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Message from the PTO

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Week of April 8, 2019

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SPRING ONLINE AND LIVE AUCTION

The Online Auction Ends This Wednesday! There are great items/events to bid on for everyone. Some restaurants available include Ocean Prime, Hapa Sushi, Elway's, Chuy's, Seasons 52, and more. Make sure to check out the popular categories of Kids Classes,

Staycations, Cougar Seats and check out our new categories of Breathtaking Boulder and Golf Anyone? Bid Here: <https://cottonwoodcreek.ptapal.com>

THE LIVE AUCTION/Parent's Night Out Event will be held THIS 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 or [Click Here to Buy Tickets](#) on-line!**

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.

<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!



SLEEP CHALLENGE 2019 BEGINS APRIL 8TH

Ms. Jehn and the Cottonwood Health and Wellness Committee are challenging you to get 10 hours or more of sleep in 5 out of 10 days. Mark down your days between April 8th and 17th. Form is due on April 22nd. The class with the most participation gets a prize! See attached flyer for full details.



FRIDAY, APRIL 12th AT 8:00 A.M. IN THE CAFETERIA

The meeting will include a presentation on anxiety in the elementary school child by **Lauren Alpert, Ed.S., Cottonwood School Psychologist**. Coffee and bagels will be served. Everyone is welcome! There will also be a PTO update and we will be voting on the 2019-2020 Executive Board officers:

Co-Vice Presidents, will be joining incoming Co-Presidents Lyndee Berkley & Allison Vap:

- Whitney Berger
- Lindsey Talaga

Co-Ways & Means, will be joining Lindsey Bye:

- Lauren Kauffman

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Co-Treasurer, will be joining Jessica Rothschild:

- Diana Miller

Co-Secretary, will be joining Melisande (Meli) Holohan:

- Colleen Chan



TAGAWA GARDENS SUPPORTS COTTONWOOD IN APRIL & MAY

Support Cottonwood Creek while you shop at Tagawa Gardens this spring! Bring in the attached flyer, or simply mention Cottonwood at checkout from April 1st – June 1st.



MOMS SUPPORTING MOMS - SPRING SHOPPING EVENT

Calling all Cottonwood Creek mompreneurs!! Do you have a product you'd like to share with your community? Amy Stein, owner of Onyx & Blush and host to **Cottonwood's Spring Shopping Event** is opening her doors to 4 additional vendors for this year's event. The fundraiser will take place on **April 25th from 10am-2pm**. If you are interested in participating in this fun and successful day, please email Amy at onyxandblush@gmail.com and provide your name, child's name and grade, business name and a brief description of your product. Please note there are only 4 slots available and for variety and fairness sake we will limit the vendors to one per category.



ARAPAHOE BOWLING CENTER

Join Cottonwood Creek at Arapahoe Bowling Center, 6850 S. Dayton Street, Friday May 3rd from 10:00 – 12:00. Purchase a pass good for two games of bowling and a shoe rental for \$12.00. To purchase your pass click on the link below: <https://bowling-with-cottonwood.cheddarup.com>

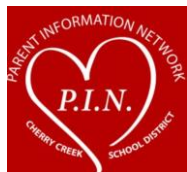


ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!

Haven't ordered your student's yearbook? There's still time! See the attached flyer to order.

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.



P.I.N. PRESENTATION

Please join the CCSD Parents Information Network for the April P.I.N. Presentation, Keep Your Tweens and Teens Talking by Kerry Stutzman, MSW, LMFT, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist and Parenting Instructor. Tues, April 9, 6:30 – 8:15pm, 14188 E Briarwood Ave Centennial, CO. No need to RSVP and presentations are free. See the attached flyer for more information. Prior podcasts are available [here](#). Click for the full schedule of [2018-2019 PIN Presentations](#).



GIFT COLLECTION FOR SPECIALS TEACHERS & SUPPORT STAFF

Let's thank our wonderful specials teachers and support staff with an end of the year gift! Please use the cheddar up link below to contribute. \$5 per child is suggested but any amount is welcomed and appreciated. We will accept contributions until Friday May 10. We strongly recommend using cheddar up to contribute to avoid lost/misplaced checks and to ensure your contribution is received in time. Alternatively, you may write a check made out to "Tina Suneja" and drop it off at the front office.

<https://school-wide-specials-and-support-staff-end-of-year-collection.cheddarup.com>



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. **Since starting this program, the 5th graders have collected an amazing 1,759 dried out markers!! Awesome job Cottonwood!!**



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! Mabel's Labels also supports our school! Click Here: [Mabel's 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!

King Sooper is rolling out a new program that make it even easier to give back to Cottonwood! More information coming soon!!



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 **Kristen Howell and Winnie Chang**, co-chairs of the Multicultural Committee, on another successful Multicultural Night with a record turnout! Thanks to all who shared their food, time and talents for this special evening & on a creative and super fun fashion show- this is truly what Cottonwood Creek is all about. A huge Thank you to **Erin Tobkin** our wonderful Junior Great Books Chairperson, and **ALL of the volunteer leaders for facilitating this incredible program** for our kids. 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

- 4/1 - 6/1: Tagawa Gardens Supports Cottonwood in April & May
- 4/10: Online Auction Bidding Ends at 10PM
- 4/12: PTO Meeting – Featuring Lauren Alpert, COT Psychologist
- 4/12: Live Auction - Chinook Tavern, 6PM
- 4/18: 2nd Grade Program
- 4/22: COT Art Show
- 4/22: Sleep Challenge Form Due
- 4/24: Illegal Pete's Restaurant Night
- 4/25: 3rd Grade Music Program
- 4/25: Spring Shopping Event, 10AM - 2PM
- 5/1: Kendra Scott & Evereve shopping night, 6-8PM
- 5/2: 2nd & 3rd Grade Choir Program
- 5/3: NO SCHOOL
- 5/3: Arapahoe Bowling Center, 10:00AM - 12:00PM
- 5/10: Support Staff Gift Collection Deadline



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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