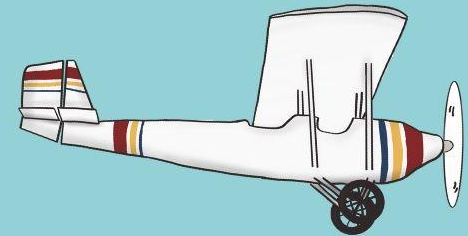
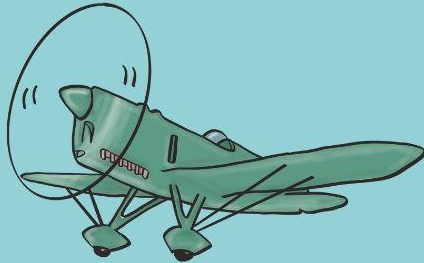


# Community Connections

## November Events - 2020

Click to reach interactive calendar



# Center of Excellence

## Serving Students, Parents & Teachers



- Unique in-house offering sets us apart
- Only consistent outreach whether virtual or in-person that is available to ALL students
- CCs operate under RCC supervision
- Fully Inclusive - [Sample of letter to parents](#)

**Quotes from parents:** *"I love that the whole school is invited- there is no limit."  
CC events . . . allowed kids to practice doing things themselves while learning."*

**And from HSTs:** *". . . enabled my families (and myself...to connect and build relationships."*

# Community Connections - stats & #'s

- **Spring 2020 Virtual Events**  
550+ students served at 40 events over 7 weeks
- **Fall 2019 In Person Events**  
7955 students served at 167 events over 6.5 months
- **Total for 2019-2020**  
8507 students at 200 events for entire year
- **September 2020 Virtual Events**  
9 events with 250+ students in attendance
- **Developing responsible citizens:**  
Community Service - 250+ for Impact Day,  
675+ Masks for essential workers -
- **Inclusion** - Virtual offerings are accessible to all -  
“... introverted children, sharing virtually seemed easier for them than live.”
- **Testing** - test prep parties with  
STAR 360 for TK-2  
PFT - CCs held 6 big PFT sessions before COVID

# CC is a unique offering that sets our schools apart from other charters. It's a feather in our cap!

**Unique gatherings:** Wax Museums, Harvest Festivals, Music & Academic Showcases

"We might not have been able to do this on our own"

63% said they were definitely or possibly interested in **continued virtual offerings** next year -

"We hope you keep a few virtual offerings a week, even when the covid restrictions are lifted."

**Serving Teens specifically**

*Teen Engagement Committee-*

"... teen specific events. . . . that is very much appreciated."

**Proven ability to adapt** quickly - EA to CC, CC to Virtual -

"It was really impressive and inspiring how you all adapted to the upheavals throughout the year"

**Partnership** with Mobile Lending Library and Family Liaisons  
**CCs model teaching methods/styles** for parents



# WASC & Community Connections

## E1 Parent and Community Engagement

- Community Connections is a program in each school that offers field trips and local events.
  - [Community Connections newsletters](#) are sent out monthly by Community Coordinators directly to families that have signed up to be informed. Another [school wide Community Connections newsletter](#) is sent every other week to all registered families and staff with links to all regional newsletters.
  - The Annual Project Fair is one event where students can come and present a project or area of learning they would like to share with others.
  - Each fall our school holds an [Annual Impact Day](#) where parents, students and teachers come together to help beautify their local community. A [slide show](#) was made after the inaugural Impact Day in November 2019.
  - The CC team rapidly shifted to [Virtual events during COVID](#). The team will continue to offer some virtual events next school year after seeing the increased accessibility for those who may struggle to attend our in-person events.

## E2. School Culture and Environment

- The school implements behavior guidelines for students during field trips and Community Connections events. Parents attend these events, and they are responsible for their students. Postings for Community Connections (CC) events and field trips on the Field Trips and Events (FTE) page indicate parent responsibilities during events.
  - During the COVID-19 pandemic, the school held virtual events for students. The guidelines for these events were shared during the events and through school newsletters.
  - [Virtual Guidelines](#) for CC Virtual Events
- Community Coordinators and HSTs use [incident reports](#) to document injuries during CC events and field trips.
  - HSTs and Community Coordinators utilize sign-in and sign-out procedures to make sure students are safe during events and in-person testing sessions. Families complete [Transportation waivers](#) if they are carpooling to events, including field trips and testing.

# Community Connections = answer for LCAP too

1. **Basic Services** - credentialed teachers and student safety - Sign in sheets, Guidelines & Expectations, Parent supervision expectations, incident reports, transportation waivers
2. **CA academic standards** -enrichment curriculum offered related to CC events that support standards based instruction
3. **Parent Engagement** - consistent communication & parent involvement- parent input
4. **Student Achievement** - Test prep, writing samples, math performance tasks, presentation skills  
“. . . incentive to create polished work when the children knew their peers would view their presentation boards and speeches”
5. **Student Engagement** -”*Seeing the same teachers and families multiple times at local events helped us make some connections”* “. . . unique field trips with community feel and familiar faces.”
6. **School Climate** - *“The kids LOVE these times of connection”* CC provides *“. . . a sense of belonging to the school.”*
7. **Course Access** - n/a
8. **Other Student Outcomes** - CC supports Our North Schools’ Mission & Vision Statement - *unparalleled enrichment opportunities & diverse and dynamic learning pathways -developing responsible citizens* “. . . participate in a clean up day at the park and afterwards activities were planned.”

11/4/20 at 11am  
Wednesday  
TK to 3rd grades

Circle & Story Time  
with Ms. Jaime

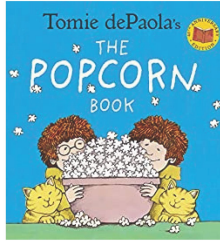
[CLICK HERE FOR ZOOM LINK](#)



It's time for a pajama party!  
Grab a bowl of popcorn and  
come learn more about one of  
my favorite snacks!



\*Need an extra reminder?  
[click here for an optional  
sign-up genius link](#)



[Checkout my workshop  
extension folder for more  
educational learning.](#)

Hosted by: Jaime Thompson  
Jaime.Thompson@CottonwoodSchool



# Events for Primary Grades TK-3rd

## It's Election Day!

Do you have what it takes to be the President of the United States? And just what would you do if you were the POTUS? I hope you'll join me as we tackle these questions and many more as we share the story [Grace for President!](#)

**Tuesday, November 3rd  
11 AM - Noon  
TK-3rd**

### Zoom Link

**What to bring to be ready for the fun:**

- Printed activity pages found [HERE](#) (A set for each participant, please!)
- Sharpened pencil
- Colored pencils and/or crayons

Sign up [HERE](#) if you'd like an event email reminder!

Questions? Contact Traci Callanan at [traci.callanan@cottonwood.school](mailto:traci.callanan@cottonwood.school)

Find some additional elections extension activities [HERE](#).

11/18/20 at 11am  
Wednesday  
TK to 3rd grades

Circle & Story Time  
with Ms. Jaime

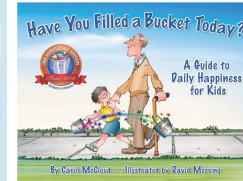
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What does happiness mean to you? Let's learn how to fill our happy buckets. Grab a mat or towel and learn some easy yoga moves with our special guest!



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K-3 Nimbus Fish Hatchery  
LIVE Virtual Field Trip



Tuesday, November 17th  
11:00 AM - Noon

Come learn about the life cycle of the Chinook Salmon with me as we take a LIVE virtual field trip geared especially for K-3rd graders at the Nimbus Fish Hatchery!



Space for this event is limited, so sign up [HERE](#) to reserve your spot!

Field trip resources can be found on the Nimbus Fish Hatchery Website located [HERE!](#)

Additional extension activities can be found [HERE!](#)



Questions: Contact Traci Callanan at [traci.callanan@cottonwood.school](mailto:traci.callanan@cottonwood.school)

Come join us as we seek to serve our local communities and grow in empathy. We will discuss ways to care for the elderly and those in the hospital, especially during COVID. We will work together to write a letter to someone to brighten their day.



## CARING FOR OTHERS

A Community Service  
Opportunity with Community Connections  
Thursday, November 5 @  
2:30pm

[Supplies Link](#)

[Zoom Link](#)


[Sign Up Link](#)

FOR QUESTIONS:

[kindel.bedore@cottonwood.school](mailto:kindel.bedore@cottonwood.school)



# Upcoming Events for 4th-6th graders




**A CC EVENT FOR GRADES 4-6**

## AT HOME CHEMISTRY: DIY BOUNCY BALLS

[Click HERE to sign up](#)  
[Click HERE for a list of needed supplies](#)  
[ZOOM LINK for the Event](#)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH  
1:30PM**

Hosted by Amy Gordon  
[amy.gordon@cottonwood.school](mailto:amy.gordon@cottonwood.school)



### 4-6 Nimbus Fish Hatchery LIVE Virtual Field Trip



**Tuesday, November 17th  
10:00 AM-11:00AM**

Come learn about the life cycle of the Chinook Salmon with me as we take a LIVE virtual field trip geared especially for 4th-8th graders at the Nimbus Fish Hatchery!

**Space for this event is limited, so sign up [HERE](#) to reserve your spot! I will email you the link for the event.**



Field trip resources can be found on the Nimbus Fish Hatchery Website located [HERE!](#)

Additional extension activities can be found [HERE!](#)

Questions: Contact Kindel Bedore at [kindel.bedore@cottonwood.school](mailto:kindel.bedore@cottonwood.school)






# GRATITUDE TREE

A CC EVENT FOR GRADES 4-6

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH  
1:30PM**

HOSTED BY AMY GORDON  
[AMY.GORDON@COTTONWOOD.SCHOOL](mailto:amy.gordon@cottonwood.school)

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)  
[CLICK HERE FOR THE SUPPLY LIST](#)  
[ZOOM LINK FOR THE EVENT](#)



**GERMAN COOKING  
AND  
CONVERSATION**



German Pancake Cooking  
[Class Zoom](#)  
[List of Ingredients Needed:](#)

[Register Here](#)  
Questions: Carey Brown  
carey.brown@clarksvillecharter.org





**CC TEENS**

**DIY MACRAME  
PLANT HANGERS**

Friday, November 6, 2020  
@2:00

[ZOOM LINK HERE](#)  
[SIGN UP HERE](#)  
[SUPPLY LIST HERE](#)



KRISTIN.HARRIS@COTTON  
WOOD.SCHOOL




**DECORATE  
YOUR DOG!**

MAKE A PARACORD COLLAR OR LEASH  
FOR YOUR DOG OR A GIFT!

[SIGN UP GENIUS LINK](#)  
[ZOOM LINK](#)  
[MATERIALS LINK](#)

CONTACT: AMY.GRIFFIN@COTTONWOOD.SCHOOL

## Upcoming Teen events...

**JOIN US FOR A TEEN  
FRIENDSGIVING**

Hosted by the Teen Leadership  
Team

**November 20 @ 2:00**

**Crafts, food, games, and  
friendship**

[Zoom link HERE](#)  
[Sign up HERE](#)

A supply list will be emailed to you.  
Contact: kristin.harris@cottonwood.school  
amy.griffin@cottonwood.school  
carey.brown@clarksvillecharter.org






# Events for all ages!

**Cooking with Ms. Karen**

**Taco Tuesday!**

Join us:  
November 3rd  
at 10:00am

Links:  
[Recipes & Extensions](#)  
[Zoom](#)

Karen Trexler  
karen.trexler@featherrivercharter.org

Fun Learning in the Kitchen | | All Grades Welcome

**STEAM LADY: GERMS MAKE ME SICK!**

JOIN US ON WED. NOV. 4TH AT 1:00 PM

We will have fun learning about germs and conducting several experiments.

Hosted by the STEAM LADY  
Stephanie Hodgson  
stephanie.hodgson@cottonwood.school

[Click Here for Zoom Link.](#)

**MAKE A GERM LAB**

Make your own germ lab. With parent help 24 hours ahead or during our zoom.

- Boil 1/2 cup of Water
- Add 2 tsp of sugar and 2 tsp of unflavored gelatin
- Stir until dissolved. Spoon into paper cups—about 1/4 inch of gelatin in each
- Cover immediately with glad wrap
- Chill for 24 hours

**CONDUCT AN EXPERIMENT WITH LOTION AND GLITTER AND A PAPER PLATE**

Find out how easy it is to spread germs.

**\*Need an extra Reminder? Click Here for an optional sign-up genius link.**

**Cooking with Ms. Karen**

**Zucchini Bread!**

Join us:  
November 17<sup>th</sup>  
at 10:00am

Links:  
[Recipes & Extensions](#)  
[Zoom](#)

Karen Trexler  
karen.trexler@featherrivercharter.org

Fun Learning in the Kitchen | | All Grades Welcome

**WED. NOV. 18TH AT 1:00 PM**

**STEAM LADY**

**RUN TURKEY RUN!**

STEPHANIE.HODGSON@COTTONWOOD.SCHOOL  
HOSTED BY STEPHANIE HODGSON

[CLICK HERE FOR ZOOM LINK](#)

**COME MAKE A MARBLE RUN WITH US OR 2 OR 3!**

**SUPPLIES FOR MARBLE RUN 1**  
Shoe Box Lid, hot (low temp) glue gun-with parent help, popsicle or craft sticks, strong scissors or wire nippers and a marble

**SUPPLIES FOR MARBLE RUN 2**  
Toilet paper and or paper towel tubes (multiple), blue tape, a wall and a marble

**SUPPLIES FOR MARBLE RUN 3**  
Toilet paper and or paper towel tubes (multiple), tape, scissors, paper plates, hot (low temp glue)—with parent help and a marble

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# Collaboration Opportunities MDIP & Parent Education



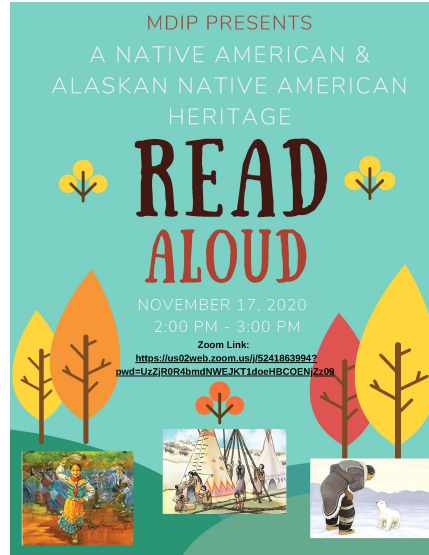
MDIP PRESENTS:

*Speaker Series: Focus on Native/Indigenous American Life*

11.17.20  
6 PM

A CONVERSATION WITH:  
MICHELLE JEFFERSON OF  
THE CROW NATION

[Zoom Link](#)




MDIP PRESENTS  
A NATIVE AMERICAN &  
ALASKAN NATIVE AMERICAN  
HERITAGE

# READ ALOUD

NOVEMBER 17, 2020  
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Zoom Link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5241863994?pwd=UzZlR0R4bmdlNWElKk1doeHBC0EENlZz09>



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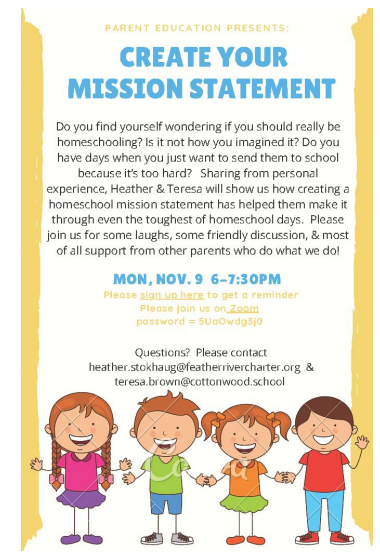
# THANKSGIVING: EXPLORING PERSPECTIVES

11.16.20 | 1-2PM | 4TH-6TH GRADERS

COME EXPLORE FACTS, MYTHS, AND  
PERSPECTIVES ABOUT THANKSGIVING DAY

Z.O.O.M \_L\_I\_N\_K\_

SEE YOU THERE!




PARENT EDUCATION PRESENTS:

## CREATE YOUR MISSION STATEMENT

Do you find yourself wondering if you should really be homeschooling? Is it not how you imagined it? Do you have days when you just want to send them to school because it's too hard? Sharing from personal experience, Heather & Teresa will show us how creating a homeschool mission statement has helped them make it through even the toughest of homeschool days. Please join us for some laughs, some friendly discussion, & most of all support from other parents who do what we do!

**MON, NOV. 9 6-7:30PM**  
Please [sign up here](#) to get a reminder  
Please join us on [Zoom](#)  
password = 5UoWdg5j0

Questions? Please contact  
[heather.stokhaug@featherrivercharter.org](mailto:heather.stokhaug@featherrivercharter.org) &  
[teresa.brown@cottonwood.school](mailto:teresa.brown@cottonwood.school)



Please come join us!!

*Thanks for all your support -*

*Your Community Connections Team*

*Soaring to*  
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