

Week of October 8, 2018

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THANK YOU FOR AN AMAZING CARNIVAL!

A huge thank you to the Carnival Co-Chairs, **Lauren Kimball and Lisa Champeau** for making this year's Carnival a great success! Their hard work and dedication were evident on the happy faces of the students! We also want to sincerely thank **John and Michelle Davidson** for their multiple years of Carnival service, providing delicious food and drinks; **Winnie Chang** and **Kristen Howell** for organizing and running the Taste of Cottonwood; **Susan Oxman**, with Susan Oxman Face and Body Art, for the incredible face painting; **Melisande Holohan** for coordinating the kid-favorite cake walk; and DJ **Aaron Mendelsberg**, with Amuse Entertainment, for the music and fun games.

A heartfelt thank you to the **parent volunteers** and everyone else for donating their time, talents, and money to help make this a fantastic event for the entire community. The weather was challenging but we appreciate the team effort from all in making the carnival amazing. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you!!

THANK YOU TO THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE!

The hospitality committee held its first staff luncheon of the school year last week. A special thank you to Co-Chairs, **Nicole Terch and Carah Gelfand**, for organizing the fun and creative "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs/Strega Nona Magic Pot" pot-luck. We also want to acknowledge EVERYONE who cooked, baked or donated money to the lunch. We received wonderful feedback! Thank you for helping us recognize the amazing staff at Cottonwood and for brightening their day!

BIKE, WALK, OR SCOOT TO SCHOOL DAY – OCTOBER 10th

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

The **6th Annual Cherry Creek Schools Foundation Cardboard Challenge** is Wednesday, October 10th at Smoky Hill High School from 4:30-7 PM. For more information please visit their website at <https://ccsdfoundation.org/news-events/special-events/cardboard-challenge.html>.

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

TEA COLLECTION

Tea Collection is supporting Cottonwood with Tea's School Days!

Shop <http://TeaSchoolDays.com> from October 8th to October 15th and you will get 15% off plus free shipping! Just enter the following promo code at checkout: SDF18COTTONWOOD. See attached flyer for more details.

BOX TOP CONTEST AND COLLECTION- ENDS FRIDAY,

OCTOBER 12th

Cottonwood's first Box Top contest of the year ends 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.

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.

MOM'S NIGHT OUT at UPSTAIRS CIRCUS- DTC

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://upstairsircus.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 BURGER BAR SUPPORTS COTTONWOOD!

It's that time of month again, time to take a break from cooking and mark your calendars for our October **Restaurant Night** on **Thursday, October 11th!** Join us at **Bad Daddy's Burger Bar** in Landmark, any time and all day! Enjoy families dining in the restaurant, or pick-up to-go and enjoy your burgers and shakes at home. You can even grab some colleagues and head over on your lunch break!

**Don't forget to show the attached flyer or mention Cottonwood Creek at check-out.

X-TREME CHALLENGE ARENA PASSES FOR UPCOMING

BREAKS

Need a fun activity for Fall Break? Gather friends and meet at X-TREME Challenge in Centennial! It's 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>

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.

P.I.N. PRESENTATION

CCSD's Parent Information Network (P.I.N.) is holding its next presentation on **October 9th at 6:30 p.m.** This month's presenter is Debbie Campbell, educator, founder, Effective Technology for Learning LLC: "Maximizing Learning with Effective Technology for Various Learning Styles". 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.) Click here for more information and for the full schedule of [2018-2019 PIN Presentations.](#)

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.

COUGAR REWARDS!

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

<http://campaigns.mabelslabels.com>

<https://smile.amazon.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.

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/>

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/70a0e4aaeac2ba75-20182019>

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Part of what makes the Cottonwood Community so special is its many dedicated volunteers! Thank you to the Vap Family for generously donating three personalized tents with the Cottonwood Creek PTO logo! The tents were super useful at the Carnival and will be so beneficial for future events. Also, thank you to Cottonwood staff members, Gretchen Wilkinson (Kitchen Manager) and Ken Martinez, for helping us with Carnival set-up, clean-up, and all requested tasks in between! On behalf of the PTO, we thank all of you for donating your time and energy to our amazing students!

SAVE THE DATE

11/7: Dad's Night Out Poker – More information coming soon!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT COTTONWOOD

10/10: Bike, Walk, or Scoot to School Day

10/10: Cardboard Challenge – 4:30-7:00 p.m., Smoky Hill High School

10/11: Mom's Night Out at Upstairs Circle (DTC) – 6:00 p.m.

10/11: Restaurant Night - Bad Daddy's Burger Bar (Landmark), ALL DAY

10/12: Box Top Deadline

10/15-10/19: Fall Break – No School, Sign-up for X-treme Challenge (see above)

10/25: School Accountability Committee (SAC) – 6:00-7:00 p.m., Cottonwood library

10/26: Dudes & Daughters Dance – 6:00 p.m., Cottonwood gym

11/7: Veteran's Day Assembly

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

11/15: Red Robin Restaurant Night (Arapahoe/Yosemite location)

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

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!

<https://www.smore.com/6w70k>

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.

The next issue of etales will be on Sunday, October 21st. We hope everyone has a fantastic and well-deserved Fall Break!

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