

# 2023-2024 Cottage School Program

Weekly News--Week of April 15

...a physician by the name of George Beard offered up a theory as to why more and more Americans were suffering from nervousness. His main culprit was technology: new "conveniences" were making life go faster and making people pay more attention to small details.

~ William Stixrud, author of *The Self-Driven Child*

George Beard came to the conclusion above in...1881. The technology to which Dr. Beard was referring was the railroad and the telegraph, which, by our standards, seem ancient. What do you think Dr. Beard would say about the pace of life today and the technological advances since his time? More importantly, what conclusions would he draw about the level of "nervousness" in society in 2024? We may not want to know his thoughts, but we would most likely all come to the same conclusion. Technology, for all the help and convenience it provides, can also lead to frustration and impatience. Our expectations for what technology should be able to do and how quickly it should be able to do it have led to an over reliance and ever-increasing demand. As more and more apps get developed for our smartphones, as internet speeds get faster, and as we become more "connected" via WiFi networks, our world continues to get busier and noisier. A healthy dose of 19th century technology doesn't sound half bad right now.

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## Announcements

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE:

April 15-19

- Order Class Composite Photos. More info below.

### April 19

- CSP Evening of the Arts. More info below.

### April 22

- CSP Parent Curriculum Meeting. More info below.

### April 22-26

- SkyTree Book Fair. More info below.

### May 3

- TCA Carnival sponsored by North Junior High. More info below.

### **NEW AND STILL INFORMATION:**

**\*\*Congratulations to Mrs. Dalrymple and her art students who placed in the Junior Federal Duck Stamp Art Contest and the recent D20 art show! Each year anywhere from 300-800 students participate in this nationwide competition from all over the State of Colorado. CSP was very well represented in the contest with 24 total entries and many recognitions!**

#### **Junior Federal Duck Stamp Contest**

##### *First Place:*

Andrew Dibble  
Ezra Johnson

##### *Second Place:*

Eliana Johnson

##### *Third Place:*

Tallia Anderson

##### *Honorable Mention:*

Tea Anderson  
Arianna Bynes  
Hannah Cunneff  
Diego Fernandez  
Audrey Fiske  
Laura Miller  
Mea Miller  
Anisha Subramanian  
Jezreel Thomas

#### **D20 Art Show**

##### *First Place:*

Ezra Johnson  
Eliana Moburg

##### *Second Place:*

Talia Anderson

**2. THIS WEEK - CSP EVENING OF THE ARTS** - Friday, April 19th, 2:00-5:00 PM. The art show will take place in CSP hallways from 2-5 PM; stop by any time in this window to view your children's artwork on display. The concert for students in grade 2, 4, and 6 will take place from 3:30-5:00 PM. (Students in the concert should view their artwork prior to performing.)

**3. THIS WEEK ONLY--ORDER CSP CLASS COMPOSITE PICTURES (see flyer below).** Ordering is open through April 19th. If you would like a class composite photos of your child's class this year, please go to [inter-state.com](http://inter-state.com) and use the code 79187H to purchase the pictures. (Note that you will see a message that asks if Friday, March 15th, was our school's picture day. Just click "Yes.")

**4. CSP PARENT CURRICULUM MEETING - April 22nd, 8:30-10:00 AM (RSVP Required)** As we approach the end of another school year, many of you are already planning for - or at least starting to think about - home schooling next fall. There is no shortage of curriculum options available right now and wrapping your head around what's best for your child(ren) and family can feel overwhelming. To help, we will be hosting our annual curriculum info meeting on Monday, April 22, from 8:30 - 10 AM to discuss and share various home school curricula and ideas with each other. We'll meet together initially (in a College Pathways classroom...look for signs when you enter the building) as one large group to review home schooling resources available on the CSP web site [HERE](#) before breaking into two smaller groups, a K-2 group and a 3-6 group. These individual groups will be led by experienced home school and current CSP parents. Our hope is for you to leave feeling prepared to make sound curriculum decisions for next year and in the years ahead. To help us best plan for this meeting, please RSVP [HERE](#) by 3 PM on Thursday, April 18th. Please note childcare will NOT be provided.

**5. SKYTREE BOOK FAIR - April 22nd - 26th.** For the first time, TCA East Campus is partnering with SkyTree Book Fair. CSP parents and students are welcome to browse and/or purchase books before school Monday-Friday, 7:45-8:15 AM; after school Monday-Thursday, 3:30-4:00pm; or Friday 7:45-8:15 AM 12:30-1:00 PM. Please have a parent present with students visiting the fair.

**6. TCA CARNIVAL – Friday, May 3, 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM** TCA Junior High proudly presents -TCA Day Carnival! Come one! Come all! Proceeds of the event will benefit St. Jude's Hospital. Click [here](#) for more info. Pre-Sale Ticket on sale [here](#).

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## ***CSP Class Composite Photo Ordering Info***



## The Classical Academy - Cottage School Class Composite Pictures

### You May Purchase:

**1 - 8 x 10 Class Composite Picture for \$12.00**

To order online, go to [www.inter-state.com/order](http://www.inter-state.com/order) and use order code: **79187H**

**Payment due on or before: Friday, April 19, 2024**

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### *Prior (but still relevant!) Information*

**1. Our SilverGraphics Online Art Shop is Still Open!** Find the perfect gift for any special occasion, preserve a memory of your child's school year, and proudly display your child's art on beautiful keepsakes. You can still order beautiful personalized products featuring your child's artwork through our SilverGraphics Art Fundraiser. Our **ONLINE ART SHOP** is open through **June 30th**. Now's your chance to place additional orders. You can also **UPLOAD NEW ART & PHOTOGRAPHS!** Products will ship direct to you (or whatever address you enter at Checkout), with shipping fees added. Your order will continue to support our school.

To place your order:

1. Go to: [www.silvergraphics.com/shop](http://www.silvergraphics.com/shop)
2. Enter our School Access Code: ArtCottage23

Contact Michelle Dalrymple at [mdalrymple@asd20.org](mailto:mdalrymple@asd20.org) if you have any questions.

### **2. TCA SUBSTITUTES NEEDED!**

Types of jobs available: Teacher, Tutor, Office/Kiosk/Health Room, Test Proctoring  
Requirements--

- TEACHER: Bachelor's degree in any subject **or** HS Diploma + CDE Substitute Teacher Authorization
- PARAPROFESSIONAL: High School Diploma or GED
- Office/Kiosk/Health Room/: High School Diploma/GED and additional training in the specific area
- Proctoring: Bachelor's degree in any subject and additional training in the specific area

To apply, please visit TCA's employment site at [here](#) and submit an application for Substitute.

**3. Looking for ways to bless our staff? Food is always welcome!** We have a "Sunshine Cabinet" in the Staff Lounge that we like to keep stocked with snacks and goodies for staff members to enjoy

throughout the week. If ever you want to contribute a treat to the cabinet (whether store bought or homemade, savory or sweet), items can be dropped off in the CSP/CP office.

**4. IMMEDIATE NEED FOR CSP and CP** - It's that time of year when we find ourselves running low on both Kleenex and paper towels. If you would be able to pick up an extra box/roll and have your student bring it to the front office, we would be so grateful! Thank you!

**5. CSP ART NEEDS** - Parents, if you have an extra skein of yarn and would like to donate it to the art room, we would be grateful.

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## LIBRARY NEWS!

Hello CSP Families!

Did you know that you have access to the East Campus Library and not just your students? You can come and check out materials (4 items per account) and have them for 2 weeks! Parents are welcome as soon as 8:00am until 8:20am. If you are here during school hours, feel free to stop by, however, if Mrs. Hinkin has a class with her in the library then we ask that you wait until after school or come back when she isn't with a class. The library is also open from 3:30pm-4:00pm.

Your student is also welcome to come by and checkout books! Without a parent, your student(s) can come in at 8:05am until 8:15am OR at the end of the day. However, we do ask that your student spends no more than 5min as we have to make sure the library isn't a "holding" area for late carpoolers, but rather an environment of finding great books and interacting with the library staff to help them find great books!

You also have online access to audio books and e-books. Checkout our library page <https://co50010872.schoolwires.net/Page/83> for more information. If you have any questions, contact the East Campus Librarian: Mrs. Hinkin, [ahinkin@asd20.org](mailto:ahinkin@asd20.org)

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## A MESSAGE FROM PPSC POLICE REGARDING CARPOOL

Last week, a PPSC officer observed our carpool processes at TCA East Campus. He observed the following:

1. Cars in the K-2 line driving down the PPSC road and bypassing the line. These cars end up stuck at the stop sign and block PPSC students from getting through.
2. Cars in the K-2 line pulling into the intersection and blocking it.
3. Children in cars not buckled and climbing around in the cars while the cars are in motion.
4. Some parents being rude and disrespectful when stopped by a police officer and/or a TCA East staff member.

Many thanks to all in our CSP community for all you're already doing to help carpool be as smooth as possible. We will continue to "Be our best, do our best, and give our best" as Titans--and be good neighbors to our PPSC counterparts. Should you ever have any concerns about carpool, please don't hesitate to reach out CSP administration (Justin Peterson or Stef Hille).

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## ***SNOW DAY AND 2-HOUR DELAY POLICY***

Winter weather will undoubtedly impact the school week at some point in the coming months, so I wanted to send out CSP's snow day and 2-hour delay policy. As a reminder, TCA follows D20's delay and closure status.

### **SNOW DAYS**

CSP will follow Academy School District 20 closure status. When ASD20 administration cancels school due to inclement weather, several radio/TV stations will be contacted to broadcast the closure or delay. TCA uses the Blackboard Connect™ service to notify the TCA community in the event of a delay or closure COTTAGE SCHOOL PROGRAM DOES NOT MAKE UP SNOW DAYS.

### **2-HOUR DELAYS**

Periodically throughout the winter, school will be delayed two hours due to inclement weather. Students may wear blue denim on these days. Hot lunch will still be available on delay days, or students may bring a sack lunch. All students should bring a snack and water bottle. Carpool as usual.

2-Hour Delay Schedule:

**Grades 1-6:** 10:15 - 3:30 pm

**Kindergarten:** AM class—10:15 - 12:30 pm

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## ***Typing Pal Log-In Instructions (Grades 3-6)***

Typing Pal is a learn-to-type program that we offer at no charge to all of our upper elementary students. There is no requirement to participate; it's simply something families may use as part of their home school curricula if students desire to learn/master basic typing skills. Log-in instructions are below.

1. Go to <https://clascott.typingpal.com>
2. Each student's **user name** is the first letter of his/her first name (as given in Infinite Campus; not a nickname) followed by the student's last name (i.e. shille would be the username for Stefani Hille).
3. The **password** is identical for each student—*titans*—UNLESS a student was with us previously and changed his/her account to a unique password. Once students are logged in, they may change their password to something unique to them.
4. Questions or trouble logging in? Contact Stef Hille at [shille@asd20.org](mailto:shille@asd20.org).



### **TCA Cottage School Program**

**Website:** [tcatitans.org](http://tcatitans.org)

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