



I HAVE A DREAM...

COTTONWOOD CREEK

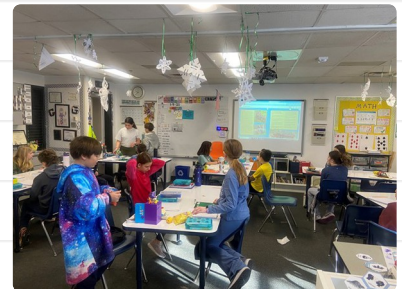
PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 20TH, 2025

## *From Principal Francis*

Dear Cottonwood Families

This is not an uncommon challenge at schools when you consider we have 540 students coming and going all in the same 5-7 minutes twice daily. This is meant to be a kind reminder in an attempt to keep all students and families safe.



### **Safety at pick up and drop off:**

- Please stay focused on traffic flow and students around you.
- Park in designated areas only.
- Drop off in designated areas only. A stop sign on Orchard is not a designated area. (Yes, this has happened.)
- The cones near the service drive are to help remind drivers that this is a no parking zone.
- The COT Parking lot is an intentional one way drive.

**Feedback from CCSD Security Team:** "COT has one of the more organized drop offs and pick up plans. As long as parents and community members are following the established systems and laws of the road, there is an excellent plan in place."

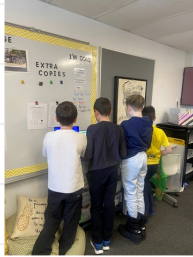
**Arapahoe traffic patrol** is increasing their presence and will ticket drivers for U-turns on Orchard, rolling through stop signs, or unsafe drop offs.

### **Thank you to our Community for the Fundraising over the past year:**

With PTO fundraising money approved by the community, you will see that we are evolving from traditional desks to more flexible seating in 5th grade. These tables and stand up desks give

students more space, more flexibility to stand or sit, more opportunity to move around the room, and increases the collaboration and community in the classroom. One classroom is complete, and more are coming soon. Thank you Cottonwood Creek Community!

Sincerely, Mr. Drew A Francis



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## *January at a glance...*



1/22 Cheer Jr Bruins Winter Camp

1/28 PIN presentation meeting

1/29 Avid Virtual Info Night

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## *District Information*

### **Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)**

Date: Thursday, February 13th

Time: 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

Where: SARC (14188 E Briarwood Ave, Centennial, CO 80112)

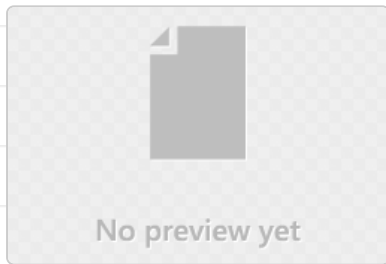
Topic: *Post-Graduate Opportunities*

[Upcoming SEAC meetings](#)

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### **Cherry Creek Innovation Campus (CCIC) Ground Breaking**

Thanks to our community's support of the 2024 bond and mill measures, the expansion of the Cherry Creek Innovation Campus (CCIC) is officially underway! The CCIC was recently recognized as one of the top 100 most impactful, innovative programs in the world and one of the top ten in the United States. Click the link below for more information.



## CCIC Expansion Newsletter Item.pdf

[drive.google.com](#)

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### Parent Information Network (PIN) presentation

Next meeting on January 28th 9.15am - 11.00am

*Topic: Neuroscience + Love and Logic: Resilient children and Young Adults.*

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lj5ut7CX0pknyvBg4RwSTQqieFXFgrMJ/view?usp=sharing>

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### Avid Virtual Info Night

Come and learn more about the AVID college and career readiness elective program on January 29th. Click on flyer for more information.



**AVID MS & HS info Nights (1).pdf**

**Download**  
1.3 MB

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### *Cheer Jr Bruins Winter Camp!*

Come cheer with the cherry creek cheer team! Learn the cheers, and perform at halftime! Have a blast stunting and tumbling with the 2024 national champions on January 22nd!

Cost | \$80 - Includes T-shirt, dinner, and coaching

Contact | Coach Ben 989-323-7988 or [coachben7988@gmail.com](mailto:coachben7988@gmail.com)

Please click below to sign up!







**Mile High Sports Camps | 2025 | Cheer Jr Bruins Winter Camp**  
CHEER JR BRUINS WINTER CAMP DESCRIPTION Come cheer with the cherry creek cheer team! Learn the cheers, and perform at halftime! Have a blast stunting and tumbling with the 2024 national champions! Dates | Jan 22nd Arrive | 430pm - Dinner Provided: 6pm (pizza).

[✉ nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com](mailto:nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com)

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## *School Information*



**2nd Grade - Jack and the Beanstalk Play with the Arvada Center**



**Muffins with Mrs Most**



**1st Day Back at School!!**

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## *2025-2026 Enrollment*



## *School Of Choice*

School of Choice (SOC) applications for the 25-26 school year are now being accepted. Through SOC, the Cherry Creek School District gives district residents and non-residents the opportunity to apply for enrollment in a Cherry Creek school of their choice. The first lottery will run in February 2025 on or before the 15th of the month. Subsequent lotteries will run bi-weekly starting February 28th.

Applications are considered based on lottery number and space availability for each school. Priority is given to students with siblings who will be attending the same school and children of district employees. There is a limit of one application per student, on which 3 different schools can be requested. Addresses must be up to date for residents of the school district in order to be considered for School of Choice. If you are moving at a later date, applications for School of Choice can be submitted once you move and update your address with the district admissions office.

Please note, School of Choice does NOT apply to you if:

- You live within the Cottonwood Creek boundaries and you want your child to attend our school.
- If your student was previously accepted through the SOC process to Cottonwood Creek, and continues to meet the eligibility criteria.

If you have any questions about the SOC process or your student's enrollment status, please contact Alison Button at (720) 554-3201. More information available

<https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/domain/1145>

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## *After School Clubs - check out our website for new clubs starting up!*

### **Choir Sign Up**

**2nd and 3rd Grade Choir Sign-up:** 2nd and 3rd grade students are invited to sign-up for show choir this semester. Show choir is an opportunity for students to sing theatrical songs relating to a specific theme, using basic choreography (simple dance moves).



This semester, we will be performing songs from "Horton Hears a Who". Registration will open this Friday, 1/10 at 2:30 PM and is limited to the first 35 students to enroll. Cost is \$50. Please see the attachment [HERE](#) for more information and sign-up via the link [HERE](#) (open 1 /10 beginning at 2:30 PM). Please contact Shayla Brubaker at [sbrubaker@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:sbrubaker@cherrycreekschools.org) with any questions.

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### *From the Clinic*

Health & Wellness Reminders: [A note from the Health Clinic](#)



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### **Library Volunteers Needed**

The Cottonwood Creek library needs volunteers to help with: checking out books for students during their weekly class visits, checking books back into the computer system, and re-shelving. You are welcome to sign up for as many shifts as you'd like each day/week/month through the end of the school year.



**You can Sign Up [here](#).** If you'd like to volunteer during your child's allotted time, please read the sign up description for a schedule of each class' weekly visit.

Please contact Rachael Holsted, PTO Library Coordinator, with any questions at: [rachael.holsted@gmail.com](mailto:rachael.holsted@gmail.com)

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*Don't forget!* 🙌

### Late item drop off:

- Please make sure when dropping forgotten items in the front lobby that they are placed on the table by 9.30 am to ensure delivery to the student/classroom.



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