



## CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

### **Battle of the Books Club**

School-sponsored: Mr. Darren Gaines

Time:

Fee: Not Applicable

Description: Students (grades 4 and 5) will read numerous books, work together to extend their literacy skills, and represent Cottonwood Creek Elementary at the Cherry Creek School District Battle of the Books competition. This is a wonderfully fun way to engage with friends through books!

### **Chess Club**

Vendor-sponsored:

[www.coloradomasterchess.com](http://www.coloradomasterchess.com) ; National

Master Todd Bardwick at

[tbardwick@yahoo.com](mailto:tbardwick@yahoo.com) or 303-770-6696

Time: Friday from 7:50 – 8:50 AM

Location: Mobile

Fee: \$135/7 week session (alternating weeks based on level)

Description: Students will learn and enjoy the game of chess with Cottonwood Creek friends. In addition to chess moves, etiquette, and technique, they will incorporate math, logic, critical thinking, and problem-solving in an engaging way!

### **Cougar Band Club**

District-sponsored: Ms. Robin Braun at

[rbraun@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:rbraun@cherrycreekschools.org)

Time: Tuesday and Thursday from 3:35 – 4:30 PM

Location: COT Music Room

Fee: \$350/year

Description: Students (grades 4 and 5) learn how to play an instrument--flute, clarinet, alto sax, trumpet, trombone, or baritone—as part of a band. They learn basic music reading, finger movement, and rhythm. Learning to play an instrument is a fabulous way to have fun, share a passion with peers, and develop the brain to think!

### **Cougar Choir Club**

School-sponsored: Ms. Natalie Miller

Time: Tuesday 7:50 – 8:50 AM (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

Thursday 7:50 – 8:50 AM (4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Location: COT Music Room

Fee: \$20

Description: Students will further enrich their knowledge of and talent in vocal music with Cottonwood Creek peers. They will celebrate this through Cottonwood Creek concerts. This is a fantastic way for students to express themselves through the arts!

### **Cottonwood Creek Math Sneak Peek**

School-sponsored: Derbish

Time: Friday 8:15-9:00am

Location: Ms. Derbish's Room

Fee: Not Applicable

Description: Students (grade 5) will see the “coming attractions” for our upcoming week in math. Getting a “sneak peek” at our learning targets will set the student up for success in class. It'll be fun and easy-going.

### **Cottonwood Creek Student Leadership**

School-sponsored: Ms. Alison Conti and

Ms. Kori Shaiman

Time: Wednesday 8:00-8:50am

Location: Ms. Conti's Room

Fee: Not Applicable

Description: Students (grades 3-5) can choose to go through an election process to serve and lead Cottonwood Creek on the Student Leadership Team. As a member of this team, they will practice leadership skills, participate in student-based decision-making, facilitate service learning, and function as ambassadors of Cottonwood Creek. Watch for more information about the COT Student Leadership Team.

### **Cottonwood Cruiser**

School Coordinator: Tammy Damruth

[tdamrath@me.com](mailto:tdamrath@me.com)

Time: Thursday 8:00-8:50am

September 17 – November 12

Location: COT Gym

Fee: \$40

Description: Cruisers (grades K-5) is a local chapter of the Road Runners Club of America (RRCA). A 15-minute lecture is followed by 35 minutes of warm up, stretching, endurance training, agility work, and fitness games. All parents are asked to volunteer at least 1 of the 8 sessions.

### **Cougar Intramurals Check the Schedule for Grade Level**

School-sponsored: Mr. Matt Mundy and Mr. Royce Wiersma

Time: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 7:50 – 8:50 AM

Location: COT Gymnasium

Fee: Not Applicable

Description: Students will enjoy exercising, playing games, learning sports, and creating healthy, active habits. Two days of clubs (i.e. cup stacking, running, jump rope, team sports, fit club, basketball) and one day of intramurals will be offered each week. Sign up using the attached flyer and turn it in to the Cottonwood Creek main office.

### **Designation Imagination**

School Coordinator:

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

Fee: Based on group

Description: Teams in our program improve in creative thinking, critical thinking, and collaborative problem solving. Participants experience the creative process, develop new friendships, and learn to work together. The creative process is about 21<sup>st</sup> century learning where students experience project management, creativity, imagination, collaboration and communication.

### **Girls on the Run**

School Coordinator: Stephanie Fisher

[Stephfisher94@gmail.com](mailto:Stephfisher94@gmail.com)

Time: Wednesday/Friday 7:30-8:50am

Location: COT Gym/Outside

Fee:

Description: (Grades 3-5) Girls on the Run is a positive youth development program. We teach life skills through dynamic interactive lessons, and running games. The program culminates with the girls being physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5k on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. The goal of GOTR is to unleash confidence through accomplishment while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health and fitness.

### **Junior Great Books**

School Coordinator:

Time: Starts in January during Grade level lunch time

Location: Grade level classroom

Fee: \$20

Description: Helps students with reading comprehension and critical thinking. Encourages children to branch out from what they usually read. The stories typically take 15-20 minutes to read at home, depending on the grade level. The program encourages your students to interpret the stories and ask questions in a relaxed, fun environment. Begins in January and lasts for 8 weekly "book club" meetings during lunch. Bring a bag lunch and discuss a wide range of short stories with your peers.

### **Math Olympiad**

School Coordinator: Ms. Wortmann and Ms. Schultz

Time: TBD

Location: Ms. Wortmann's room

Fee: \$15

Description: A team of no more than 35 students (grades 4 and 5) will participate in math problem solving contests throughout the year. They will learn problem-solving strategies, mathematical flexibility, and creativity around trying new ways to approach the problems. In practice, kids will work cooperatively, but contests will be individually based. This is a fun, engaging way to solve difficult math problems.

### **Rich Morrow**

School-sponsored: Ms. Wortmann and Ms. Schultz

Time: The district wide Rich Morrow Challenge will be in early December

Location: Ms. Schultz's room

Fee: N/A

Description: A team consists of 9 students (3 from each grade 3-5) chosen to represent the school. The mathematicians compete individually and as a team. We practice good problem solving skills and perseverance with difficult problems. The contest day is a fun way for the kids to work together in a dynamic math environment.

### **Whizzbang Writer's Club**

School-sponsored: Ms. Cindy Loehr and Ms. Kayla Wells

Time: Wednesday afternoon

Location: Ms. Loehr's Room

Fee: \$20

Description: Students (grade 2-5) will explore and create various types of writing for online audiences using various medias such as blogs, online book reviews, QR codes, and other electronic resources. Writers will be introduced to personal commentary, persuasive, information and humorous writing. Focus will be on developing passionate writers.

### **Sessions**

#### **Play-well TEKnologies**

Vendor: Jordan Hinman

720-460-1182 jordanh@play-well.org

Time: Wednesday from 3:35 – 5:00 PM

Location: Mobile

Fee: \$17.5/class

Description: Let your imagination run wild with tens of thousands of LEGO® ! Build engineer-designed projects such as boats, bridges, mazes and motorized cars, and use special pieces to create your own unique design! Explore the endless creative possibilities of the LEGO® building system with the guidance of an experienced Play-Well Instructor.

### **Science Matters**

Vendor-sponsored: Kesha Carney, Science Matters at 303-805-9287 or

[www.sciencematters.tv](http://www.sciencematters.tv)

Time: Monday 7:50 – 8:50 AM

Location: Art Room

Fee: \$88/session

Description: Students (K-5<sup>th</sup> Grades) work with science tools, collect and analyze data, utilize science-based literacy, and experience a hands-on lab. Each session lasts five weeks and are as follows:

- **Gear It Up** – Build a catapult, create are with a spirograph, and invent your own air-powered car as we learn the laws of motion. Spring into action with this club! From skateboard parks to merry-go-rounds, we'll learn how to harness the natural forces that make machines tick. So much physics fun it will make your head spin!
- **Outback Expedition** – G'day Mates! We're Going "Down Under" on a fascinating expedition. Decorate our own Aborigines artifact, crack a geode, create your own Mystery Stone with a surprise in the middle, and head into the Australian outback to scope out some amazing animals. Jump at this chance to trek the Australian Continent. Crikey!
- **Goose Bumps** – Turn the human body inside out in this behind the scenes science exploration. Dig your way into the blood and guts of the human body through building your own model bone, making blood, slime, exploring dry ice, heightening your senses, and much more, Get your skin ready for goose bump fun in this journey through the wild human body!
- **Pop! Bang! Fizz!** – A little of this, a little of that, some wild reactions is where it's at! Make a slushy treat to eat, create a fizzy bath bomb, and see Soda Slobber. We'll make water disappear and play with snow that never melts. You won't believe that our mixing fun can teach some science before it's done. With a

pop, or a bang, or even some fizz, you have become a chemistry whiz!

- **Super Science Smorgasbord!** – It's a grab bag of science. Make a Science Matters Hopper that can jump 12 feet; create your own rock collection and explore the Rock Cycle; see a cloud in a bottle; become a Science Illusionist and use science to amaze your friends with science tricks. With a little of this and a little of that it's fun for everyone.
- **My Amazing Flying Machine** – Zoom your way into this high flying club. Speed your way through the four forces of flight by making a ping pong ball float, designing your own parachute, sending rockets into the atmosphere, building your own plane, and much more. Soar your way through this aerodynamic club. May the four forces of flight be with you!

### **STEM Club**

School-sponsored: Mr. Darren Dennstedt

Time: Monday from 7:50 – 8:50 AM

Location: Technology Lab

Fee: \$10

Description: Students utilize STEM (science/technology/engineering/math) strategies to create inventions and solve problems. This is an incredible club to feed the love of science, math, and technology in your student or to extend the learning of those contents from the school day. Come join the exploration!

### **World Languages**

Vendor-sponsored: Bike Path Learning, LLC; contact Charnie at

[bikepathlearning@yahoo.com](mailto:bikepathlearning@yahoo.com) or 303-503-9661

Time: based on language and level

Location: COT classrooms

Fee: \$370/year (Beginner and Beginning Intermediate) or \$450 (Intermediate and Advanced); payment options and discounts available

Description: Students are introduced to and explore the language of Spanish, French, or Chinese. The instructor focuses on basic auditory understanding, word recognition, writing, and speaking of the selected

language with the class. Aspects of each culture, day-to-day living, and life abroad are also incorporated. This is a wonderful way to expose your student to a more global outlook! See the Bike Path Learning flyer for more details on languages and session.

### **Yoga Club**

Vendor-sponsored: Radiant Beginnings; [www.radiantbeginningsyoga.com](http://www.radiantbeginningsyoga.com) or Julie Campilio at 978-314-4363

Time: Wednesday from 8:00-8:50 AM

Location: COT Music Room

Fee \$112/8 week session; reduced rate of

### **Young Rembrandts**

Vendor-sponsored: Young Rembrandt's; Julie MacDaniel, at

[sedenver@youngrembrandts.com/sedenver](mailto:sedenver@youngrembrandts.com/sedenver) or call at 303.221.4433

Time: Tuesday at 7:50 – 8:50 AM

Location: COT Art Room

Fee: \$99/8 week session

Description: Students (Grades 1-5) express their creative side by generating two-dimensional art each class. This visual learning art class also strengthens skills that carry over into all learning, such as time on task, attention to detail, and appreciation of art and history.