Please note: some classes have not hit their Sandy Candy and Leap and Bounds Parties – ask your student how their class is doing! Just a reminder our student goal is to have each student raise at least \$100.

19 classes have earned parties!

The top 3 teachers are:

1. O'Brien (1st grade)

2. Wells (Kindie)
3. Stroehrer (2nd grade)

We have extended the deadline for donations through Monday 9/17! The site is open until Monday morning and checks/cash will be accepted in the main office. Funds must be collected by 9/17 to be counted towards class and individual prizes on 9/21.

<http://www.run4fundscolorado.com/cottonwood>

To see your student's online totals, click on MY PLEDGES button and enter username and password below:

USERNAME: cwood

PASSWORD: cougars

PRIZE DAY is 9/21 — looking forward to an amazing all school celebration! The lunchroom has thermometers to track the Average \$/Student to see if they raise enough for their classroom parties. Ask your student where their class stands! Also check your flyer to see what individual prizes your student has earned. As a reminder, Class parties are:

- \$85 Avg/Student = Sandy Candy
- \$95 Avg/Student = Leaps and Bounds Party

Thank you for helping your student and Cottonwood! If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Weitzenfeld or Carah Gelfand at Melanie.weitzenfeld@gmail.com or carahgelfand@gmail.com.



THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

The role of the hospitality committee is to pay tribute to the hardworking staff of Cottonwood Creek Elementary. Throughout the school year, we provide a series of luncheons and stock the lounge for conferences and Teacher Appreciation Week. To do this, we need your help! You can support the committee in many different ways.

The teachers really love and appreciate your homemade dishes and treats! If you don't have time, hate to cook or just want to donate funds instead, please either use the cheddar up link below or return this form with your cash/check. Please make your check payable to Carah Gelfand. Please note the collection is non-taxable and not part of the PTO.

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/hospitality-teacher-morale-committee-donations>

For more information, please see the attached flyer. Thank YOU for helping us show our Cottonwood Creek staff how much we appreciate them all year!




CALLING ON ART AND MUSIC VOLUNTEERS!

Are you looking for a time in the day when you can see your kiddo? Well, there is a great opportunity during your child's time in art class. Mrs. Thompson can always use an extra pair of hands during art to help organize supplies for projects. Included below is the sign up genius to volunteer for 2018 for grades 1-5. Also included in this sign up is the ability to volunteer to help behind the scenes for the music performances happening this fall. Please

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note that teachers Gaines, Stroehler, and Arnett split up their specials time with other teachers so if your child has one of those three teachers, be sure to ask your child which class they join for specials.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4aaeac2ba75-20182019>



LAST WEEK TO ORDER THE CALLER!

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. See attached flyer to order your copy today! **Deadline to Order is September 21st, 2018.** If you have questions about 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.



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 3rd, 4th, and 5th, before and after school. They're also available for purchase at the Carnival. Please see attached flyer for more details.

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 or Lisa Champeau at Lisa_G@Champeaus.com.

Can't wait to see you at the Carnival!



BIKE, WALK, OR SCOOT TO SCHOOL DAY

Join kids around the world to celebrate the benefits of physical activity and promote a healthy lifestyle! National Bike, Walk or Scoot to school day is on Wednesday, October

10th. Get a hand stamp when you arrive at school (at the bike rack or grade level doors). The class with the most participants gets an extra recess. Let's get outdoors!



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 11th @ 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. **Space is limited to 35 people!**

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



Bad Daddy's-Landmark is also supporting Cottonwood on October 11th, **ALL DAY!** Grab a bite to eat before or after the MNO or bring your family, friends, or colleagues out for lunch or dinner. Be sure to mention Cottonwood! Please see attached flyer.



X-TREME CHALLENGE ARENA

X-TREME Challenge – Centennial, a 30,000 square foot athletic and stunt facility is offering the Cottonwood community an opportunity to purchase drop-in passes and camp passes.

X-treme Challenge supports Cottonwood with every purchase! By clicking on the link below, you will be directed to the X-Treme Challenge website where you can purchase different passes to the arena. Options include a pass for a 1-hour drop in class, a 2-hour drop in class, a half-day camp pass, and a full-day camp pass.

<https://xtremechallengearena.a.pcsparty.com/store/index.asp>

The passes can then be used for drop-in and camps throughout the year. X-Treme Challenge typically holds drop-ins and camps on days that school is not in session including Fall Break, Veteran's Day, Winter Break, President's Day and Spring Break. You may purchase as many drop-in or camp passes as you would like and any combination of the four options as well! The passes do not expire and may be applied to any dates in which there is availability. Please note that each of the four options is for children ages 6-12 years.

For more information on X-Treme Challenge Arena as well as a link to their calendar, please visit their website at <http://www.xtremechallengearena.com/>. Once you have made your purchase, you must contact X-Treme Challenge Arena Centennial at (303-834-1081) to reserve a date and time for your child to attend. You will need to have your confirmation number provided at check-out to make the reservation. Reservations are subject to availability.



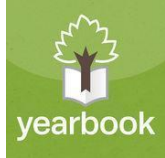
DUDES and DAUGHTER DANCE

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>



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.



COUGAR REWARDS!!!



Help support Cottonwood every time you shop at Amazon Smile, Crave-it!, Delectable Egg, Mabel's Labels, Tea Collection, 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.



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.



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



THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Part of what makes the Cottonwood Community so special is its many dedicated volunteers. Thank you to Cherry Creek Pampered Pets, LLC for helping run another successful Doggie Dip N' Dive! Also thank you to Matt Mundy and MPM Recreation for supporting our community, from adults to kids to pooches! Thank you to Andrea Davoll, Cottonwood's Database Coordinator, for updating the system so we are effectively able to communicate to the community! Thank you to Stephanie Gaswirth-Fliegelman and Tina Suneja-Nagamani, Volunteer Coordinators, for organizing the Room and Party Parents and getting them off to a great start!



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT COTTONWOOD

- 9/17: Run4Fund\$ - New 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
- 10/10: Bike, Walk, or Scoot to School Day
- 10/11: Mom's Night Out - Upstairs Circle/Bad Daddy Burger
- 10/15-10/19: Fall Break – No School, Sign-up for X-treme Challenge (see above)
- 10/26: Dudes & Daughters Dance – 6:00 p.m., Cottonwood gym
- 11/1: Box Top Deadline



COTTONWOOD CREEK COUGAR CHRONICLE (CCCC)

The CCCC is a monthly newsletter from Ms. Johnson, which will include Cherry Creek School District information, school-wide information, updates from our Specials Team, and important dates. Follow the link below to check it out!

<https://www.smores.com/4v3nk>

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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