

UPCOMING COTTONWOOD EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

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RUN4FUND\$ UPDATE & PRIZE DAY!

THANK YOU, one last time, to everyone who supported Run4Fund\$ this year! We are so lucky to have such caring families in our Cottonwood community. A hearty thanks to the Run4Fund\$ Co-Chairs – Carah Gelfand and Melanie Weitzenfeld and ALL of the volunteers who helped at the fun run, prize day and those who worked behind the scenes! We surpassed our school goal this year - AMAZING! The students had a blast Friday during prize day! If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Weitzenfeld or Carah Gelfand at Melanie.weitzenfeld@gmail.com or carahgelfand@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 AT 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.

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! Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4ca4a929a1f49-cottonwood1>

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 sign up in the above links or contact Lauren Kimball at laurenkimball219@gmail.com or Lisa Champeau at Lisa_G@Champeaus.com.

A TASTE OF COTTONWOOD AT THE CARNIVAL- This is a tent at the carnival where carnival goers can taste food items from Cottonwoods diverse community! Bring your favorite country and/or family recipe, or just something yummy (homemade or store-bought)! Bring something sweet or savory, cut/prepared into small servings (at least 10 servings) Any type of food is welcome!

We need at least 3 volunteers per 1 hr to help with the food. Volunteer to bring Food or help run the tent sign ups: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849ACAB2AA64-carnivaltaste>

Contact Winnie Chang & Kristen Howell w/ Questions culturalconnectionsco@gmail.com

See attached flyer for more information.

BOXTOP CONTEST AND COLLECTION STARTS THIS WEEK!

Cottonwood's first Box Top contest of the year starts this week! To achieve our goal of \$1800 we ask for you to keep up the fantastic work by continuing to choose Box Top participating products, clipping those coupons and sending them into school. Send them in just as they are - *trimming isn't necessary*. The class that turns in the most Box Tops between now and **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12th** will win a themed party, courtesy of the PTO. Winners of last year's fall Box Top contest were treated to a chocolate fountain with five different types of goodies!

Box Tops should be sent to school in a ziploc or similar type baggie with both your **child's name** and their **teacher's name**. Each class has their own special Box Tops collection envelope. In order to ensure box tops are included in the correct classroom's total we ask that you refrain from sending them to the office.

Please visit www.boxtopsforeducation.com for a complete list of Box Top products, some really good coupons and information about how to score tons of free Box Tops. Signing up is simple, quick and free. Please contact Annette at zipspike2003@msn.com with any questions.

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 note that teachers Gaines, Stroehrer, 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/70a0e4aaec2ba75-20182019>

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!

CARDBOARD CHALLENGE - OCTOBER 10TH

For the 6th year, Cherry Creek Schools Foundation is bringing The Imagination.org Global Cardboard Challenge, inspired by Caine's Arcade, to Cherry Creek Schools for students grades K through 12. This is a chance to give our students space to innovate, experiment, explore, play, create and be inspired to foster their creative spirit.

Every participant creates whatever it is they set their mind to with nothing but cardboard and recycled materials. This provides many students a gateway into project-based learning and design thinking that are key to shaping our next generation of entrepreneurs and innovators in our fast-paced, connected world.

Registration and participation in the Cardboard Challenge is FREE and open to all Cherry Creek Schools students K-12. [REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED](#) by Friday, October 5.

Interested in being a parent or community volunteer? Contact our Executive Assistant Yo Grosso at ygrosso@cherrycreekschools.org or 720-554-4429.

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.

MOM'S NIGHT OUT at UPSTAIRS CIRCUS-DTC & BAD DADDY'S 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://upstairscircus.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 PASSES FOR UPCOMING BREAKS...

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 30th 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.

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!

COUGAR REWARDS!!!

Help support Cottonwood every time you shop at the following online retailers:

campaigns.mabelslabels.com

<https://smile.amazon.com>

TEA COLLECTION - COMING SOON!

www.teaschooldays.com

As well as our Neighborhood **CRAVE IT!** and **DELECTABLE EGG** Restaurants! AND **Kings 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.

LOST and FOUND IS GROWING...

Please stop by our Lost and Found area next time you are at the school and retrieve your students water bottle, sweatshirt, lunch box and more! This area is periodically cleaned and all items are donated- **don't wait!**

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.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Part of what makes the Cottonwood Community so special is its many dedicated volunteers & sponsors. Thank you AGAIN to Carah Gelfand and Melanie Weitzenfeld for organizing and running an amazingly successful Run for Fund\$ event!! THANK YOU to the Johnson, Talaga, Lauber and Eggers families for hosting the SUPER fun Bike Pub night out. Thank you to Annie Harmon of *Harmony Designs, LLC* for her lovely design work on both the Dudes & Daughter Dance graphics and her contribution to our super cool spirit wear selections! AND thank you also to Lindsey Talaga for her contributions to our spirit wear graphics #roar!!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT 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

10/12: Box Top Deadline ****PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE****

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

11/14: Family Holiday Potluck 6:00- 8:00 p.m.

11/15: Red Robin Restaurant Night

11/18: PTO Meeting

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 and **Learn how to subscribe to our pto events calendars and never**

miss a thing! 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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