

2024-2025 Cottage School Program

Weekly News – Week of September 9



Be thou the rainbow in the storms of life. The evening beam that smiles the clouds away, and tints tomorrow with prophetic ray.

~ Lord Byron

We are fortunate to experience summer thunderstorms in Colorado that provide critical moisture and dazzling displays of light. In the wake of a clearing storm a rainbow often remains, signifying the belief that better times are ahead. If the calm comes before a storm, as the saying goes, then hope comes after. We all encounter difficulties and setbacks in life, the proverbial storms that shake our moorings, yet hope must always remain, even if only a glimmer. Whatever your circumstances in life, be the "beam that smiles" on others' troubles; it's only a matter of time before you'll need one to shine on you.

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Announcements

IMPORTANT/NEW INFORMATION:

1. Grandparents' Week is this week!

- The week of September 9th, grandparents (or a "grand-friend" in lieu of a grandparent) are invited to visit CSP classrooms. Specific schedule is as follows; grandparents attend on the day the student attends class:

Monday/Tuesday Students (grades K, 2, 4, and 6)

Kindergarten, Room 130, 8:15-8:50 AM

4th Grade, Room 121, 8:50-9:25 AM

2nd Grade, Room 128, 9:25-10:15 AM

6th Grade, Room 123, 10:00-10:30 AM

Wednesday/Thursday Students (grades 1, 3, and 5)

5th Grade, Room 123, 2:00-2:30 PM

1st Grade, Room 128, 2:35-3:00 PM

3rd Grade, Room 121, 3:00-3:25 PM

2. NEW THIS YEAR! TCA East Campus Adopt-a-Book during Grandparents' Week!

- NEW this year is an opportunity for grandparents to adopt a book in the TCA East Library to dedicate to a grandchild in the Cottage School Program. More details can be found [HERE](#) and in the flyer below!

3. School Accountability Committee (SAC)--Tuesday, September 10

- Interested in joining CSP/CP's SAC? Come to the first meeting Tuesday, September 10, 10 - 11 AM in the TCA East Conference Room (childcare not provided). Meetings are held each quarter throughout the school 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.

4. THURSDAY STUDENTS ONLY--MIDDAY DISMISSAL NEXT WEEK!

- On Thursday, September 19th, all CSP students in grades 1, 3, and 5 will be dismissed at noon for a staff in-service (kinder still dismisses at 11:30 AM). No lunch will take place on this day. Students may wear denim bottoms and a uniform top.

5. September hot lunch menu for all students in grades 1-6 can be found [here](#).

NOTE: If a student forgets to order a hot lunch at the start of the school day, the only hot lunch menu item available to that student will be sunbutter and jelly. If a student arrives late for school but arrives before our lunch order has been submitted to Sodexo, that student may still order hot

lunch as long as the front office is notified upon signing in for the day and as long as it is prior to 8:30 AM. If a parent knows a student will be arriving to school later than 8:30 AM, that parent can call the front office prior to 8:30 AM and place a lunch order for the student.

6. Titan Club – If you missed us at any of the Back-To-School nights – we'd still love to have your family join Titan Club for 2024-2025. Click [here](#) for more info

7. TCA Junior Titan Golf Tournament -September 13th - This opportunity is for students in K-6th Grade. The tournament will start at 10:00 AM, Cherokee Ridge Par 3 Golf Course, Cost: \$12. Registration Deadline is September 10th. Click [here](#) to register.

8. Typing Pal is now available for all CSP students in 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.

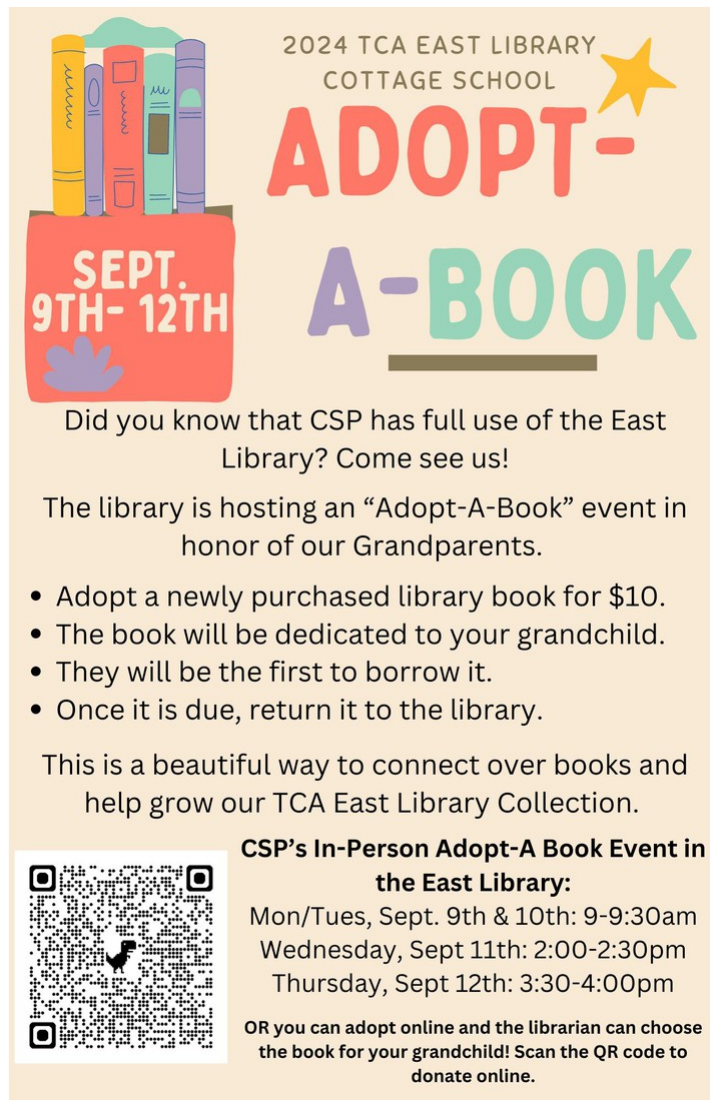
9. Student Fees

- Student fees are now posted in Infinite Campus and they can be paid in the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#); information about how to pay fees in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal can be found [HERE](#).
- Fees can be paid from your Infinite Campus portal. We encourage you to attach your bank account as a payment method in Infinite Campus to avoid paying higher transaction fees. Paying with an e-check will only incur a \$0.35 fee for the entire transaction, but card payments will incur a 3.5% transaction fee. If you have previous years' fees to pay, you will have to change the year in the dropdown menu at the top of the Fees page in order to select and add the older fees to your cart.

10. Volunteer Application Process--NEW

- Interested in being a field trip chaperone, attending a field trip, or helping out in the classroom in some capacity (i.e. class parties, art show preparation, field day)? All individuals who are around students are required to be cleared as volunteers and undergo a background check. A few important things to note:
 - Field trip chaperones are filled on a first-come, first-served basis via your child's classroom teacher.
 - If a field trip venue permits, parents sometimes choose to drive themselves to the venue and pay their own entrance fee. A volunteer application must still be completed for all who might be interested in doing this. (Please remember attending a field trip is not always possible unless one is a chaperone.)
 - Volunteer paperwork must be completed even if one is not working directly with students (such as art show preparation).

- Please click [here](#) to start the application process. It should only take about five minutes. For Step One, please read the Volunteer Guidelines, print out the last page and sign, and either hand deliver or email to Tiffany Jolly in the CSP office (tjolly@asd20.org). For Step Two, the most important thing to remember to do is to select one "function"/volunteer classification only: "**Legal Guardian (Non-Overnight)**." Email Stef Hille, shille@asd20.org, if you have any questions.

A poster for the 2024 TCA East Library Adopt-A-Book event at Cottage School. The poster features a red book with 'SEPT. 9TH-12TH' written on it, a yellow star, and the text 'ADOPT-A-BOOK'. It lists the event dates and times, and includes a QR code for online adoption.

2024 TCA EAST LIBRARY
COTTAGE SCHOOL

ADOPT-A-BOOK

SEPT. 9TH-12TH

Did you know that CSP has full use of the East Library? Come see us!

The library is hosting an "Adopt-A-Book" event in honor of our Grandparents.

- Adopt a newly purchased library book for \$10.
- The book will be dedicated to your grandchild.
- They will be the first to borrow it.
- Once it is due, return it to the library.

This is a beautiful way to connect over books and help grow our TCA East Library Collection.

CSP's In-Person Adopt-A Book Event in the East Library:

Mon/Tues, Sept. 9th & 10th: 9-9:30am
Wednesday, Sept 11th: 2:00-2:30pm
Thursday, Sept 12th: 3:30-4:00pm

OR you can adopt online and the librarian can choose the book for your grandchild! Scan the QR code to donate online.

A Note from the East Campus Librarian

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://www.tcatitans.org/schools/east-elementary/grade-level-information/east-elementary-library> for more information.

If you have any questions, contact the East Campus Librarian: Mrs. Hinkin, ahinkin@asd20.org



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