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RUN4FUND\$

Cottonwood's BIGGEST Fall fundraiser is THIS **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 - Volunteers still needed for Kindergarten and 3rd Grade Or sign up below to dress as our Mascot during the run!

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

RUN SCHEDULE

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 MASCOT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! 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>

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SPIRIT WEAR PICK-UP – TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

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



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 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.

Art Contest

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.

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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>

MOM'S NIGHT OUT - UPSTAIRS CIRCUS & BAD DADDY BURGER

October 11th - MARK YOUR CALENDARS-More information coming soon!

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>



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.**

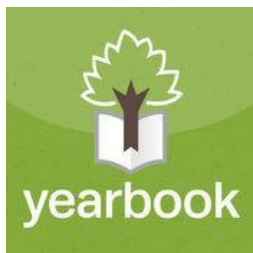


COTTONWOOD CRUISERS- Sign up September 5th!

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>



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!

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.

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! If you are interested either sponsoring the event or volunteering, or if you have any questions, please contact Lauren Kimball at laurenkimball219@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/>

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 light refreshments will be served!



HELP SUPPORT COTTONWOOD EVERY TIME YOU SHOP!

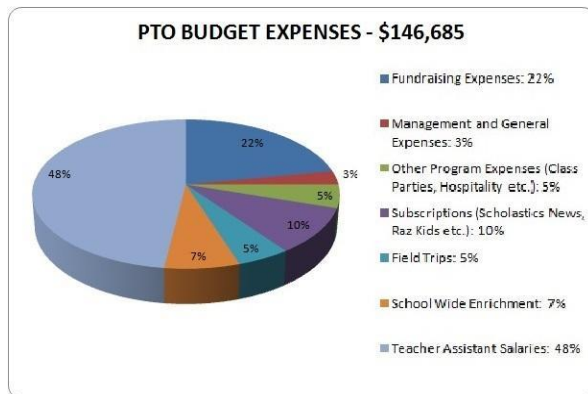
Did you know that every time you make a purchase at King Soopers using your reloadable card, Cottonwood receives a portion of what you load on to your card back? It's that simple and easy. The only difficult thing is to remember to use it! If you don't yet have a card, please contact our treasurer, Kimber Foster treasurer@cottonwoodpto.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 by the PTO. Contact Kim Olson for more information or to purchase a card: 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 Kindie Coordinators Lindsey Talaga and Erin Tobkin for hosting fun summer play dates & helping to make our kindies & their families feel at home. Thank you to our Welcoming Committee Colleen Chan and Jenn Abrams for hosting a wonderful New Families Welcome breakfast and their continued dedication to our newest cougars throughout the year! And finally, Thank you to our School Supplies Co-Chairs Jessica Rothschild, Sarah Beckley & Courtney Taylor for getting all the school supplies ordered and delivered – no small feat!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT COTTONWOOD



Upcoming Dates:

9/5: Picture Day

9/7: Run4Fund\$ - Run day

9/9: Doggie Dip & Dive – 5:30-7:30 p.m., CCV pool

9/13: Restaurant Night at Chick-fil-A

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

10/11: 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

10/12: 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. 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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