



From Principal Francis

Dear Cottonwood Families,

I would like to thank all of our Veterans and their families for attending the celebration last Thursday. Thank you to all of our internal staff and students for creating such a powerful event. It was an amazing way to start our day together as a Cottonwood Community!

We would also like to remind you of the launch of our **Annual**

Online Auction: There's No Place Like Cottonwood—This year's auction will run from today, November 11th to Friday, November 15th at 8:00pm, and we invite you to participate by **bidding** on incredible items and **donating** to help raise funds for important school programs and staffing. Your involvement in the auction will directly benefit our students, providing funding for Behavior Technicians, Grade Level Assistants, equipment for classrooms, and subscriptions to enhance our students' learning. Every bid you place and every donation you make helps continue to make our school an incredible place for learning and growing.

Here's how you can get involved:

1. **Bid on Auction Items** – We have a wide variety of items available, including gift certificates, experiences, toy bundles, and more. Check out the auction catalog and start bidding today!
2. **Make a Donation** – Your donation goes directly to our school enabling you to have a direct impact on our children.
3. **Spread the Word** – Share the auction link with family and friends outside of COT. The more participants, the greater the impact on our school community.

To access the auction, simply visit <https://us.givergy.com/auctionfall2024/>. Registration is easy, and the auction is open to everyone, so invite your extended family to participate as well. Thank you for your ongoing and incredible partnership with Cottonwood Creek. Happy bidding, and thank you for helping make a difference in our school community.





November at a glance...

- 11/14: District Special Education Advisory Committee
- 11/15: Dyslexia Community Group Meeting
- 11/25: Hockey 101 at Cottonwood
- 11/1-11/29: Food Donation Drive (see below for details)
- 11/11-11/15 PTO Virtual Auction



District Information

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Date: Thursday, November 14th 2024

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

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

Topic: What is my behavior communicating? De-escalation and CPI training

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rvTgk4TC_64_R4yX-Kq7FIHEKrP03K9N/view?usp=sharing

[Upcoming SEAC meetings](#)

Golden Heart Awards

It is that time of year again to nominate incredible individuals for the 2024-2025 Golden Heart Awards!

This prestigious award is for any individual who has "opened their heart" to touch the life of a Cherry Creek School District student with special needs. This includes, but is not limited to, bus drivers, teachers, cafeteria workers, paraprofessionals, specials teachers (media, art, P.E., music), those in support positions, students, and community employers.

Attached is a letter detailing this award and a link to submit nominations. It is also available via the following link: [2024-2025 Golden Heart Nominations](#)



Nominations are open now and will close on December 13th at 4 PM. We cannot accept late entries.

Thank you, Alissa & the SEAC Parent Steering Committee

School Information

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



PTO Virtual Auction starts today!!

"There's No Place Like Cottonwood." The money raised allows Cottonwood to provide the school with Behavior Technicians, Grade Level Paras, equipment for classrooms, and subscriptions to enhance our students' learning. Without this funding, we cannot provide these needed resources. In addition, this kind of support is the number one reason we are able to keep our class sizes more reasonable. The goal is to raise \$30,000, so please take some time this week (November 11-15) and bid on lots of wonderful items!



Visit the auction website to learn more: <https://us.givergy.com/auctionfall2024/>

Hockey 101

We are very excited to announce that the Colorado Amateur Hockey

Development Team will be at Cottonwood Creek to teach ball hockey!

Students will have a 45 minute session with the Colorado Avalanche Amateur



Development Team.. [Discounted tickets here](#) and [Waiver for participation](#)

November Donation Drive

November 1st through the 29th, the Cherry Creek High School feeder schools are hosting a donation drive to support school resource pantries throughout the district.

Thank you for your generosity in helping our community.

Ways to Donate:

- Collection of individually packaged snack foods, toiletries, and shelf-stable items
 - Send items to COT with your student
 - Drop off items at the main office
- [Monetary Donations through RevTrak](#)
- Donators can purchase requested items through our [Amazon Wishlist](#)
- [The CCSD School-Based Food & Resource Pantry Website](#)



After School Clubs

Please visit our homepage under the Activities and Clubs heading for more information about current clubs and to sign-up. [24-25 Activities and Clubs](#)

Attendance

If your student is going to be late or absent, calling the attendance line is a requirement so we know your student is safe and accounted for. It also avoids the automated calls to you.

Should you also want to communicate to the classroom teachers as well, that can be done via email. The Attendance Line is 720-554-3295.



FROM THE CLINIC:

Important Health Reminder from the School Nurse

If your child sustains an injury, such as a bone fracture (wearing a cast, splint or brace) or other condition that may require accommodations at school, please notify the school nurse as soon as possible. In order to ensure your child receives the appropriate support, we ask that you provide a doctor's note detailing the nature of the injury, any physical limitations, and

recommended accommodations. This will help us coordinate with teachers and staff to ensure your child's safety and comfort while they recover.

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

NOVEMBER COUGARS OF THE MONTH:

Cougar of the Month Award celebrates Cottonwood Creek students who consistently demonstrate ROAR (Respect. Own It. Attitude. Responsibility.) behavior. One student from each grade level is nominated by staff each month for the award.



Kindergarten - Johanna Berg



1st Grade - Hayden Carron



2nd Grade - Axel Raiola



3rd Grade - Peter An



4th Grade - Kolette Raiola



5th Grade - Jesse Gold

Don't Forget! 🙌

Cold Weather Recess

Dropping temperatures mean students will require outdoor clothing for recess. The district's policy is that, in the absence of lightning, thunder or precipitation, students will have outside recess if the temperature "feels like" 20 degrees fahrenheit or above. Therefore, please be sure to send students to school with appropriate clothing to play outside in the cold and possible snow. We cannot assure that clothing dropped off after the start of school will be delivered to students before recess, so please do your best to send these items to school with your child in the morning.



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