



December 2025

# The Cottonwood Chronicle

*Working Together - Learning Together*



## A Note From the Principal

Parents,

As winter approaches and temperatures drop, please make sure your children are coming to school dressed for the weather. Outdoor recess happens if the temperature is above 20 degrees including wind chill. Coats, sweaters or long sleeves will help students keep warm in cool classrooms and prevent illnesses. Enjoy the break and have a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Cody Stockwell, Principal

## Upcoming

## Events

**Jan.5-** No School/Inservice

**Jan.6-** Start of Third Quarter

**Jan.19-** No School

**Feb.4-** Spring Pictures/  
Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Feb. 5-** No School/ Parent/Teacher  
Conferences

**Feb.6-** No School

**Feb.9-** No School



## Winter Recess Dec. 22 - Jan. 2

Jan. 5- No School/Inservice

*Wishing you a wonderful holiday season! Hope everyone enjoys their break spending time with family and returns to school Jan. 6 feeling refreshed!*

## Family Winter Activity Ideas

- **Crafts:** Make paper snowflakes, build a gingerbread house, etc.
- **Outdoor:** Build a snowman, go sledding, have a snowball fight, and go look at Christmas lights.
- **Indoor:** Build a fort, play board games, and have a movie marathon.



## Balloons Over Broadway

During library class, students in grades 3 and up read *Balloons Over Broadway* to learn how the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade began. After the story, they created their own imaginative parade balloon characters, combining creativity with what they learned from the book. This hands-on activity not only connected to the story, but also allowed students to experience the creativity and engineering behind parade balloon design.





# Disguise a Turkey

Cottonwood students had the exciting opportunity to get creative during November by designing their very own turkey disguises. Using imagination, art supplies, and plenty of enthusiasm, each student transformed a plain turkey template into something completely unique – from superheroes and athletes to holiday characters and everyday objects. After finishing their masterpieces, the disguised turkeys were proudly displayed throughout the school hallways. The colorful collection not only showcased the students' artistic talents but also brought a fun, festive spirit to the building for everyone to enjoy.



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8- Grade 3 and Grade 4 Holiday Program

9- Grade 1 and Grade 2 Holiday Program

18- End of Second Quarter

19- No School/Workday

22-31- No School/Winter Recess

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