

# Cottonwood Creek

## Principal Newsletter

January 6th, 2025



*Happy New Year!*

### *From Principal Francis*

#### **Welcome to 2025 at Cottonwood Elementary!**

Today was an excellent day of mid-year data digs, learning, and preparing for the trimester. However, the most exciting work comes tomorrow when our students walk through our doors! We hope you have enjoyed your time over break with family and friends and your students are ready to return. If nothing else, you may be ready for your children to return? 😊

We look forward to seeing these positive interactions with students and adults all over the building. These day-to-day interactions that take place in classrooms, small groups, lunch, recess, hallways, and the office are part of what makes Cottonwood so special.



I encourage you to complete the CCSD 2024-2025 Educator of the Year. Please click the link below for nominating instructions. We currently have less than 10 nominations and that is very low for Cottonwood. Nominations are due on or before January 17 and will take less than 5 minutes to complete.

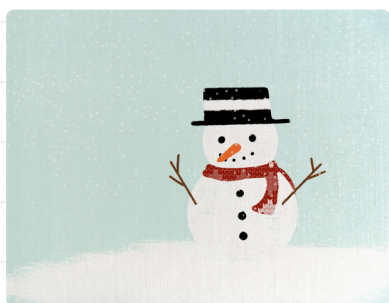
We are excited to honor all of our outstanding educators and we hope that you will participate in the nomination process. I want you to know that in education, the affirmations that come through nominations are a huge boost and mean a lot to our entire staff.

I continue to be so proud to be your Principal at Cottonwood Creek Elementary and look forward to having students return tomorrow!

Sincerely, Mr. Drew A Francis

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## *January at a glance...*



1/9 SEAC Meeting  
1/10 Hearing Screenings  
1/20 No school (MLK Jr Day)  
1/29 Avid Virtual Info Night

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## *District Information*

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

Date: Thursday, January, 9th 2025

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

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

Topic: *IEP 101 and Liaison specific breakout sessions*

[Upcoming SEAC meetings](#)

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## *Educator of the year nominations*

Cherry Creek School District has many wonderful teachers. We also like to recognize our outstanding educators who strive every day to help students be inspired to think, to learn, to achieve and to care. Deadline is 1/17 for nominations.

**Nomination Form**

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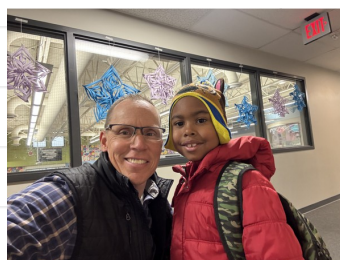
## *Avid Virtual Info Night*

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

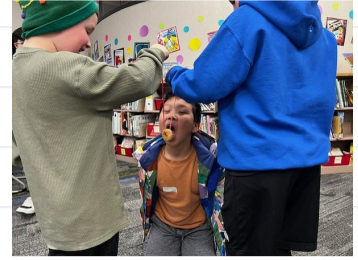


## School Information

### Highlights from the end of 2024







## School Of Choice

School of Choice (SOC) applications for the 24-25 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 2024 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>

## Cougar Of The Month



**Kindergarten - Beatrice Brown**



**1st Grade - Carson Stohner**



**2nd Grade - Brooklyn Tamminga**



**3rd Grade - Ava Ellman**



**4th Grade - Elouise Ward**



**5th Grade - Ally Levenson**

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## From the Clinic

Friday January 10th will be our Hearing Screenings. If you would like your child to opt out of these screenings please contact the school health 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 placed on the table by 9.30 am to ensure delivery to the student/classroom.



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