

Cedar River Elementary

October 6, 2023

What You Otter Know

Principal's Letter

Hello Otter Families,

It's hard to believe that we're in October! Our Otters continue to work hard and demonstrate our schoolwide expectations with confidence. Thank you for sending us such great students!

Just a heads up that zero hour classes have begun. These are enrichment classes taught by our teaching staff before and after school. Please check out our flyer that has information about offerings, registration, and transportation. Classes do fill up, but new classes continue to be added throughout the school year. We're excited to provide these opportunities for students. Enjoy your week!

Warmly,
Fritz Gere
Cedar River Elementary Principal

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?

Are they interested in all things "Green"?

Do they dream of becoming a CRNN newscaster?

Click here to find out about all of our fun

Zero Hour Activities

PTO NEWS

General PTO Meeting Our general membership meeting will be October 9th at 7pm in the library. We will have a link on the PTO Facebook page for those who cannot attend in person.

Donut Fundraiser - Mention CRES Fundraiser on all in-store or online purchases and they will donate 30% to the PTO. Pumpk!n1

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>

O.A.R. Reading Program - Please turn in your September reading log by Friday 10/6! [Click here for an October reading log](#). Students who read each month will earn a special exclusive charm at the end of the year. If your student did not read in September, please have them read extra in October and submit the Sept form WITH the Oct form at the end of the month. Questions, please email: OAR@CRESpto.net.

Have you ordered a yearbook? -Reminder prices go up in December, [so get yours now!](#)

Book Fair: a student favorite! October 16-20th and will be open during Ottumfest.

Ottumfest- a fun family evening! October 20th 6:00-8:00pm inside gym A & B. Admission is free for all members of the PTO.

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Art Specialist News!

We are having a blast in art trying out different mediums, creating works of art inspired by famous artists, and learning about the Elements of Art. Kindergarteners practiced using lines and shapes to draw a parrot. First grade drew an owl inspired by the book Little Owl's Night. They used crayon and watercolors for a resist painting. Students are currently finishing up a hedgehog hidden by colorful leaves.

In second grade we learned about the gnu, a grassland animal. Students drew half of the gnu, and then transferred their lines by folding and rubbing their paper on the edge of the table, creating a symmetrical drawing. They then used colors of their choice to fill the entire paper.

In third grade we learned about the artist, George Rodrigue and his famous "Blue Dog" paintings. We then drew a dog in the style of George Rodrigue and used markers to add color. Another project we completed was the "Moonlit Ma-caw." We tried out painting with neon tempera paints and then drew a background with construction paper crayons.

Fourth graders created an abstract chalk pastel landscape. We explored warm and cool colors and grouped them together for the land and the sky. We are currently working on our "Shaking Dogs" inspired by the artist Iris Scott. Students are using tempera paint and applying it with a brush to create texture, dotting with fingertips to create water drops, and finishing by splattering shades of blue for a water spray look.

Fifth grade students just completed their Claire West inspired owls. We used a variety of mediums including chalk and oil pastels, sharpie, Crayola marker and tempera paint. This project takes a few classes to complete, and they did amazing!

Check out the picture below to see these projects!



By Greyson, Kinder



By Violet, 1st Grade



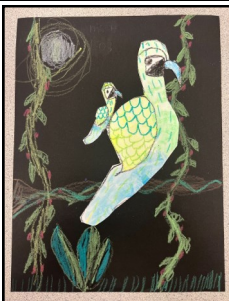
By Tommy, 1st Grade



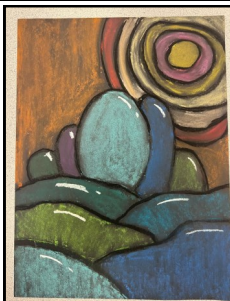
By Rinat, 2nd Grade



By Bellamy, 3rd



By Oliver, 3rd



By Tanishi, 4th



By Maezee, 4th



By Joy, 5th

Please reach out to me at THenning@TahomaSD.US if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks for sharing your creative kiddos with me!

~Mrs. Henninger

Elementary Art & Coding/Robotics Specialist