

# 2023-2024 Cottage School Program

Weekly News--Week of March 18

Winning is fun... Sure. But winning is not the point. Wanting to win is the point. Not giving up is the point. Never letting up is the point. Never being satisfied with what you've done is the point.

~ Pat Summitt

This week's message has really nothing to do with the quote above, but for those of you who are fans of March Madness, the annual NCAA basketball tournament, it's a fitting quote with the tournament starting at the end of the week. Best of luck to your favorite team(s)!

The real focus of this week's message is on Titan of the Year, TCA's intentional effort to recognize a staff member who embodies the mission, values, and spirit of TCA. Historically, nominations are low for non-traditional, and I would love to reverse that...Not because it's a competition - maybe there is a connection to the quote above after all - but because the CSP and CP staff work incredibly hard each year to make the environments of our two school communities welcoming, supportive, and nurturing. As principal, I am biased, I know, but I am grateful to get to work with a staff that is so dedicated and caring to our students and families and to each other.

If there is a specific staff member you would like to recognize, you can do so [HERE](#) by Thursday (by 3 PM!). Thank you for your nomination! Enjoy the break from school next week. It will be April when we return...

In Partnership,

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**FINAL WEEK for St. Jude Fundraising!**

Fundraising for St. Jude enters its final week, and students have really stepped up to the plate to raise money for this worthy cause. Fundraising continues for the month of March (families can donate online even after in-class fundraising concludes).

Want to donate to St. Jude online? You can do that [HERE](#). Thanks for your support during the next three weeks!

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## Announcements

### **NEW and IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

**SPECIAL NOTE:** We are noticing many students who are out of uniform compliance. Please take the time to review the TCA Elementary Uniform Policy [here](#). A pictorial guide can be found [here](#).

- 1. SPRING BREAK IS NEXT WEEK!** There will be no school March 25-29 due to Spring Break. Classes will resume the week of April 1st.
- 2. MARCH LUNCH MENU** can be found [here](#).
- 3. 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!
- 4. TITAN OF THE YEAR** – Call for Nominations! Have a favorite teacher or staff member who has made a difference in you or your child's life this school year? If so, nominate them for "Titan of the Year!" This special award is given annually to a teacher or staff person who embodies the mission, values, and spirit of TCA. To submit your nomination, simply click [here](#) to fill out the form or go to the front page of TCA's Website! **DEADLINE to Submit is March 21, 2024, at 3pm!**
- 5. SAVE THE DATE - MIDDAY DISMISSAL FOR ALL CSP TUESDAY STUDENTS** - On Tuesday, April 9th, all Tuesday students will be dismissed at noon for a CSP teacher in-service. (Kinder will dismiss as normal at 11:30.) CSP Students may wear denim bottoms and a uniform top on this day. Please remember that carpool at noon will run very quickly since our students will be the only ones dismissing at this time.
- 6. SAVE THE DATE - CSP EVENING OF THE ARTS** - Friday, April 19th, 2:00-6:00 PM. More information to come, but students in grades 2, 4, and 6 will be performing in their springs concerts and all students in grades K-6 will have a select piece of personal artwork on display for the annual art show!
- 7. 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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***Prior (but still relevant!) Information***

**1. 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](http://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.**

**2. 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.

### **3. 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.

**4. 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.

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## **LIBRARY NEWS!**

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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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 21<sup>st</sup>, April 28<sup>th</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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](mailto:shille@asd20.org).



## TCA Cottage School Program

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