



Cedar River Elementary

September 29, 2023

What You Otter Know

Message From the Dean

Hello Cedar River Families!

We have made it through the first month of school! The weather is shifting to rain, and it is always a good idea to dress for worse-case elements because we do spend the majority of our recesses outside. A few reminders as we head into the fall.

- We have an attendant for our traffic. The attendant directs buses, employees, and families up the hill. Staff and buses are often directed around the family traffic and have communication with the front office. If you are dropping off a child, please do not drive around standing traffic. Stop at all stop signs and wait for directions to move forward.
- If you pick a student up early, please come to the office **before 3:35**. Our parking lot begins to line up at 3:40, and entry and exit are limited.
- If your student forgets lunch, students may charge a hot lunch for the day, even if you do not have funds in the account. We have had some students forget it at home or lose their lunchbox on the way to school and we want to let families know we will not let them go hungry! If you have general concerns about your students purchasing lunch when they shouldn't, please get in touch with the classroom teacher.

Please join us for the Harlem Wizards Basketball fundraiser game on October 6th at the high school. Doors open at 6pm and the game starts at 7pm. They are always entertaining and fun! The PTO meeting is on October 9 at 7 pm in our school library. We would love to see you there. We have a wonderful community that supports CRES in so many ways!

A celebration this week is that your students did a wonderful job during our district-wide earthquake drill! Our observer and evaluator were impressed with the response of the staff and of the students. We have also had a few power flickers and power outages, and the students have been flexible and patient. Such a great group of Otters!

Have a great weekend and we look toward a full school week next week. The following week, students have the day off on October 13th for a Teacher Workshop Day.

Better Together,
Dr. McDaniel
Dean of Students

Are you interested in volunteering?

Adults who volunteer in the classroom, chaperone field trips, sign up as WatchDogs, help with field day or work directly with students in any way, are required to complete an online registration process. Once your online application is complete, your information will be reviewed. Persons may only volunteer after they have received confirmation of approval from the office of the Volunteer Coordinator.

[Click here to start the process of getting cleared.](#)

PTO NEWS

General Member Meeting Our general membership meeting will be Oct 9 at 7pm in the library.

Have you become a member? Here is our website for purchasing memberships, yearbooks and for donations for popcorn- <https://cedar-river-elementary-pto.square.site/>

Staff Appreciation– We have a *Teacher's Favorite Things* list and our Amazon Wishlist to stock the staff room. If you would like to help us stock the staff room with goodies for the staff, use this link- <https://www.crespto.net/programs/staff-appreciation>

Art Docent– Would you like to be an art docent for your child's classroom? Please email our Art Docent Chair, Alaina Weimer @ artdocent@crespto.net Please include your child's teacher's name and grade in your email.

O.A.R. Reading Program –Find your reader forms here- <https://www.crespto.net/programs/otters-are-readers>

Program Otter Socks –Check out these adorable Otter Socks! Three different styles available until Oct 2, 2023. These cotton socks would be great for everyday wear and athletics/sports. [Click here for more information and to place an order.](#)



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NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Hello Cedar River families! Fall is fun in music. We get to know the rules and routines of the music room. This year I am looking to bulk up my classroom instruments and prizes I give to students. If you would like to help me do this, click the link below to see my Amazon Music Room Wishlist.

[Click HERE to get to the Music Room Wishlist.](#)

Upcoming events:

Fifth-grade families: a letter will be coming soon for the 5th grade concert on the morning of November 9th, 2023. Please save the date!

Honor Choir: A letter was sent to all fourth and fifth-grade families about joining the Honor Choir. Keep an eye out for an email from Mrs. Bauer!

It was so lovely to meet many of you at our CRES Open House. As always, thank you for supporting the music program. See below for all the grade-level concert dates and times. Even though they are subject to change, I encourage you to print this page out and keep it on the fridge for the year!

 [Click HERE to see CRES Concert Schedule for all Grade Levels 2023-24.](#)

Have a musical day,
Mrs. Bauer
CRES Music Teacher

Is your student interested in Volleyball, Handball, Shuffleboard, Cup Stacking or Track?

Does a Battle of the Books sound fun to them?

Do they have a knack for speech and debate?

Do they dream of becoming a CRNN newscaster?

Click here to find out about all of our fun

[Zero Hour Activities](#)

Counselor's Corner

Hello Otter families,

Lunch-Bunch will be starting for grades 1 through 5 in Mid-October. Each class will have two passes. Teachers rotate who attends so everyone can have a turn if they like. I will meet students outside the lunchroom doors. We will then go to my office to eat, play games, and chat. Then they will head out to recess. The purpose is to build community, a sense of belonging and meet students from other classes.

I am currently teaching Second Step lessons in all kindergarten and 1st grade classrooms. Second Step is the district social emotional curriculum. We will have a great time this year learning about getting along with others, empathy, problem solving, skills for learning and singing songs.

Please contact me if you have questions, need resources, scholarships, support or would like me to check in with your child.

Check out the [Tahoma wellness page here](#) for some great information and resources.

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Ms. Lisa's Library Line

HELLO OTTERS! LIBRARY HAS STARTED! OUR CLASSES HAVE BEEN COMING THROUGH THIS WEEK AND LEARNING ALL ABOUT HOW TO USE OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY (SOME OF OUR 4TH AND 5TH GRADE CLASSES WILL HAVE THEIR FIRST LIBRARY NEXT WEEK). EACH STUDENT HAS ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHECK OUT A LIBRARY BOOK.

THEY CAN ENJOY THAT BOOK FOR A WEEK AND THEN RETURN IT BEFORE THEIR NEXT LIBRARY DAY. THEN THEY'LL BE ABLE TO CHECK OUT AGAIN. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT LIBRARY, DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT ME.

LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT YEAR OF DISCOVERING NEW BOOKS!

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