



COTTONWOOD CREEK SCHOOL

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Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
26 Dress like a pumpkin (orange) Grade 5 Conferences	27 Sweater Weather CCS Mock Election 5:30 PM Board of Trustees	28 Candy Corn Day Kindergarten: White Grades 1, 3, 5, 7: Orange Grades 2, 4, 6, 8: Yellow 8:45 AM Virtual Student Announcements 3:00 Student Council	29 Skeleton (Black/White) 3:15 Grade 8 Conferences	30 Halloween Costume End of 1st Trimester 9:00 AM Optional Materials Distribution 10:30 K-5 Release* Students are encouraged to come and wear their costume. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM: K-1 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM: 2-3 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM: 4 - 5 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM: 6-8 Please use social distancing, wear a face covering and do not come if you or a family member is exhibiting any COVID or Flu-like symptoms - Use the alternative time.
2 Grade 7: Teens for Life Presentations 4:00 CCS Steering Committee	3 Grade 7: Teens for Life Presentations	4 3:00 PM SSC	5 3:00 PMPFC Historical Wax Museum	6 Coyote Spirit Day

*Please note, The minimum schedule for K-5 is

- 8:30AM (8:45 K) -10:30 AM: Synchronous Time
- 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Asynchronous Time

October 25, 2020

Dear Cottonwood Creek Families,

It is hard to believe we are quickly approaching the end of October. The weather is changing, time is changing (literally, Daylight Savings Time is Sunday, November 1), and we are quickly approaching the holiday season.

Going to school or working in your home can be overwhelming and feel like there is no separation between the two. As the year progresses and we begin to experience extended school holidays like



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Thanksgiving Break and Winter Break, please consider how you are creating or maintaining a healthy school (work)-to-home life balance for your student and family. Here are some reminders for day-day balance and during school holidays:

- Create a dedicated workspace with essential items. (During extended holidays, consider putting away items so your student can truly take a break from school)
- Set morning routines, break schedule (built in the instructional day already), end-of-day routines.
- Consider nutrition, sleep and exercise routines to maintain a healthy mind, body and soul.
- Create opportunities for social connection

Please join me in thanking our Steering Committee for their upcoming work on identifying our Signature Academic Program.

- Staff: Ms. Rhett, Mr. Tran, Ms. Pereyda, Ms. Eisenstadt, Ms. Maher, Ms. Pizer, Ms. Young
- Students: Sohail K (7), Sravya M (5)
- Parents/Guardians: Vidur Gupta (1,4), Karina Laredo (4,7)

Every four years when presidential elections are held, there are many opportunities to build this learning into our educational program. Our students are going to be participating in a mock election.

[Coyote Vote 2020](#): CCS will hold our first mock election on Tuesday, October 27. Here are a few things students can do to get ready for the big day:

Students:

- Pick up an "I Voted" sticker from the table in front of the school.
- Decide who they'll choose for President
- Research the issues on our ballot and make an informed choice about how they'll vote:
Prop 15, Prop 17

No Parents in Virtual Classes

This is a reminder, PLEASE DO NOT try and log onto your student's virtual classes or engage with teachers during class time. You can always email your student's teacher if you have any questions or set up a time to meet virtually outside of class time.

Please do not help your students take tests and quizzes. Teachers are observing parents provide answers to students while their learning is being assessed. Our teachers need to be able to assess student learning, so they can plan instruction appropriately.

Any and all observations must be pre approved by administration. If you are looking to join your student's class, please contact me at venturalorianne@dublinusd.org or Ms. Selvaggio at selvaggioginger@dublinusd.org.

We appreciate your help in protecting the safety and privacy of your student, all students and all staff.



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October's positive action theme is "I am Responsible"

Pledge to grow up safe and healthy by making responsible choices for your health. Eat fresh and healthy foods, get a good night's sleep, exercise your brain and body!

Please review these with your students and share examples of how they are showing their responsibility.

October Spirit Days

Be sure to join the fun!

- Halloween Spirit week: See Flyer



CCS K-8 PUMPKIN CONTEST

WOW! We had nearly 150 students sign up for this contest.

Don't forget the following:

→ Online picture submission by Friday, October 30th (link to submit pictures will be emailed to the students who sign up)

→ Prizes will awarded for 1st place winners

Decorated (Non carved) Categories

- Funny
- School spirit
- Scary
- Sports

Carved Categories

- Funny pumpkins
- School spirit pumpkins
- Scary
- Movies



Grade level Theme: Story Book Characters

Kindergarten

5th grade

1st grade

6th grade

2nd grade

7th grade

3rd grade

8th grade

4th grade



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Halloween is right around the corner. For those of you already planning for this event, here are some important reminders:

As you prepare for Halloween and purchasing Halloween Costumes for virtual school or materials pick, please keep in mind the following:

- Costumes should be appropriate for school. We ask for your support in helping students to comply with these rules.
 - Costumes must comply with the school dress codes, be age-appropriate (no R-rated themes) and be respectful to others
 - No blood or gore
 - No full-face masks or coverings
 - Students' costumes may not include pretend weapons and/or explosives. Toy guns, swords, knives, or martial arts weapons, etc. are not allowed and will be confiscated if brought to school.
 - We are also asking for your cooperation in NOT allowing your children to dress up as clowns due to the possible disruption and fear it may cause.
 - Please help your student select costumes that support our efforts to provide a positive and fun environment.



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Nutrition Services

The DUSD Child Nutrition Services Department can make your life a bit easier by preparing [breakfast and lunch](#) for your students. GIVE IT A TRY! We continue to offer free meals on a daily basis to all students. Beginning Friday, November 6, 2020, we will also resume offering weekend meals for students at no charge. These weekend meals include three breakfasts and three lunches on Fridays for each student in their household. Order meals through Canvas. For more information on the process, visit <http://bit.ly/CNS-Process>

Home-School Connection

A note from our counselors Ms. Garcia and Mr. Sevilla:

Red Ribbon Week is taking place October 23rd-30th. Red Ribbon week is a time to learn about making healthy choices for our physical lifestyle and gain awareness about drug prevention. Counselors will be hosting lunch groups on Thursday the 29th to help Cottonwood Creek students learn about these topics. Grades K-5 will be part of a storytime about making healthy choices, and Grades 6-8 will get to participate in a drug prevention trivia game with prizes. A video on how parents can keep their children safe from drugs can be found in the October Counseling Newsletter.

Dublin Unified School District is sponsoring the Annual Red Ribbon Week Contest. The 2020 contest is to create an original poem on the theme of "Be Happy. Be Brave. Be Drug Free." For complete details visit our [website](#).

As October comes to an end, so are our bullying prevention activities. Counselors have shared classroom presentations on being respectful with one another, how to prevent bullying, and how to communicate online safely and respectfully. Many students have signed our Virtual Stand Up To Bullying Pledge to show our Coyote solidarity in showing kindness and preventing bullying."

Calling all Careers

If you are interested in visiting one or more of our classes and sharing about your college and career pathways, please sign up here: [College and Career Classroom Visit](#)

Optional Contests

- **Due October 25th:** Attention Fifth - Eighth Grade Students and Families: Daughters of American Revolution Essay Writing Contest is here. [DAR Essay Contest Flyer](#)
- **Due November 3rd:** October is National Bullying Prevention Month. DUSD is committed to raising awareness of the negative effect bullying has on a person's life and in our



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community. To that end, DUSD is once again sponsoring the Bullying Prevention Awareness Contest. Please see the [flyer](#) for complete details on how your student can enter. Entries are due on November 3, 2020.

- **Due November 10th:** DUSD Red Ribbon Week 2020 Poem [Contest Information Flyer](#)

I hope you have an excellent week.

Sincerely,
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[Road to Reopening Playbook](#) | [COVID-19 Resources](#) | [DUSD Weekly Updates](#)
[How to Sign Up for Canvas as a Parent Observer](#)
[K-5 Handbook](#), [Grades 6-8 Handbook](#)

NUTRITION SERVICES

New: [K8 Grab and Go Lunch Menu](#)*

We understand that some families may be having trouble ordering meals for their students. If you want to order meals for your Cottonwood Creek student through Canvas, please use this [link](#), starting at 5:00 PM the day before.

**Please note: if your student is vegetarian, please contact Ms. Santana at santanamaria@dublinusd.org for more options.*

NEWS from the PFC

PFC UPDATES

CALLING ALL PUMPKINS TO CCS PUMPKIN PATH!

Students are invited to drop-off their carved or decorated pumpkins before 10:00am on Oct 30 th at the front of the school for a super special walk-thru pumpkin path! Pumpkins will be on display during materials exchange between 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Join the fun! We can't wait to see your creations!!

How to participate:

- 1) Carve or decorate a pumpkin as part of the CCS competition
- 2) Take pictures of your pumpkin and upload them to the competition page
- 3) Label the bottom of your pumpkin
 - a) Student name
 - b) Student grade





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c) Teacher name or first period teacher

- 4) Drop-off your pumpkin masterpiece to PFC at the main gate on Oct 30 before 10:00 a.m.
- 5) Walk the path during materials pick-up between 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.!
- 6) Pick-up your pumpkin by 6:00 p.m. (any pumpkins left will have to be thrown away)

VIRTUAL BINGO NIGHT

CCS PFC is excited to host Virtual Bingo Night for the whole family. To participate please register at <https://tinyurl.com/ccsbingtonight>

To accommodate all students we have set 2 nights for the Virtual Bingo Event. Multiple Bingo cards can be purchased. Bingo Cards will be emailed a week before the event along with the information on how to join.

Please reach out to communications@cottonwoodpfc.org if you have any questions. **Registration is required to participate.**

COST : Bingo cards are \$1 each

WHEN :

6th - 8th GRADE: WEDNESDAY NOV 18th FROM 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM

K - 5 GRADE: THURSDAY NOV 19th FROM 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM

CCS SCIENCE FAIR 2021 -- On Monday October 26th application forms, permission slips and information regarding the 2021 CCS Science Fair will be up on the www.cottonwoodpfc.org website. This year there will be three divisions: K-3, 4-5 and 6-8. Each has slightly different requirements, so please review the posted information carefully. Students can complete a project on their own or at most with one other student in the same division. Each student must complete a Science Fair Application Form and must have a parent or guardian complete a Science Fair Participation Permission Slip online. For more up to date information please check www.cottonwoodpfc.org

Please note the following important Deadlines:

Nov 8, 2020: Application Deadline for 6-8 graders participating in the CCS Science Fair Mentorship Program

Nov 10, 2020: ACSEF project proposal due for Early Submitters from the Science Fair Mentorship program

Nov 12, 2020: Application Deadline for all other 6-8 graders

Nov 21, 2020: Approval for all 6-8 Projects will be completed

Dec 5, 2020: Approval for all K-5 Projects will be completed

CCS Science Fair: Feb 5, 2021- Feb 7, 2021



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Stay connected with CCS PFC

There are many ways to get updated information on important upcoming events, volunteer opportunities

- Subscribe to our website at <https://www.cottonwoodpfc.org/>
- Follow Cottonwood Creek PFC on Twitter [@cottonwoodpfc](https://twitter.com/cottonwoodpfc)
- Connect to us on Facebook at "[Cottonwood Creek PFC](#) "



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STEAM Enrichment Academy
After school programs for grades 1 - 8

WINTER SESSION
December through February

Dynamic selection of 25 different courses.
Financial aid available to qualifying Dublin families, email
info@dpie.org to inquire.

EXCITING COURSES
(offered by some of your favorite teachers and vendor partners)

- Actors' Workshop on the Air
- Advanced Public Speaking & Debate
- Adventures in Mathematics for 4th & 5th Graders
- Animal Art
- Art Through the Ages
- Become a Better Writer & Publish Your Book
- Become a Better Reader for Primary Students
- Beginning Minecraft & Coding
- Bolly Fusion Dance
- Chess - Beginning, Intermediate & Advanced
- Explore the Eco Systems of the El Dorado Forest
- Elements and Principles of Art
- Get Inspired with Artificial Intelligence
- "Hooked on Books" Book Club
- Juggling 101: Circus Skills & Conditioning
- Level 2 Galactic Scratch Camp
- Literature and Art
- Paint Me a Ceramic Place Setting
- Paint Your Own Ceramic Wind Chime
- Public Speaking Masters
- Solve Problems w/Math & Publish Digital Solutions
- Video Game Design & Coding
- WELCOME to Wood Art & Ceramics
- Writing Through the Genres
- Yoga: Elementary & Middle School

For more information or to enroll, visit
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