

*****Please note this is the last official eTales of the school year*****

Week of May 20, 2019

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PTO ALLOCATIONS MEETING

Thank you to the members of the Cottonwood Community who came to the funds allocation meeting to vote on the various requests from our teachers, staff, and parents this past week. In case you missed it, we are excited to announce the following items that will be allocated to Cottonwood Creek on behalf of the 2018-19 PTO.

- Para-educators to supervise lunch, recess and provide additional support to grade level and specials.
- 30 Dell 2-in-1 Computers and 1 Storage Cart. Will be housed in the media center/maker space and will serve K-5.
- 24 Dell Chromebooks for all Kindergarten classes.
- 10 iPads, Charging system, 10 Lightspeed licenses for managing apps, iTunes gift card for purchasing apps. Will serve K-5.
- Classroom Set of Orff Instruments (mallet instruments): xylophones, metallophones, and glockenspiels. Will serve K-5.
- 4 Radio Motorola Portable Radio with charger, battery and antenna.
- 6 Breakout EDU boxes. Will serve K-5.
- 5 Learniture Active Learning Stools for the 3rd grade classrooms.
- 12 Chromebooks for the 2nd grade classrooms.

Thank you to everyone for an incredibly successful year!

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>

CHECK LOST AND FOUND BEFORE MAY 23rd

Don't forget to stop by the lost and found. We have everything from sweatshirts to jackets, water bottles to lunch boxes and just about everything in between. **Items not claimed by end of the day on Thursday, May 23rd will be donated.**

ORDER SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR!

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 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 or Courtney Taylor at 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 – ENDS JUNE 1ST

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.

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 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

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 your 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 PTO committee chairs who have been working hard all year!**

Thank you so much to Ms. Jehn and Tammy Damrath for organizing and orchestrating a fun filled Field Day! The stations were amazing, and the kids had a blast!

There are not enough ways to express our thanks to this year's incredible Executive Board, who worked tirelessly all year to ensure that our school was supported from top to bottom! The Co-Vice Presidents, Allison Vap and Lyndee Berkley, were instrumental in keeping the community informed by updating the PTO website and Facebook page. We thank them for all their support. Next year will no doubt be amazing under their leadership! The Ways & Means Chairpersons, Sandy Biley and Lindsey Bye were nothing short of phenomenal in helping raise money for Cottonwood! Your team's fundraising efforts contributed to the success of the school year – we can't thank you enough! A huge

thanks to the Co-Treasurers, Kimber Foster and Jessica Rothschild, for their insight and meticulous bookkeeping! Your work on enhancing and improving the budget will be a benefit to Cottonwood for years to come! A sincere thank you to Rachel Schmela and Meli Holohan, Co-Secretaries, for being the communication experts on the board. Their attention to detail in keeping our minutes, the school calendar, and making sure our gratitude was shared to all who volunteered this year was unparalleled.

We THANK AND APPRECIATE ALL PARENTS, TEACHERS AND STAFF for donating your time and energy to our amazing students and our incredible school!

It has been our honor and pleasure serving the Cottonwood Community this year! THANK YOU!

Paula Hruska and Jenn Bub

PTO Co-Presidents, presidents@cottonwoodpto.com

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT COTTONWOOD

4/1 - 6/1: Tagawa Gardens Supports Cottonwood

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

5/22: Dad's Poker Night Out

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

5/23: Deadline to Collect Lost & Found

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

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 May's issue!

<https://www.smores.com/8c519>

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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