

Message from the PTO

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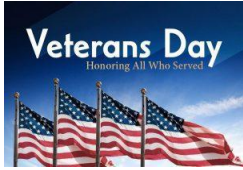


STORY BOOK CHARACTER DAY – OCTOBER 31ST

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.



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! If you have a family member or friend who has served or currently serves in the military, please consider submitting a picture for our slideshow. Please include the following items in each submission:

- Name of veteran/active military person
- A photo of your veteran/active military person in **JPEG** format
- His/her relationship to your family/Cottonwood student (eg: Grandfather of Bob Smith)
- Years of service (eg: 1985-2013)
- Military Branch

Please email your submissions to Melissa Adler at m.adler818@gmail.com by **Wednesday, October 31st**.

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

- Kindergarten and 1st 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 7:30am in our innovation space. Please use the link below to RSVP to the event. Thank you in advance for your participation!

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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.

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DADS' NIGHT OUT POKER TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, 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 at the door for the poker buy-in. Taco bar and beverages included for 4 hours.

[Click Here to sign up!](#)



BOONDOCKS - PARKER

Friday, November 9th (No School this day!!)

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.

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



HOLIDAY POTLUCK- November 14th, 6-8PM

Mark your calendars! This fun family event is sponsored by our Cultural Connections Committee. More information to follow.



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 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

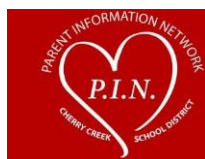
prevalent in our children's lives and how we can protect them from the technological pitfalls that exist in today's society. **There will also be an update from the PTO and coffee and bagels will be served. All our welcome!**



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 6th at 9:15am** by Alex Yannacone, MA, CU Johnson Depression Center: "Suicide Prevention: Save a Life." Also, on **November 13th 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.



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) or Winnie Chang (winnieychang@gmail.com) if you can help.

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, Stroehner, 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 chairpersons, Kareen Shapiro and Jill Marks, for a wildly successful Dudes and Daughter Dance! A fun time was had by all thanks to your dedication and hard work. Also, a huge thank you to Stacy Shwayder and DeeDee Hooker for their time and effort into taking amazing photos at the event. Thank you to Annie Harmon of Harmony Designs for the creative invite design. Thank you to the dance committee: Jen Abrams, Amy Shineman, Tracy Brunschwig, Julie Milder, Karen Bates, Molly Kruljac, Sara Beckley, Sara Miller, Nicole Kaiser, Jennifer Torrance, Amy Neustadt, and Stefanie Soifer. Your team effort made lasting memories for the students and their dudes! Thank you!

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: BOONDOCK'S in Parker (NO SCHOOL this day)
- 11/14: Family Holiday Potluck - 6:00- 8:00 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 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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