

Please Note: *the Next issue of Etales will be Sunday 3/24 - Enjoy this week and have an awesome spring break NEXT WEEK!*

Week of March 11, 2019

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LAST CHANCE TO CHECK LOST AND FOUND -TOMMORROW 3/11

Don't forget to stop by the lost and found MONDAY 3/11. We have everything from sweatshirts to jackets, water bottles to lunch boxes and just about everything in between. **Items not claimed by Monday, 3/11 will be donated!**

RUNNING CLUB IS BACK- SIGN UP OPENS TOMORROW!!

Running Club is back for another season! Register Here: <https://spring-2019-cottonwood-cruisers.cheddarup.com> starting Monday, 3/11/19, at 8:30am until 3/25, or until available spots fill. **Registration is capped at 50 runners** due to insurance requirements. Practices will be on Mondays, April 1- May 13, from 2:45 until 3:45pm. Please be aware that **there is a mandatory volunteer requirement** to ensure the safety of all our students; each registered runner is required to have an adult volunteer for at least one practice. There will be a sign-up genius sent out after registration closes to choose your volunteer day/days.

SOCK HOP IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER...

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>

COUGAR APPEARANCE INVITE

WE STILL NEED PEOPLE TO FILL THE DRESS AS THE COUGAR (for a very short period of time). Please help by signing up for a shift. The kids love this!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DAEAA2BA1F85-cougar1>

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! **See attached flyer for more details about the live auction.**

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

Wine Pull - Easy Ways to Donate!

1. Simply stop by **DTC Wine & Spirits** (next to King Soopers at Belleview Square) for **10% OFF YOUR TOTAL PURCHASE** between now and 4/11 when you donate all or a portion of your purchase to the Cottonwood Spring Auction!! We'll take donations of wine, beer or alcohol. DTC Wine & Spirits will hold the donation, and PTO will pick it up.
2. If you have wine or items at home to donate - that is great too! Just email Whitney Berger at whitneyberger@gmail.com to arrange pick-up.
3. Or take the stress out and make a monetary donation via Cheddar Up at the link below.

[Click Here to Buy Tickets, Sponsor and/or Donate](#) on-line!

Class Baskets - Donations needed! We need your help to fill the class baskets. We are collecting money to put 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>

NEED A SITTER? No problem! Greenwood Athletics will be hosting a kids night out 5:30 - 10:30 for ages 3-13. See the attached flyer for more information and to sign up. Just \$35 per kid for members and non-member alike!

YEARBOOK

Haven't ordered your student's yearbook? There's still time! The deadline for creating personalized pages is **MARCH 31st**. Upload pictures of your most memorable moments at Cottonwood this year and create an amazing keepsake for your kids! For detailed information on how to personalize your yearbook, see the attached flyer.

The Yearbook Committee needs photos! Please follow the simple instructions on the attached flyer to upload your photos to Tree Ring! Please make sure all photos are at school or during a school function (i.e. field trip, off campus school/PTO event etc.).

Click this link to upload: <https://yearbook.treering.com/school/139988/photos/all>. If the link does not work, just copy and paste the address into the browser.

7th ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

Come celebrate what makes our Cottonwood community so diverse and yet so beautifully similar! Join us on April 4th from 6-8pm in the Gym for Performances ~ Cultural Displays ~ Food ~ Cultural Activities ~ and More! Share your talents and your love of all things global! We encourage EVERYONE to celebrate their own heritage or another culture/language they cherish. See attached flyer for more information.

Join in the fun! Please sign up at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849ACAB2AA64-cottonwood>

P.I.N. PRESENTATION

Please join the CCSD Parents Information Network for the March PIN Presentation, [Marijuana: No Big Deal for Kids...Or Is It?](#) on **March 12th 6:30pm**. The presentation will include a Panel of Professionals, Act on Drugs, & Smart Colorado. See the attached flyer for more information. 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.) Prior podcasts are available [here](#). Click for the full schedule of [2018-2019 PIN Presentations](#).

START YOUR ENGINES WITH SCHOOL BREAKFAST!

Did you know that National School Breakfast Week is the first full week in March every year? Mark your calendars for National School Breakfast Week starting Monday and running through Friday March 15, 2019!

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. **Our wonderful Annette Weiner has reported that since starting this program they have collected an amazing 1,759 dried out markers!! Awesome!!**

COUGAR REWARDS

When you log onto Amazon, make sure you use the [Amazon Smile](#) link. Amazon supports Cottonwood every time you shop using this link! Mabels Lables also supports our school! Click Here: [Mabels Labels](#) and In addition to these online retailers we also received support from our neighborhood Crave it!, Delectable Egg and King Soopers Check out our website to find out more!

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!](#)

COMMITTEE CHAIRS NEEDED FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR!

We Would LOVE You to Join Us – Help Chair or Co-Chair a PTO Committee!!

Cottonwood Creek is an incredible school for our teachers, children and our parents. A big part of what makes our community so special is our parent involvement. Believe it or not, we are already starting to think about how to continue our impact into next year.

Regardless of your past involvement or experience, we want you to be engaged! New Committee Chair positions open each year and they are a wonderful way to be involved your child's Cottonwood experience, build friendships

with other parents and get an inside look into how we directly impact Cottonwood's success as a top elementary school in the state.

Did you know the parents run over 50 committees so that we can raise funds that help the school pay for Teacher Assistants, new equipment and extra-curricular programs like field trips and Jr. Great Books? If you are interested in learning about chairing or co-chairing one of these committees for the 2019-2020 school year, please complete this form by 3/5/2019.

<http://cottonwoodcreekpto.com/volunteer-2/committee-chair-interest-form/>

One of us will reach out to you to discuss your interest and the best way for you to be involved. Thank you!

Lyndee Berkley and Allison Vap (2018-2019 CO-VP's / 2019-2020 Co-Presidents)

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 all of the generous families who brought food in for our teacher this past week! Conferences days are long days for our teachers and the snacks provided are so appreciated! Thank you to Sarah White for keeping our lost and found organized and for making sure all of the items left are donated to a worthy organization. Thank you Kim Eggers and Amy Lauber for organizing the Family Sports Center day out last week! 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

3/11: Last day to reclaim your items in Lost and Found

3/11: Running Club sign-up begins

3/11-3/15: National School Breakfast Week

3/14: 3rd Grade Music Informance

3/18 - 3/22: No school/Spring Break

3/29: Sock Hop

4/3 - 4/10: Online Auction

4/4: 7th Annual Multicultural Festival

4/12: PTO Meeting – Featuring Lauren Alpert, COT Psychologist

4/12: Live Auction - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

COTTONWOOD CREEK COUGAR CHRONICLE (CCCC)

The CCCC is a monthly newsletter from Ms. Johnson, which will include Cherry Creek School District information, school-wide information, updates from our Specials Team, and important dates. Follow the link to read March's issue!

<https://www.smores.com/2sa6j>

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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