

Message from the PTO

October 21, 2018



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Week of October 22, 2018

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UPCOMING COTTONWOOD PARTIES

There's still time to sign up for these upcoming Cottonwood parties!

Connect 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.



DUDES and DAUGHTER DANCE

Friday, October 26th @ 6:00 p.m. **SIGN UP BY THURSDAY OCTOBER 25TH***

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.

[Click Here to Register by October 25th](#)

**Tickets will NOT be sold at the event*



DAD'S NIGHT OUT POKER TOURNAMENT

Friday November 7th @6PM **SIGN UP BY WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 31ST**

Calling all Cottonwood Dads! Join hosts Rob Schmela and Brett Johnson at the Valley Country Club men's grill (men only). \$25 per person to attend, and \$100 cash per person a the door for the poker buy-in. Taco bar and beverages included for 4 hours.

[Click Here to sign up!](#)



BOONDOCK'S - PARKER Friday November 9th (No School this day!!)

Join us at Boondock's in Parker! Purchase a 3-hour pass to Boondock's 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.

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



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STORY BOOK CHARACTER DAY – OCTOBER 31ST

On Wednesday, October 31st, students are encouraged to dress up as their favorite storybook character and bring the book to school. Students may choose any character from a book they enjoy if they follow the guidelines below.

To support students' feelings of safety and security in our building, violent or frightening costumes are not acceptable. No weapons, masks, blood, or dangerous-looking items will be permitted to accompany a costume.

Please talk with your child about how he or she would like to participate in this event and mark your calendars.



HOLIDAY POTLUCK- November 14th 6-8PM

Mark your calendars! This fun family event is sponsored by our Cultural Connections Committee **Look for the flyer & additional information in our next eTales edition **



RESTAURANT NIGHT - RED ROBIN on Arapahoe Road -November 15th 4-8 PM

Take a break from cooking and mark your calendars for November's Restaurant Night at **Red Robin Gourmet Burgers and Brews** on Arapahoe and Yosemite. Enjoy dining in the restaurant or take your burgers to-go.



PTO MEETING - Friday November 16th @ 8AM in the Cafeteria w/ 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 are welcome!**

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.



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:

[Click Here to Volunteer!](#)

VETERAN SLIDE SHOW HELP NEEDED! We have an immediate need for someone to put together the slideshow for the Veterans' Day assembly. **The assembly will be on Wed, Nov 7 at 8:15 am.**

We are looking for a volunteer to create the slideshow of our veteran/military family members/friends that is shown every year at the assembly. Cottonwood families would send you their photos and info about their veteran/military family members/friends. You would then organize it into a slideshow and put it to background music.

Please let us know if you can help ASAP so we can have families start sending their photos/info to you. PLEASE CONTACT Susan Mui smui2@yahoo.com or Winnie Chang winniechang@gmail.com our Music Volunteer Coordinators

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. THERE ARE STILL SOME SPOTS AVAILABLE : [Music and Art Volunteers Click Here](#)



THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Part of what makes the Cottonwood Community so special is its many dedicated volunteers! A VERY Special THANK YOU to Whitney Berger and Susie McCarthy for their tireless work on the Cottonwood Caller! From securing sponsorships to putting together the layout and distribution, I think we can all agree they truly did an amazing job!! Thank you to Cher Serhal & Elizabeth Parker for coordinating our Fall Bike/Walk/Scoot to school day. The weather gave us some challenges, but we still had a great turn out! Thank you to Annette Weiner who spends part of her fall break counting and sorting thousands of boxtops in order to make the deadline and cash in our little pieces of paper money!! And finally (for this edition of eTales anyway :) THANK YOU to Kim Eggers, Amy Lauber and Lauren Kauffman for coordinating our wildly successful Mom's night out/Restaurant night at UpStairs Circus and Bad Daddy's. We had a fantastic turnout & raised lots of money for Cottonwood AND had a great time spending time with friend and meeting new ones!

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



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT COTTONWOOD

- 10/25: School Accountability Committee (SAC) – 6:00-7:00 pm, Cottonwood library
- 10/26: Dudes & Daughters Dance – 6:00 pm, Cottonwood gym
- 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: BOONDOCK'S in Parker
- 11/14: Family Holiday Potluck - 6:00- 8:00 pm
- 11/15: Red Robin Restaurant Night (Arapahoe/Yosemite location)
- 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 includes Cherry Creek School District information, school-wide information, updates from our Specials Team, and important dates. Follow the link below to read the October issue!

[Check out the October 1st CCCC](#)



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.



COTTONWOOD PTO WEBSITE

For a full list of upcoming events and other helpful information, please check out our website at 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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