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SKATE CITY - Aurora

Join us for a Cottonwood Creek Skate City party! Skate City Aurora, 15100 E Girard Ave, Aurora, CO 80014, is hosting Cottonwood Creek on **Tuesday, February 5th from 4:00 – 6:00**. The entire community is encouraged to join, including parents and teachers! Admission is \$5.00 and skate rentals (if needed) are \$2.50. Pay at the door. See attached flyer for more details.



PTO MEETING – THIS FRIDAY

Friday February 8th @ 8AM in the Cafeteria with a Special Guest

Our meeting will include a presentation on district wellness efforts by Janise McNally, District Wellness Coordinator. There will also be a PTO update and coffee and bagels will be served. All are welcome!



COTTONWOOD COMMUNITY EVENT!

Join us for our second annual Cottonwood community spaghetti dinner **Wednesday, February 13th, 2019!** Visit with friends, take a night off from cooking, and enjoy our great community. Teachers will join us as well! There will be two seating times (max 75 people/seating) in our cafeteria where spaghetti, salad, desserts, and drinks will be served. Gluten free pasta will also be available. **Only \$5 per person.**

When: February 13, seatings at 6:15 and 7:15

Where: Cottonwood Creek Ristorante (cafeteria)

Cost: \$5/person

Follow this link to sign-up: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/cot-spaghetti-dinner-2019>



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART IS HERE!

At the kickoff assembly on February 1st, the Jump Rope for Heart challenge was launched. For the month of February, Ms. Jehn is asking all students to record their water intake, exercise, and acts of kindness. There will be prizes awarded at the end of the month for classes with the highest participation. We hope this is a fun activity that the whole family can join in on -- maybe a friendly contest, parents vs kids! **See attached sheets for more information.**

Also, there are still lots available to distribute prizes to students during school, throughout the month. Please see the SignUp Genius link below if you would like to help or contact Ms. Jehn at ajehn@cherrycreekschools.org for more information.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0449A9AC2FA7FA7-cottonwood4>



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Cottonwood's final Box Top contest of the year starts 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, FEBRUARY 22** will win a themed party, courtesy of the PTO. Winners of the fall Box Top contest were treated to a chocolate fountain with four 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.



RESTAURANT NIGHT – PAPA MURPHY'S

Papa Murphy's is making it EASY to support Cottonwood Creek this month!

Join us for Restaurant Night(s) on **Thursday, February 28 or Friday, March 1st** anytime from open to close, 10am-8pm.

Walk-in AND call-in orders allowed, just make sure you mention Cottonwood Creek when you place your order.

Want to make it even easier and more flexible? Go online any day of the week of the event, beginning **Monday February 25th** and ending **Sunday, March 3rd** and order your pizza for pick-up. **All you do is enter the code THANKS.**

**please note that no store coupons are accepted during this event.*



TURN MARKERS INTO ENERGY!

Help support the 5th grade service project by donating your used markers. The 5th graders are partnering with Crayola ColorCycle – an amazing program devised to repurpose used and dried out markers rather than sending them to landfills! Please help support our efforts by sending your kids in with any used markers you may have around the house - even non-Crayola brands! Highlighters and dry erase markers can also be included! There is a super cool ColorCycle collection container in each classroom for your child to deposit the markers. **See attached flyer for more details.**



COUNT ME IN FOR COTTONWOOD!

Volunteers needed for the Cottonwood Creek Executive Board: **Nominations Due Friday, March 1st.**

We need your time and talents! PTO Executive Board nominations are under way. Individuals are highly encouraged to self-nominate. Nominations for one person by another, however, are always accepted. Each position will serve 2 years on the Executive Board.

We need to fill the following positions:

- Vice Presidents (2 people) - this serves 1 yr. as Co-VP, 1 yr. as Co-President
- Treasurer
- Ways and Means
- Secretary

A completed nomination form must be submitted to the front office in hard copy or by email to Presidents@cottonwoodpto.com by **Friday, March 1st, 2019** to be eligible for a position.

Notification of the slate will take place by Friday, March 8th, 2019. The slate will be presented to the general members of our PTO for voting at the April PTO Meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Paula Hruska or Jennifer Bub at presidents@cottonwoodcreekpto.com. Please find the nomination form attached.



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!

Item Donations: We need your help! If you or someone you know is interested in donating an item or service to the auction, please see the attached donation form or stop by the front office to pick up one. We have also attached a parent letter explaining the different ways you can assist in making the auction a success.

Sponsorship Information: Interested in sponsoring the live event? Sponsorship opportunities start as low as \$100! Please see attached.

Wine Pull & Class Baskets donations needed!

Wine Pull: This year we are going to have a fun spin on the wine game! We'll take donations of wine, beer or alcohol you already have at home or items you pick up at the store. Drop by DTC Wine and Spirits - purchase something -and they will hold the wine for you for us to pick-up! If you purchase it yourself or have something to donate, please coordinate with Whitney Berger at whitneyberger@gmail.com. Take the stress out and just donate at the link below.

We also need your help to fill the class baskets. We are putting together great Lego, American Girl and NERF baskets. To donate for the wine pull or class baskets, please click on the following:

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/auction-2019-support-solely-for-our-kids>



ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!

Haven't ordered your student's yearbook? There's still time!

Click Here: <https://www.treering.com/validate?PassCode=1014637672101413>

See attached flyer for more information on how to upload pictures that may be used by the yearbook committee!



SOCK HOP INFORMATION

Mark your calendars for our annual Sock Hop dance on March 29TH from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Cherry Creek High School in the cafeteria. \$5 entry fee and \$5 for punch cards. We have a new and improved photo booth. So, put on your 50's outfits and come have a fun evening! This is not a drop-off event; parental supervision is required. See the attached flyer for additional details. You can sign up by turning the flyer into the front office or by clicking on the following the link.

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/cottonwood-sock-hop-2019>



P.I.N. PRESENTATION

Please join the Cherry Creek School District Parents Information Network for the February PIN Presentation, **Change Your Life: Increase Happiness & Gratitude**, on **Tuesday February 5th at 9am**. 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). More information attached.



CHERRY CREEK COMMUNITY LEGISLATIVE NETWORK (CCCLN)

CCCLN is again pleased to sponsor a **Day at the Capitol** on Tuesday, February 27, 2019. This is a great opportunity for parents, students, teachers, administrators, and community members to come see first-hand what takes place at the Capitol. Meet and hear from legislators that represent our District and learn about current legislative proposals that may impact education. Please see attached flyer for details of the day's events as well as online registration information. For more information, contact CCCLN President, Laura Felix at laurafelix.slp@gmail.com.



HELP CCHS – BAGS OF FUN

Please join CCHS Student Senate, NHS, and DECA in raising \$20,000 for Bags of Fun! whose mission is to Deliver a **Bag of Fun** to every sick child whose health and happiness is both compromised and threatened To find out more or to donate visit: <https://bagsoffun.org/blog/all-event-list/cherry-creek-high-schools-power-week/>



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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!](#)



ART ROOM HELP NEEDED

Please look at the following sign up for art room volunteers for the rest of 2019. The sign up is for the time that the class 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>



THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Part of what makes the Cottonwood Community so special is its many dedicated volunteers. A special thank you to Co-Chairs, **Nicole Terch and Carah Gelfand**, for organizing another fun and creative luncheon, "Peter Rabbit Soup and Salad Bar". We also want to acknowledge EVERYONE who cooked, baked or donated money to the lunch. Thank you for helping us recognize the amazing staff at Cottonwood and for brightening their day!



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

- 2/4: Fifth Grade Parent Night at Campus Middle School
- 2/5: Skate City Cottonwood Day - 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- 2/7: 4th Grade Music Program
- 2/8: General PTO Meeting – Cafeteria, 8:00 a.m.
- 2/13: 2nd Annual Cottonwood Spaghetti Dinner Night
- 2/18-19: No School/Presidents' Day
- 2/22: Box Tops Deadline- Keep clipping those box tops!
- 2/28 & 3/1: Papa Murphy's Restaurant Night
- 3/1: Executive Board Nominations Due
- 3/29: Sock Hop
- 4/3 - 4/10: Online Auction
- 4/12: Live Auction - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!



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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