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Message from the PTO

January 07, 2019



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Week of January 8, 2019

WELCOME BACK! WE HOPE YOU HAD A WONDERFUL BREAK!

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

- **FRIDAY FRENZY IS THIS WEEK, SIGN UP TODAY**
- ART ROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- JANUARY RESTAURANT NIGHT
- PRINCIPAL JOHNSON NEEDS OUR HELP
- SPRING AUCTION SAVE THE DATE
- KEEP CLIPPING BOX TOPS
- COUGAR CARE SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- COUGAR REWARDS
- THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!
- SUBSCRIBE TO OUR PTO CALENDAR AND NEVER MISS A THING

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FRIDAY FRENZY - JANUARY 11th, SIGN UP TODAY!

Friday Frenzy is an afternoon of supervised entertainment and fun in the comfort of Cottonwood's Gym. We will be watching HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3, rated PG. Cottonwood 5th graders will supervise the younger students and provide them with snacks and drinks.

WHO: All Cottonwood Creek Students K-4

WHEN: Friday, January 11, 2019, 2:45 to 4:45pm

WHY: 5th Grade Fundraising for the 5th Grade Continuation expenses

COST: \$6.00 per student. Please note: THERE IS NO PAYMENT AT THE DOOR

Click on the following link to sign up: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/friday-frenzy-january>



ART ROOM HELP NEEDED!

It is time to sign up for art room volunteers. Please click on the following sign up. Calling on Mrs. Gayle's, Mrs. Jansen, Mrs. Stacy, Mrs. Hall, and Mrs. Litchewski's parents to support the first week back to school. The sign up is for the time that specials time starts for each grade. It might be good to get to the school about 5-10 min before your specials time slot so that you can get instruction from Mrs. Thompson, prior to class time.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4aaec2ba75-2019>



RESTAURANT NIGHT

January's Restaurant Night is a 2-for-1, double the fun and join us at either Pieology or DogHaus on Thursday, January 24th between 4-8pm. Ditch the kitchen and grab dinner out to support Cottonwood Creek!



Principal Johnson would love to hear from you! Please [click here](#) to visit Mentimeter and **enter code**

457145 to share with our administration what you value most about Cottonwood Creek!



SAVE THE DATE: SPRING ONLINE AND LIVE AUCTION

The Online Auction will run April 3-10 and the Live Auction/Parent's Night Out Event will be held on Friday, April 12th at Chinook Tavern. Auction week is our school's largest fundraiser. The monies raised during auction week help cover things such as Teacher Assistant salaries, school enrichment programs, subscriptions, teacher grants, buses for field trips, and much more!



KEEP CLIPPING THOSE BOX TOPS!

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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

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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!](#)



THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Part of what makes the Cottonwood Community so special is its many dedicated volunteers. From the classrooms to the library, and to those who work behind the scenes for our teachers and community, we have such a phenomenal group of volunteers! A very special THANK YOU to Stephanie Gaswirth and Tina Suneji, Volunteer Coordinator chairs, and all the room parents and party parents for your hard work and dedication to making the holiday season so special for our students, teachers, and staff!! A huge thank you to Jennie Preece, Mimi Skeeahan, and Kori Shaiman and all the families who adopted a child or family through the Helping Hands program, making it possible for so many families to have a happier holiday season!

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

1/11: Friday Frenzy

1/17: School Accountability Committee Meeting- Safety

1/21: No school/Martin Luther King Jr Day

1/24: DogHaus or Pieology Restaurant Night

2/5: Skate City Cottonwood Day - 4:00-6:00 p.m.

2/7: 4th Grade Music Program

2/8: General PTO Meeting



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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