

2023-2024 Cottage School Program

Weekly News--Week of November 27

"What day is it?', asked Winnie the Pooh.
'It's today,' squeaked Piglet.
'My favorite day,' said Pooh."
— A. A. Milne

How often do we find ourselves living in the past or waiting for what's next? It's tempting to dwell on what was - a decision you made you wish you could undo, a family gathering that maybe didn't go quite as planned, or a period in your life that offered fewer hurdles to get over - and just as inviting to anticipate what lies ahead. "Things will get better when..." (finish the sentence). Thinking about the past and pondering the future isn't necessarily bad, but spending too much time on either end of the spectrum causes us to miss the life-shaping moments happening in the present. So much can be gleaned and a greater appreciation can be found when we recognize all that is happening now around us, both the challenging and the good (and everything in between). We can't go back and change the past and we have less influence on the future than we realize. But we have the greatest impact on the present...our attitude, our choices, how we spend our time, and how we respond to our circumstances.

Welcome back from Thanksgiving Break! Enjoy the final week of November!

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Announcements

NEW and STILL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. THIS WEEK! CSP WINTER CONCERT - GRADE 1, 3, and 5! All 1st, 3rd, 5th, grade students will be in the Winter Concert on Friday, December 1. The concert starts at 3:30 PM, but all students need to be at school by 3:10. Please enter the building at the southwest doors (by the gym). **NEW INFO**– All students will then head to their regular CSP classrooms (room 128 for 1st Grade, room 121 for 3rd Grade, room 123 for 5th Grade). Students should dress up for the concert (dresses, slacks, ties; heavy sweaters are not recommended) or come in uniform.

2. The SILVER GRAPHICS CATALOG IS STILL AVAILABLE! It's time for our annual CSP art fundraiser through SilverGraphics! Proceeds benefit the CSP art program and allow materials to be purchased each school year so Mrs. Dalrymple and Mrs. Benjamin can prepare a variety of projects that enable students to grow as artists. **While the deadline to order in order to receive gifts in time for the holidays, orders are still being accepted.** The Silver Graphics online store can be accessed [HERE](#); please use **ArtCottage23** for the school access code.

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. November Lunch Menu can be found [here](#).

5. WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

As TCA continues to support the Wreaths Across America Program, there are several ways you can participate. TCA Families can donate a wreath to be placed at Pikes Peak National Cemetery (deadline Nov. 28th) or volunteer for the wreath laying ceremony on Saturday, December 16th @ 9:00am. Please click wreathscrossamerica.org/co0024 for more information.

6. 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.

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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