

**Week of November 5, 2018**

**IN THIS ETALES & UPCOMING COTTONWOOD EVENTS AT A GLANCE...**

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- **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!**
- **SUBSCRIBE TO OUR PTO CALENDAR AND NEVER MISS A THING**

**HELP NEEDED FOR CONFERENCE WEEK!**

Fall conferences week starts Monday! Please help us stock the Cottonwood lounge to keep our teachers and staff going during these long days. Our teachers are so amazing with their schedules during conferences and this is one way we can show our appreciation for all they do! Just like "The Hungry Caterpillar" they are going to eat lots of snacks and treats through the week! Thank you so much!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4eaca82ca20-thevery>

**VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION**

The Veterans Day Assembly will be on Wednesday, November 7th at 8:15 a.m. in the gym. This is a very special opportunity to honor the service of the men and women who are especially dear to our community, and it is very meaningful for our Cougar students.

Students are encouraged to wear the following colors on Wednesday, November 7th:

- Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Wear RED
- 2nd and 3rd Grade: Wear WHITE
- 4th and 5th Grade: Wear BLUE

Immediately prior to the assembly, there will be a reception for our **Veterans and their families**. This reception will take place starting at 7:30 a.m. in our innovation space. Please use the link below to RSVP to the event. Thank you in advance for your participation!

<https://goo.gl/forms/P2o8v4ETmVH21sr32>

### **BOONDOCKS - PARKER**

**Friday, November 9th (No School this day!), Purchase passes by THURSDAY, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

Looking for something to do on Friday when the kids are out of school? Join us at Boondocks in Parker! Purchase a 3-hour pass to Boondocks for \$20.95 to use on Friday, November 9th. The pass is good for unlimited laser tag, bowling (includes shoes), HD Dark Ride, miniature golf, bumper boats, go-karts and \$5.00 arcade play. The 3-hour pass may be used anytime on Friday, November 9th.

**Passes can be picked up on Thursday 11/8 from 2:35-2:55 in front of the school.**

To purchase your passes [Click Here to purchase passes!](#)

### **THE BOOK FAIR IS HERE!**

The Cottonwood Creek Elementary BOOK FAIR will take place on November 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. The schedule is as follows:

- Monday 11/5: 7:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Book fair setup, 11:00 a.m. - 2:50 p.m. Preview, 2:50 - 5:00 p.m. Sales
- Tuesday 11/6: 7:45 a.m. - 2:50 p.m. Preview & Sales, 2:50 - 5:00 p.m. Sales
- Wednesday 11/7: 7:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sales
- Thursday 11/8: 7:45 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Sales

You may preview the books and shop online from November 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> using the following link:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/cottonwoodcreekelemsch4>

We welcome volunteers! Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4baaad29a75-book>

### **INNOVATION NIGHT**

On Thursday, November 8th, the innovation spaces will be open from 3:00-7:00pm for families to come and explore some of the following innovation ideas students are experiencing this year at Cottonwood: Dash and Dot Robots, Spherhero Robot, Carvey Machine, Cardboard Challenge Slideshow, and Simple Maker Activity in Makerspace.

### **HOLIDAY TRADITIONS POTLUCK**

Please join us for our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Traditions Potluck, **Wednesday, November 14th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Cafeteria. Come share your family's yummy holiday traditions from **any season** with other Cottonwood families! We'd love to taste your favorite holiday dish. Homemade or from the store, it's all good! Appetizers, entrees, side dish and/or desserts are welcomed! There will be fun holiday crafts for the kids!

To sign up, email [culturalconnectionscot@gmail.com](mailto:culturalconnectionscot@gmail.com) or return the bottom of the attached flyer to the front office or sign up with the SignUp Genius link [here](#).

### **RESTAURANT NIGHT - RED ROBIN on Arapahoe Road**

**November 15th, 4-8 PM**

Take a break from cooking and mark your calendars for Novembers Restaurant Night at **Red Robin Gourmet Burgers and Brews** on Arapahoe and Yosemite. Enjoy dining in the restaurant or take your burgers to-go. Bring in the attached flyer or mention Cottonwood Creek Elementary when ordering.

### **PTO MEETING - Friday November 16th @ 8AM in the Cafeteria with a Special Guest**

Our meeting will include a presentation on "Modern Technology & the Criminal Justice System – What Every Parent Needs to Know," presented by Lara Baker, Esq. You won't want to miss this opportunity to learn about how technology is increasingly becoming more prevalent in our children's lives and how we can protect them from the technological pitfalls that exist in today's society. **There will also be an update from the PTO and coffee and bagels will be served. All our welcome!**

### **SERVICE PROJECT – BOODLE BOXES**

The students and teachers of our kindie, 2nd and 4th grade classes invite you to participate in our fall service project - Boodle Boxes!! Our first joint campaign, we are incredibly excited to work together for our soldiers. West Point Moms (of which our fabulous art teacher, Dawn Thompson is part of!), put together items and then pack and ship them across the world to our active military. We are joining forces and have committed to filling, packing and sending off 30 boxes. This is where we need your help. Attached to etales, you will find a supply list of requested items (which also includes donating monies for shipping charges).

**We will be collecting these items thru Monday, November 19th.** During the Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week, our incredible specials team will be working with our kiddos writing cards, filling, assembling and decorating the boxes. Thank you in advance for your participation, donation and involvement in this worthwhile venture.

### **COUGAR CARE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Cottonwood Creek Elementary is excited to announce the creation of the *Cougar Care Scholarship Fund*. The purpose of the scholarship fund is to help some of our own Cougar families who may lack the resources to participate in various opportunities offered to our students throughout the year. The scholarship fund would provide financial assistance for school and/or PTO sponsored events such as field trips, community events, and fundraisers to those who would like to attend, but might not have the financial resources to do so. Parents, staff and other members of our community are welcome to contribute to the scholarship fund.

All donations must be made by check, made payable to Cottonwood Creek Elementary, and dropped off to Joan in the front office. Please note *scholarship fund* on the memo line. The *Cougar Care Scholarship Fund* will be managed by the principal's office manager, and the school administration and mental health team will distribute funds as needed. Contributions will be accepted throughout the year and the fund will roll over from year to year with any unused funds. Any amount is appreciated. If most families contributed \$5, we will be able to make a significant impact on those who may need assistance within our community. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity. It is genuinely appreciated as Cottonwood expands our efforts to give back to our Cougar community.

### **P.I.N. PRESENTATION**

CCSD's Parent Information Network (P.I.N.) is holding its next presentation on **November 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am** by Alex Yannacone, MA, CU Johnson Depression Center: "Suicide Prevention: Save a Life." Also, on **November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**, is a presentation by Dr. Scott Cypers, CU Johnson Depression Center: "Is Your Child Stressed & Anxious". No need to RSVP. Presentations are free and held at a **NEW LOCATION: 14603 E. Fremont Avenue, Centennial, CO 80112** (just south of Arapahoe Rd., off of Jordan Rd.) Last month's podcast "Sex, Drugs and Social Media: Legal Pitfalls (for students 10+ years)" is now available [here](#). Click for the full schedule of [2018-2019 PIN Presentations](#).

### **COUGAR REWARDS**

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

Click Here: [Mabels Labels](#)

Click Here: [Amazon Smile](#)

As well as our neighborhood **CRAVE IT!** and **DELECTABLE EGG** Restaurants, 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).

### **COTTONWOOD IS ABOUT COMMUNITY!**

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:

[Click Here to Volunteer!](#)

### **HANDY HELPERS NEEDED IN MUSIC ROOM**

Mr. Pedregon, the music teacher, is looking for a couple of handy volunteers to do some light carpentry in the music room. The work would involve covering a gap between the wall and the raised floor section of the room with molding/trim to prevent items from falling into the gap. A miter saw would be needed as this section of the music room is a half-hexagon shape. The cost of materials would be reimbursed by the school. Please contact Susan Mui ([smui2@yahoo.com](mailto:smui2@yahoo.com)) or Winnie Chang ([winnieychang@gmail.com](mailto:winnieychang@gmail.com)) if you can help.

### **THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!**

Part of what makes the Cottonwood Community so special is its many dedicated volunteers! From the classrooms to the art room and library, and to those who provide yummy meals for our teachers...and all over Cottonwood, you can find our phenomenal group of volunteers!

On behalf of the PTO, we THANK AND APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU for donating your time and energy to our amazing students and our incredible school!

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT COTTONWOOD**

11/7: Veteran's Day Assembly- 8:15 am

11/7: Dad's Night Out Poker Tournament

11/9: NO SCHOOL/Teacher Conferences

11/9: BOONDOCKS in Parker (NO SCHOOL this day)

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

11/15: Red Robin Restaurant Night (Arapahoe/Yosemite location) – 4:00-8:00 p.m.

11/16: PTO Meeting – 8:00 a.m., Cottonwood cafeteria

11/21-11/23: NO SCHOOL - Happy Thanksgiving!

11/29: 5th Grade Music Program

12/11: Chipotle Restaurant Night (Arapahoe/Peoria)

12/13: 4th & 5th Grade Choir Performance

12/24 - 1/7 NO SCHOOL / WINTER BREAK!

### **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 read the November issue!

<https://www.smore.com/18mhb>

### **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). Plus on the website, you can **learn how to subscribe to the 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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