



# Cedar River Elementary

October 12, 2023

What You Otter Know

## Principal's Letter

Hello Otter Families,

The PTO sponsored Scholastic Book Fair will begin Monday, October 16 and run through Friday October 20. On Monday through Wednesday, classrooms will have an assigned time to visit the book fair. On Thursday and Friday, students who brought money specified for the book fair may visit during their morning and afternoon recess times. The book fair will also be open during the PTO Ottumfest, which we hope you will be able to attend. Wishing all our Otter families a great week!

Warmly,  
Fritz Gere  
Cedar River Elementary Principal

**Friday, October 13 there is no school  
for the Teacher Workshop Day**

### Message From the Dean

Happy weekend families!

Thank you to all of the families who took the time to respond to my inquiry on FaceBook regarding evening and afterschool events for students! I am still in the planning stages and cannot wait to offer some crafty and fun options for kids and families. A few reminders for parking and safety.

1. You may notice Officer Shirley on our campus at drop off and pick up over the next few weeks. He will be here to help out with safety in the parking lot as we have had many instances of cars not stopping at our stop signs. We have stop signs at both the top and bottom of the hill. Please stop every time unless you are directed by a vested staff member directing traffic.
2. Our handicap parking is reserved for families and staff who have a handicap permit. Please do not park (even briefly to run inside) as this does not allow those families to access our school.
3. For families who drop off or pick up students, the **drop-off line starts at 8:50**. Some of our staff have not been able to park and get inside due to cars lining up as early as 8:30. You will be asked to move if you lineup before 8:50. Thank you for allowing our staff access to parking spots so they can serve students. This is also for after-school pick-up. **Please do not line up before 3:40** so staff and parents can get in and out of the parking lot.
4. For families who have students in Zero-Hour classes, our drop-off has been a bit hectic and unsafe. Our drop-off procedures follow our regular drop-off route. Several students have been walking across the parking lot while cars are exiting and/or dropped off early with no supervision. Zero Hour teachers greet students at 8:00 when classes start.

We appreciate your partnership for the safety of our students and staff. If you have any questions about parking lot safety, please reach out!

I can't wait to celebrate Ottumfest and our bookfair with y'all next week!  
Better together,  
Dr. McDaniel

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](#)**

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## PTO NEWS

**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** – [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](mailto: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 Ottumnfest.

**Ottumnfest- a fun family evening!** Please join us at Ottumnfest on 10/20 6-8pm. Trunk or treating, inflatables, games, & food for purchase! Costumes are optional. See attached flyer for more details. Admission is free for all members of the PTO. Non-PTO members - \$5 admission adults / \$2 admission students / 5 and under free.

**Ottumnfest Bake Sale** -Our PTO Ottumnfest is a little over a week away. We need lots of help with our bake sale. We are happy to take any homemade or store bought goods. The bake sale helps us provide snacks to families during the event and raise funds to create amazing Family Fun Night Events. I know that our Otter Families can help us make this bake sale a huge hit. If you are a baker or like to buy baked goods [please sign up here](#).

## Ms. Lisa's Library Line

HELLO OTTERS! LAST WEEK WE WERE BLESSED WITH A BOOK TALK ASSEMBLY FROM MS. SHARON CHASTAIN FROM THE MAPLE VALLEY LIBRARY. SHE IS WONDERFUL AT GETTING STUDENTS EXCITED ABOUT NEW BOOKS AND SHARING GREAT, AGE APPROPRIATE, BOOK IDEAS. IT WAS A LOT OF FUN!

NEXT WEEK THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED FOR OUR PTO BOOK FAIR. STUDENTS LOOK FORWARD TO THIS FUN TIME TO BROWSE AND PURCHASE NEW BOOKS FROM SCHOLASTIC. EACH PURCHASE BENEFITS THE PTO. ALL OF OUR CLASSES WILL HAVE A PREARRANGED TIME TO VISIT. YOUR STUDENT'S TEACHER WILL FILL YOU IN ON ALL THE DETAILS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT LIBRARY, DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT ME!

Ms. Lisa  
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## HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Thursday, October 26, 2023  
At Tahoma High School, 5:30-7:00pm  
Costume Contest @ 6:15pm  
In THS Commons  
Children Aged 0-12

**COSTUME CONTEST** **ICE FISHING**  
**FACE PAINTING** **CUPCAKE WALK**  
**BEANBAG TOSS** **GOLF**

\*Please bring canned food or a cash donation to help support Maple Valley Food Bank\*

