

# Cottonwood News

April 2018

Cottonwood Elementary

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

Spring is here! April is a busy time at Cottonwood, and we are charging forward in our learning and preparing for our state testing and end of year assessments. We also have some field trips and other special events in the works. Be sure to read your child's grade level newsletter for specific details.

Thank you to all of our Cottonwood parents who attended parent teacher conferences last month. Our goal is to meet with 100% of our families, so teachers have already reached out to reschedule appointments. If you haven't been contacted, call the office and we will get you set up. We appreciate your feedback on our performance survey as well. If you didn't complete the survey, it is still "open" online for your participation. Progress reports will be sent out later this month.

We celebrated our students' academic successes at the Awards Assemblies on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. April 10 is our Cottonwood PLUS meeting, at 6:00 PM. Our second graders will be performing. Cottonwood Bobcats are thinking "PAWSitively" about our AzMERIT tests. Look through the newsletter for more details and the testing schedule.

April 25 is Administrative Professionals Day, and we honor Michelle Heimberger and Pat Sanchez for the outstanding customer service they provide. Please join us in honoring these two wonderful front office ladies.

## From the Office:

Thank you to all who have returned the "Plans for Next Year" form. To help us better plan for class placements, we request you call and notify us if you will be moving out of our area. If your child attends Cottonwood on Open Enrollment, please submit the application as soon as possible. Forms are available online or in our office.

Early Outs: Due to the disruption to classrooms, we will NOT be calling students out of class between 2:30 and 2:45 unless arranged ahead of time. Please limit these early outs to medical or dental appointments.

Environmental Request Forms: Parents who would like to request a specific learning environment for the 2018/2019 school year are welcome to pick up an "Environmental Request Form" from the office, or we can send it to you via email.

## Important Dates

4/10	6:00 pm	CW Plus Mtg, 2nd Gr. Performs
4/11	12:45 pm	Early Dismissal
4/12 4/13		Kinder Steps Screenings
4/18	8:20 am	Mayor's Reading Club
4/23	8:45 am	Field Trip—Kinder to Shamrock Farms
4/24	8:30 am	Field Trip-CAC-Reimann, Spies
4/25	8:50 am 12:45 pm	CG Library Visits Early Dismissal
4/26	8:30 am	Field Trip-CAC-Castro
4/27	8:10 am 1:00 pm	PRIDE Ceremony Field Day
4/30	Lunches 1:30 pm	Silver Platter Lunches 4th/5th Band Concert

## SUMMER OF FUN

Reminder that Summer School applications are still available. Class availability is first come first serve, so don't delay, get your applications in today!

Applications can be picked up in the office.



# AZMerit

Cottonwood students in Grades 3, 4, 5 are taking AzMERIT, our state standardized assessments. The subjects tested will be English Language Arts (which includes a reading test and a separate writing test), and Math. Grade 4 has completed the AIMS Science test, and 3, 4, 5 have taken their Writing assessment.

These exams are computer-based. They measure students' mastery of the standards including problem solving and critical-thinking skills. **It is important that your child attend on their designated testing days.** Rest and nutrition will help them perform their best.

Practice tests, information about what to expect on the exam, and parent resources are available at:

<http://azmeritportal.org>

<http://www.azed.gov/assessment/grades-3-5>.

Contact Mrs. Dee or Mrs. Rice if you have questions.

GRADE 3	10-Apr	ELA 1	Caldwell
	11-Apr	ELA 1	Hurley, Purmort
	16-Apr	Math 1	All 3rd
	18-Apr	ELA 2	Purmort
	19-Apr	ELA 2	Hurley, Caldwell
	24-Apr	Math 2	All 3rd
GRADE 4	10-Apr	ELA 1	
	13-Apr	Math 1	
	18-Apr	ELA 2	
	23-Apr	Math 2	Rodriguez, Marquez
	24-Apr	Math 2	Vigil
GRADE 5	9-Apr	ELA 1	
	12-Apr	Math 1	
	17-Apr	ELA 2	
	20-Apr	Math 2	

Congratulations to the following fourth and fifth grade students for making Honor Roll in Quarter 3:

4th-Honor Roll: Saul Moreno Meraz, Abbagail Starr

4th-Principal's Honor Roll: Eli Cano Ortiz, Adrian Chavarria, Cielyn Dann, Connor Parsons, Carlos Reyes, Anthony Tapia

5th-Honor Roll: Amirrah Coronado, Leah Gutierrez, Piper Kimball, Emma Lara, Julia Soto

5th-Principal's Honor Roll: Amaya Guevara, Logan Sutton



Congratulations to this month's P.R.I.D.E. students!  
Positive, Responsible, Involvement and Determined to give their best Effort!

Mrs. Gutierrez AM– Julius Arriola

Mrs. Gutierrez PM– Valereya Zuniga

Mrs. Mackynen AM - Lilianna Castro

Mrs. Mackynen PM— Zachary Vinson

Mrs. Narum–Nikki Kyyitan

Mrs. Kelly– Kyla Anderson

Mrs. Caron– Freddy Jimenez

Mrs. Spies– Yandel Rojas

Mrs. Castro–Manuel Simental

Mrs. Reimann—Aurora VandenHoek

Ms. Hurley–Noee Rojas

Ms. Purmort–Joan Nelson

Ms. Caldwell–Jael Najera

Mrs. Rodriguez–Estrella Troup

Mrs. Vigil–Connor Parsons

Mrs. Marquez–Cielyn Dann

Mrs. Griffis–Kaedyn Caraballo

Ms. McKinley–Zeth Bevan

Mr. Forrest–Piper Kimball

## RESPONSIVE CLASSROOM:

At Cottonwood, we use the “Responsive Classroom” approach to teach and practice social skills that create a positive learning community. Students learn academics most easily when they have strong social skills that let them take a positive role in classroom life. Here are some of the specific social skills that students focus on throughout the year:

\*Cooperation (working smoothly with others)

\*Assertiveness (confidently putting forth your ideas and opinions)

\*Responsibility (taking charge of yourself and working hard at your learning)

\*Empathy (listening to others and understanding how they might respond to your words or actions)

\*Self-control (thinking before acting)

We also utilize community members as mentors. If you are interested in mentoring, or other supports for our school, contact Michelle at 836-5601 to learn about volunteering opportunities.