

DECEMBER 3, 2018

CURRENT CSP NEWS

TITAN BUDDY NEWS

Recently, Mrs. Rowland's Thursday 3rd graders met with the Thursday Kinder PM class. They explored the character trait of **social intelligence**. Before meeting together, 3rd graders reviewed how to get to know someone by asking questions and thought of some questions they could ask the Kinders on their level. They also considered the possibility that their Kinder buddies might not ask any questions at all and how they would handle that.

Mrs. Bauer, Kinder teacher, had some questions prepared for buddies to discuss. Students enjoyed getting to know each other. Mrs. Bauer also read a story about Thanksgiving and gratitude. Then each student shared something they were grateful for with their buddy group.

CSP ANNUAL FUNDRAISER for CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF COLORADO

Our homeschool community is invited to participate in the TCA K-12 fundraising effort to collect donations for the Children's Hospital of Colorado, set to open in Colorado Springs in the spring of 2019. The nearly 300,000 square foot facility will have 110 beds and will feature the only pediatric emergency department in the region. Children and their families across southern Colorado and neighboring states will have access to the expert pediatric care of a TOP 10 children's hospital, close to home. With this new facility, Children's Colorado team members can care for every child regardless of their family's ability to pay. Every single dollar counts!

This year each TCA school will host their own fundraiser & contribute all proceeds to this important cause. Our kids can certainly relate to this community outreach opportunity (*children helping other children*). TCA's K-12 organized service projects have raised almost \$50,000 already!

Here's how CSP students and families can participate:

Your child's CSP class will have a decorated container to collect dedicated funds.

The class that collects the **most money by our deadline** (Jan. 25) will be awarded a **pizza party**.

The 2nd highest class donations will earn a **casual day**.

DONATIONS ACCEPTED Nov. 26 – Jan. 25.

Cash or Checks (made out to Children's Hospital)

Thank you for donating to this worthy cause.

VISION AND HEARING SCREENING

Mon. Jan. 28

8:30 am – 12:30 pm

East campus conference room

If you would like to have your student screened by TCA nurses, please stop by the CSP-CP office to sign up for a time slot.

If your child wears contacts, glasses or hearing aids, please make sure they bring them for the screening.

PREVIOUSLY POSTED NEWS

DRESS-UP WEEK

Students may wear a holiday outfit or a uniform **Dec. 17 – 20**, our last week of classes before Winter Break. **No athletic wear or denim.**

CSP Gr. 1-6 – HOLIDAY CONCERT

Thurs. Dec. 13

For grades **1st – 3rd**, the concert will begin at **5:15 pm**. Parents, please check your student in by **4:45pm in the gym**.

For grades **4th-6th**, the concert will begin at **7pm**. Parents, please check your student in by **6:45pm in the gym**.

CD's were sent home in your child's backpack recently. Some music has been sent via e-mail and some as paper copies. Please use these resources to practice the concert music. Your help at home is greatly appreciated! Please come and enjoy the show with your family.

On the night of the concert: please enter through the door nearest the football field.

Students may dress up – wear a holiday outfit OR a TCA uniform. (Apparel NOT allowed – orange shirt or t-shirt, denim, athletic wear.)

TCA WINTER BREAK

Fri. Dec. 21 – Tues. Jan. 8

CSP CLASSES RESUME

Wed. Jan. 9

FIRST SEMESTER ENDS

Thurs. Jan. 10

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

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 Memorial Gardens Cemetery (**deadline Nov. 30**) or volunteer for the wreath laying ceremony on **Sat. Dec. 15**. Please click wreathscrossamerica.org/co0024 for more information.

CSP CURRICULUM

For an overview of the CSP curriculum, [click here](#).

CSP CURRICULUM

CSP integrates Classical Elements into our weekly K-8 curriculum even though the course is no longer one of CSP's Specials. During the first quarter, several teachers focused on the first line of the Titan's Creed: **"Titans endeavor to recognize and pursue truth, beauty, and goodness."** In upper elementary grades, students may view an inspirational video that demonstrates the weekly creed/character focus, followed by a discussion, at times including an engaging Socratic Seminar, and relating definitions and life applications to the day's literature and classical elements' focus. Students in lower elementary grades are taught the meaning of select idioms and memorize and recite poems and/or historical document excerpts. Classical Elements was designed to include a strong character component.

GRAMMAR BASICS FOR HOMESCHOOLERS

We ask parents to help students include these Grammar basics on every written assignment.

It's important that students master and apply these foundational skills from Gr. 1 - 8.

- Begin sentences with a capital letter.
- Use correct punctuation including end marks.
- Proper capitalization of names, cities, states, proper nouns
- Correct use of apostrophes to show possession
- Complete sentences – no fragments
- Does the sentence have a subject and verb?
- The complete sentence should make sense.
- Legible handwriting
- Correct Spelling

CSP WEBSITE & D20 PARENT PORTAL

TCA's website: www.tcatitans.org

PAY MANDATORY STUDENT FEES – www.payforit.net

CSP 2018-19 Student Fees are posted online @ [CSP/ Fees & Forms](#). Pay mandatory CSP fees **on-line** through your Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Parents input child's Student ID to complete the account set-up. Use **payforit username and password** to log onto: www.PayForIt.net. You may pay TCA student fees without incurring any convenience fee. (Questions? Contact Toni DeMott, tdemott@asd20.org, 488-6479.

If you have trouble paying fees or setting up a lunch account on www.PayForIt.net, select the "TCA Cottage School Elem" or "TCA Cottage School JH" as school/ location.

NOTE: There is a convenience fee for online lunch-money payments.

Please contact Ellen Damarelos, TCA staff accountant, if you have any questions or concerns - edamarelos@asd20.org (719) 488-6478.

INFINITE CAMPUS

Do you need help with Infinite Campus? Click [here](#).

[Infinite Campus](#)

[IC FAQ](#)

If you have trouble logging into IC, contact help@asd20.org or 719-234-1777.

CSP POLICY

NO OUTDOOR SUPERVISION until 7:45 am

There is staff supervision starting at 7:45 am. This is TCA policy. Please dress your kids for cold weather; they are not allowed inside until 8:05 am.

UNIFORMS

View the [elementary uniform policy](#) and [JH uniform policy](#) on the CSP website. Neutral shoes are best. Students need to wear sneakers to PE. JH students wear an athletic uniform for PE. Students may wear a solid color crew neck sweatshirt, cardigan sweater or **TCA logo** hoodie in the classroom in approved TCA colors - navy, hunter green, red, or white.

TCA FAMILY NEWS

UNOFFICIAL CSP FACEBOOK PAGE

I want to make you aware of '**TCA's Cottage School Program Parents (unofficial)**' Facebook page that contains a lot of useful information. Click here: <https://m.facebook.com/groups/942411899203416>

This new group page is being launched for families with students in the Cottage School Program. The site continues to be populated with useful homeschooling resources and info.

It is a community-building, knowledge-sharing platform to track upcoming school-wide activities, coordinate carpooling, initiate get-togethers, ask homework questions, reference monthly lunch menus, buy/sell/free-cycle gently used homeschool items (clothing, academic materials), highlight upcoming community events that appeal to homeschoolers, and engage in general homeschooling questions.

We can be found under the name: **TCA's COTTAGE SCHOOL PROGRAM PARENTS (UNOFFICIAL)**. This group is parent led and not required nor regulated by TCA CSP.

FAMILY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Families interested in volunteering at the **Freedom Home**, a small 8-bed assisted living facility, should contact Sandy Sellers, activity director (former CSP mom) at smsellers@q.com or call 719-229-4447. (Please leave voice mail because she does not answer unfamiliar numbers.) Freedom Home is located across from Mountain View Elementary on Lexington Drive. The living room is quite small so only 10 people can fit at one time. Volunteers could sing, play instruments, do poetry recitations, share hobbies, etc.

COMMUNITY NEWS

COLORADO SPRINGS COTILLION

Registration opens on Dec. 4. Classes begin Jan. 22 at Colorado Springs Country Club. Cotillion is a fun way for kids to develop confidence in different social situations; refining and practicing manners that will benefit them throughout their lives. For more info and registration go to cotillion.com.

PPLD COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

The holiday season is fast approaching! PPLD libraries are busy with lots of free programming. [Click here](#) to check the full events calendar. The events listed below are all scheduled at Library 21c:

Tween Twist/ Elementary Make

Enjoy science and art-focused projects for ages 5 to 12 years. Find us in the Children's Department!
Thursday, December 6th 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Disney's A Christmas Carol

Movie Matinee. Bring your sack lunch and join us for a movie and snack in the Venue! All ages welcome. Disney's A Christmas Carol, PG, 96 minutes.

An animated retelling of Charles Dickens' classic novel about a Victorian-era miser taken on a journey of self-redemption, courtesy of several mysterious Christmas apparitions.

Thursday, December 20th 12 p.m.

26th ANNUAL BETTY FIELD MEMORIAL YOUTH WRITING CONTEST (2019)

HOMESCHOOL PARENTS: All students in Gr. 6-12 in El Paso County or in the areas served by the Pikes Peak Library District, are invited to enter the 26th Annual Betty Field Memorial Youth Writing Contest and earn top honors plus cash prizes.

All contest forms are available on the contest's website: www.writingcontest612.info

All entries must be received no later than 5:00 PM, Saturday, February 23, 2019.

The winning authors in all categories will be honored at the **April 6, 2019 Awards &**

Recognition Program. The program is open to the public. The Writers Workshop for all students who entered the contest will be held one hour prior to the Awards & Recognition Program. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Diane Pfalzgraf, PPLD contest coordinator, at (719) 591-2404, 10 AM - 7 PM or by [email](#).

BOX TOPS

Turn in those box tops you have collected over the year. As you do your back-to-school shopping, please remember that Box Tops can be found on a wide variety of food and paper products as well as some Hanes apparel. You can access the complete list of eligible products at www.btfe.com. Watch for bonus Box Tops on products and your shopping receipts too. If you are an on-line shopper, you can earn e-Box Tops by logging into btfe.com, then going to your preferred website to shop. Each single Box Top is worth 10 cents; bonus Box Tops are worth more. **We earn thousands of dollars every year for TCA East & CSP!**

KING SOOPERS NEIGHBORHOOD REWARDS PROGRAM

Last year CSP earned over \$1500 from the King Soopers rewards program. You can pick up a reloadable gift card in the CSP office. The initial cost is \$5 per card, and the card is pre-loaded with \$5. Every time you reload the card, CSP receives 5% back from King Soopers. Please consider supporting CSP with this easy program. For more details, contact the CSP office at 487-2020.