



## From Principal Francis

Dear Cottonwood Families,

Successful 4 A and 4 B for the Cherry Creek School District:

### Message from District:

Thanks to the support of our community, the CCSD mill and bond passed which will allow us to continue to deliver high-quality teachers, safe schools, innovation, and in-demand career training that empowers every student to find their Pathway of Purpose. The enduring support from our community is what sets Cherry Creek Schools apart, and we are extraordinarily grateful for the trust and support of our residents. We are prepared to get to work immediately to bring these projects to life as step one of growing excellence for our students and teachers today and into the future.



**On a more personal note**, the ongoing support of the community to continue to pass a bond and mill is one of the reasons that I came to CCSD 3 years ago. Your decision to offset the state level funding deficits and put your local tax dollars into your school system allows us to attract and retain the very best staff members and continue to provide a high quality education for your children. Thank you for supporting your neighborhood schools! Voting yes on local measures and supporting our COT PTO sends a powerful message to every staff member at Cottonwood Creek!

### Silent Auction update

I want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to each of you for your incredible support in making our recent Cottonwood Auction: **There's No Place Like Cottonwood**, a tremendous success. Whether you bid on items, volunteered your time, or made a generous contribution, your involvement made an incredible difference!

The final numbers are coming in this week so I would like to wait to give a full update till next Monday! Donors will hear directly from the Auction Committee on next steps. Please stay tuned, but know the news is exciting!

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## November at a glance...

11/25: Hockey 101 at Cottonwood - **Have you signed your waiver?**

**See below**

11/1-11/29: Food Donation Drive (see below for details)

11/21: School Accountability Meeting

11/27-11/29: Thanksgiving Break - no school for students



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## District Information



### CCHS Cross Country Turkey Trot

Sign up today for the **First Annual TurCreek Trot 5K!** Run for your rutabagas, trot for your turkey, keep pace for your pie....Hosted by Cherry Creek High School Cross Country. 8:30 am Thanksgiving Day, 11/28/2024 at Village Greens Park. A huge thank you to our sponsor, Realtor Jennifer Bub. For more info and to sign up, visit: <https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/GreenwoodVillage/TurCreekTrotK>

### Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Date: Thursday, December 12th 2024

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

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

Topic: *Transition Program Presentation*

[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

### School Accountability Meeting:

**When:** November 21 @ 8:00

**Where:** COT Library

**Agenda:**

- *The role of Mental Health and Behavior Techs at COT - How are they funded?*
- *Purpose of The Den and Calming Corners*
- *Current and future overall staffing scenarios at COT*
- Virtual Link HERE: [Join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 229 641 343 48

Passcode: CH9Wq9Xv

### 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.

Development Team.. [Discounted tickets here](#) and [Waiver for participation](#) or scan the code here.



### 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](#)



### 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](#)

#### 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)



#### 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.**

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**Don't Forget!** 🙌

**\* Sign the waiver to participate in Hockey 101**

**\* Check the lost and found - All items will be bagged up and donated tomorrow!**

**\* 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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