

2023-2024 Cottage School Program

Weekly News--Week of February 5

There are some things you learn best in calm, and some in storm.

~ Willa Cather

It's natural for us to think of learning in a school context because we are, after all, a school. From August to May, learning happens in myriad ways in the gym and classrooms across CSP and CP, and all occur in a calm and relatively quiet environment. We cherish these months and moments trusting that our students will end each school year with more knowledge and understanding than when they began. We know, from our own experiences as adults, that plenty of learning happens in non-academic contexts too, learning that is invaluable to our growth as individuals. These experiences can be uncomfortable and downright challenging, and we often wish we could swoop in and spare our children from any hardship or stress. Doing so robs them of life-shaping circumstances that in the long term build resilience and perseverance. We value classroom learning, of course, but hopefully we also genuinely appreciate the trying times. Learning in a school environment will eventually end for all us; learning in life continues indefinitely.

In Partnership,

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CSP Parent Survey!

Each year, CSP gathers valuable input from our families through our annual parent survey. **This year's parent survey is available [HERE](#) and open through Thursday, February 29.** We appreciate you taking time to provide feedback that will help us serve and partner with our families in the most effective way possible. Thank you!

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR CLASS SCHEDULES

- On Thursday, February 1, the Registrar's Office will send out class request emails for the 2024-2025 school year to *rising* 1st - 6th grade students (current Kinder - 5th grade students).
- You will have until Thursday, February 8, to respond, and the Registrar's Office will inform you on Friday, February 9, which class your student has been assigned to.
- Rising 7th grade students (current 6th grade students) will be emailed a link to request a College Pathways 7th grade class schedule on Thursday, Feb. 15.
- Offers for **NEW** CSP Kinder - 6th graders will begin in late February/early March.
- Be on the lookout! TCA's Registrar's Office highly encourages you to submit your child's class request *as soon as you receive the email with the link to the request form*. CSP seats fill up fast!

FOR RISING 7th GRADERS: We recommend have your student's schedule for the next school year planned out ahead of time. A blank schedule worksheet can be found [here](#), course descriptions can be found [here](#), the weekly course list can be found [here](#), and the weekly course schedule can be found [here](#).

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).

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

Announcements

NEW and STILL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. THIS WEEK! NOON DISMISSAL, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 - All Wednesday students in grades 1, 3, and 5 will be dismissed at noon on Wednesday, February 7th, due to a CSP teacher in-service. (Kindergarten schedule is normal with an 11:30 AM dismissal time.) ALL CSP students (including kindergarteners) are permitted to wear denim bottoms and a uniform top on noon dismissal days. Students in grades 1, 3, and 5 will **not** have lunch on this day. Carpool will go very quickly for students in grades 1, 3, and 5 since they will be the only ones releasing at noon.

2. THIS WEEK! Denim week in honor of the Super Bowl! Students may wear denim bottoms (no holes or tears) and an athletic team jersey, sweatshirt, t-shirt, etc. Students may also wear denim bottoms and a uniform top if they don't have a sports team top to wear.

3. FEBRUARY LUNCH MENU can be found [here](#).

4. UPCOMING FRIDAY MAKE-UP DAY for CSP MONDAY STUDENTS - Friday, February 23rd

Due to the Presidents' Day holiday on Monday, February 19th, all Monday students will attend school on Friday, February 23rd, that week. Students may wear denim bottoms and a uniform top. All students need to bring a lunch from home as no hot lunch is served on Fridays.

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.

6. LANDSHARKS REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1 - CSP students have two options for participating in Landsharks. There is a homeschool-specific team, the Homeschool Hammerheads (see flyer below for dates and coach contact info), as well as a team with TCA East Elementary students. To register, please go to www.landsharksrunningclub.com. Other dates specific to the TCA East team are as follows:

1/30 – Financial Aid closes

2/1 – Spring track registration opens

3/17 – Registration price increase

3/27 – Registration closes

4/9 – First practice begins at 7:10am on the east turf field

4/21, 4/28, 5/5 – 3:00 meets at Chinook Middle School

5/7 – Final practice/season celebration

Please contact Mandy Souder (719-258-7786) if you have any questions.

7. TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS, FEBRUARY 12 AND 15 - The annual Talent Show is approaching! Students from 2nd through 6th grade are welcome to audition. A student from CSP must be in the act, but CSP students may include Mom, Dad, siblings, or friends in the act with them. Auditions will be held in room 126, Gold Hallway. Parents, please sign your student up for an audition on Signup using this link: <https://signup.com/go/LYkdwsY> Contact Mrs. Socolofsky with any questions (jsocolofsky@asd20.org).

8. Our next SAC (School Accountability Committee) meeting will be on Tuesday, February 13, 10 - 11 AM in the TCA East Conference Room (childcare not provided). Meetings are held each quarter throughout the year with the purpose of discussing budget priorities, safety, the school improvement plan, and other items pertaining to the operation of both CSP and CP. Anyone is welcome to attend.

9. CSP OPTIONAL STANDARDIZED TESTING FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 3 AND 5 - All students in grades 3 and 5 will be sent home with information this week about upcoming standardized testing options. The state of Colorado requires that home school students complete a nationally standardized test in the "odd" numbered grades beginning with third grade. The information being sent home provides details about the testing offered at CSP as well other testing options should you choose not to test through CSP. (An electronic version of this information will also be emailed to all 3rd and 5th grade families by the end of the week.) A practice test packet will be made available to any families who request it (whether a student tests with us or not). These packets may be requested from your child's teacher starting the week of January 22nd. The option to pay through Infinite Campus is now available. To pay online, log into IC, navigate to the Fees tab and choose "Optional Payments" (make sure the correct child is selected from the dropdown in the top right corner); add the testing fee to the cart and pay. Cash or check payments may be turned in at any time. Cost of testing is \$16.

10. D20 Choice Information - Each year, D20 offers choice enrollment opportunities beginning in January for the upcoming school year. TCA is not a D20 choice option. We are a waitlist school and currently enrolled students automatically move on to the next grade level each year. **If your child is enrolled at TCA, and you want to remain at TCA, do NOT** submit a D20 Choice application for another school. If you apply and receive the choice, your child will be automatically withdrawn from TCA. Per policy, you will not be able to change your mind about staying at TCA.

If you submit a choice application to D20 and change your mind, you must notify D20 before enrollment notifications are sent out. Questions? Please email TCARegistrar@asd20.org.

11. ALL TCA Elementary Sock Hop - Friday, March 8, 2024, 4:00pm – 5:30pm, North Campus Tickets can be purchased at www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/29611 Cost is \$18.00 per Elementary Student / \$5 per Parent. Elementary students must be accompanied by a ticketed ADULT/Parent. **Presale tickets must be purchased by noon on March 7, \$5 Discount on Elementary Student tickets** if purchased by February 15th. Use discount code: **SOCK24** when checking out.

12. 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

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

2. Enter our School Access Code: ArtCottage23

Contact Michelle Dalrymple at mdalrymple@asd20.org if you have any questions.

13. 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.

14. 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.



Homeschool Hammerheads

Landsharks Running Club

Spring Track Series

We offer a non-competitive youth program to introduce running to young athletes in a safe and fun environment. The focus is on self-improvement, being an encouraging teammate, and making new friends. The Spring Track Series is a fun running program led by a teacher, parent or coach and is open to students in kindergarten through 6th grade. Please remember to purchase a team race shirt if this is your first season running.

FIRST PRACTICE: WEEK OF APRIL 8, 2024

PRACTICE DAYS: TUESDAY AND FRIDAY EVENINGS, 4:45-5:30PM

PRACTICE TIMES AND LOCATION: TUESDAYS: GREEN SPACE BY TRAILS AT FOREST MEADOWS PARK, FRIDAYS: TRAILHEAD WEST OF FRANK CASTELLO PARK IN FAIRFAX

RACES: Meets are tentatively scheduled at Lewis Palmer High School on the following Sunday afternoons at 3:00 pm: April 21st, April 28th, May 5th, 2024

Meet #1- All runners will run the 50m dash, followed by either the 400 or 800m

Meet #2- All runners will run the 100m dash, followed by either the 400 or 800m

Meet #3- All runners will run the 200m dash, followed by either the 400 or 1600m

Registration opens February 1, 2023 at 9am and closes March 27, 2024

Runners must be registered prior to their first practice

Please register online at www.landsharksrunningclub.com

(\$68 registration fee until March 17, 2024 when \$15 late fees apply)

We look forward to working with your athletes. If you have any questions, please contact us!

Coaches Danny & Leah Wicks

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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

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.



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College Pathways

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