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## Message from the PTO

May 12, 2019



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**NOW IT'S  
YOUR TURN!**

### PTO ALLOCATIONS MEETING

As a community, we have been working hard all year to raise funds to meet our 2018-19 PTO budget. As a result of Cottonwood community's hard work and generosity this year, we have not only met, but surpassed our budget!

For the 2019-20 school year, the PTO will continue to fund Teaching Assistants, magazine and online subscriptions, school-wide enrichment programs (in-school field trips), field trip

transportation and various other areas that comprise the budget. *THANK YOU TO THE ENTIRE COTTONWOOD COMMUNITY FOR HELPING US REACH OUR GOAL!*

In addition to meeting our budgeted expenses, we are very fortunate to be able to allocate surplus funds to benefit our students for the upcoming year. We will be voting on allocations requests **WEDNESDAY, MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> at 6:30PM**. We are finalizing our financial statements and will have a detailed report of our results at the PTO meeting on May 15<sup>TH</sup>.

As members of the Cottonwood Creek PTO, you are invited and encouraged to participate in this meeting. A variety of requests have been made by grade-level and specials teachers, the STEM team, and parents. By way of a silent vote, we all have a voice to determine how the money will be allocated throughout the school.

**In order to vote, you must attend this meeting.** No absentee or proxy ballots are available.

Thank you to everyone for an incredibly successful year!



#### FIELD DAY HELP NEEDED!

Ms. Jehn has coordinated a fun-filled Field Day for our kids on **Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>** (make-up date May 20<sup>th</sup>)! Grades K-2 will participate in 15 field day stations in the morning (8:10-11:10AM). Grades 3-5 will visit the pool in the morning and have 13 field day stations in the afternoon (12:15-2:25PM). If you would like to come and watch, please be sure to check in at the field day visitor table that will be by the front entrance. Any visitors that want to enter the school to use the restroom or eat lunch with their kids needs to bring their photo ID or already be in our Raptor system. Visitors that chose to only stay outdoors will still be required to check in and wear a visitor badge.



#### DADS NIGHT OUT!

Calling all Cottonwood Dads! Join hosts Rob Schmela and Brett Johnson on **May 22nd 6-10pm** at Valley Country Club, Men's grill (men only).

\$25 per person in advance via Cheddar Up to attend, \$50 cash per person at the door for poker buy-in, \$50 for taco bar buffet with beer and well drinks included. 20 spots open.

Please sign up here: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/dads-poker-night-out-may>



#### FOURTH GRADE HELP NEEDED!

Attention 4th Grade Parents! It is tradition that we coordinate and serve treats to the 5th graders and their parents after continuation. If you are able, please sign up at the link below to make/buy goodies for delivery to the front office the morning of May 23rd.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4ca5a62da75-treats>



#### ORDER SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR!

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Order school supplies now! Your child's school supplies will be sent and delivered directly to their classroom. So simple and easy! We strongly encourage you to take advantage of this convenient service. Please note we will NOT have any extra packs for purchase during back to school week, and the **deadline for ordering is June 16, 2019** with NO exceptions.

To order, go to:

[www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks](http://www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks) and enter school ID COT021

Select the grade your child will **enter** in August 2019.

Print or save the online confirmation as your receipt!

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Sara Beckley at [sjbeckley@comcast.net](mailto:sjbeckley@comcast.net) or Courtney Taylor at [court.taylor20@gmail.com](mailto:court.taylor20@gmail.com)



### **WELCOME 2019-2020 KINDIE FAMILIES!**

Thanuja Zupan and Darcey Perlman, the 2019-2020 kindergarten coordinators, would like to welcome kindie families to our wonderful Cottonwood Creek Elementary community! The PTO will be sponsoring two Popsicle in the Park meet and greets over the summer! Additionally, we have coordinated a parents' night out at the beginning of the school year. Please see the attached flyer for more information and help us spread the word to families who have incoming 2019-20 kindergartners. We look forward to meeting all of you and your kindies!



### **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 1<sup>st</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>.



### **CCSD SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS**

CCSD offers sports camps throughout the summer. Please see attached catalog for more details.

Also, The Cherry Creek Basketball program would like to share our summer camp information. The Grade School Camp is June 3-6 from 9am -12pm at West Middle School. See attached flyer for more information and register [HERE](#).



### **TURN MARKERS INTO ENERGY!**

Help support the 5<sup>th</sup> grade service project by donating your used markers. The 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> graders have collected an amazing 1,759 dried out markers!! Awesome job Cottonwood!!**



## COUGAR REWARDS



King Soopers rewards is changing! Loading gift cards will no longer benefit Cottonwood, but the new system will be easier after a one-time selection. All you need to do is follow the steps below to enroll you existing Sooper Card.

- Go to <http://www.kingsoopers.com>
- Login (if you haven't logged in before you will need to create an account).
- On the left side of the screen under my account, choose "Community Rewards" and search for Cottonwood Creek PTO or enter code VD201.

Once you enroll your Sooper Card one time, you won't ever have to do it again, but Cottonwood will benefit each time you shop! Ask grandparents, neighbors, etc., to do this too!



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



## THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Part of what makes the Cottonwood Community so special is its many dedicated volunteers. **We sincerely thank and appreciate the amazing group of committee chairs who have been working hard all year!**

A huge thank you to Room Parents and Party Parents for their time and dedication, including Tina Suneja-Nagamani and Stephanie Gaswirth-Fliegelman for their tireless work as Volunteer Coordinators! Thanks to Elizabeth Parker and Cher Serhal for planning the final bike, walk and scoot to school day last week, as well as all the other Health & Wellness activities. Thank you to Lauren Kaufmann for her amazing coordination of successful restaurant nights all year long. Thanks to Nicole Terch and Carah Gelfand for their time and creative efforts in chairing the Hospitality Committee and to all the parents who contributed to the events. A special thank you to the Goettsche Family/Greenwood Village Chick-Fil-A for donating lunch to the entire Cottonwood Staff for Teacher Appreciation!

**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

5/15: PTO Allocations Meeting, 6:30PM

5/17: Field Day (Rain date 5/20)

5/22: Kindergarten Graduation, 1:00 p.m.

5/22: Dad's Poker Night Out

5/23: Fifth Grade Continuation, 8:30 a.m.

5/24: Last Day of School, 11:00 a.m. dismissal



## COTTONWOOD PTO WEBSITE

For a full list of upcoming events and other helpful information, please check out our website at [www.cottonwoodcreekpto.com](http://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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