



Cedar River Elementary

October 27, 2023

What You Otter Know

Message From the Dean

Happy almost November!

Thank you to all of our families for supporting and coming out for our PTO's Ottumnfest event! Such a great way for our students to enjoy the fall spirit and spend time with our Otter Community. Our book fair was also a great success and we are so appreciative of each volunteer's hard work.

November brings colder weather, icy mornings, potential for delayed starts, and cold and flu season. Our system utilizes phone numbers for texting and robocalls for any delayed starts. Now is a good time to ensure your information in Skyward is updated and any emergency contacts are current.

Our recess team keeps our Lost and Found available for students to find lost items when at recess. We will donate any remaining items from the fall when we head off for winter break in December!

Our parking lot has been better! Thank you for stopping at the stop signs and yielding to our buses in the parking lot. We also appreciate our families not lining up before 8:40 for drop off. This has permitted our staff members to park and arrive on time to support students! This year our gate opens at 9am to allow our staff to arrive at their contracted start time and be in place to receive our students.

November 9th our students will celebrate Veteran's Day with a wonderful 5th grade concert, honoring those who have served. Our students can dress in red, white, and blue to participate in our Spirit Day honoring our veterans for our assembly! November 10, there is no school in observance of Veterans Day.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Dr. McDaniel

Cup Stacking Fundraiser

CRES students will start our cup stacking unit November 6th in PE. The activities are helpful to develop motor skills, patterning, sequencing, focus and ambidexterity. Mr. and Mrs. Milligan have had many kids ask in the past about getting a speed stack set. We have set up a fundraiser through Speed Stack if you are interested in getting a set. Students **do not need their own for PE**. Purchases through Speed Stack can be made starting October 30th and is open until November 17th.

Please see the flyer on how to get a set sent directly to your home. Purchases through Speed Stack helps raise funds that will go to the PTO.

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

↑ (click to go to the PTO website)

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>

Family Fun Night @ Clayopatra's We are hosting a Family Paint Night with Clayopatra Studio on November 17th from 6:00-8pm in Gym A. See the flyer for more information.

MAPLE VALLEY FOOD BANK HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

The Milligans will be collecting toys and gift cards for the MV Food Bank again this year. They will be starting November 6th and ending November 30th in order to transport toys to the Food Bank on Friday, December 1st. There will be a collection bin in Gym A or parents can drop off items in the office.



MAPLE VALLEY FOOD BANK HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM



*NEW, UNWRAPPED GIFTS OR \$25 GIFT CARDS GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED THROUGH 12/1!

MONETARY DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT MAPLEVALLEYFOODBANK.ORG/DONATE

Calling all Veterans!

Cedar River will have our Veterans Day Program on Thursday, November 9th from 9:45-10:20am in Gym B. Following the assembly, the PTO will host a reception in the Library for all Military Veterans and their spouses.

We are pleased to invite all Veterans connected with our Cedar River families who have served or are currently serving in the United States Military, to attend our Veterans Day Program. As a part of our ceremony, we will honor our guest Veterans with a special musical presentation by our 5th grade students. There will be some reserved parking near the front entrance of CRES for the cars of our Veterans.

Since this is also the music program for 5th grade, please RSVP by November 2, to make sure we have arranged enough seating. [Click here for more information and for the form to RSVP.](#)

Dear Otter Families,

As we celebrate our Future Ready Skill for the month of October, Community Contributor, there is an otterly awesome opportunity for your family to participate together THIS SATURDAY in Make a Difference Day! There are many projects around town that needs hundreds of volunteers! All ages are welcome! You are encouraged to bring your own work gloves, garden tools, etc. Please be sure these items are clearly labeled with your name. I hope to see your family at the Community Center at 8:00am for a free breakfast before heading out to a project to volunteer!

Please email any pictures of your family participating, so we can include them in the year-book, morning announcements, and bulletin boards!

Thank you for supporting our community and encouraging your children to be COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTORS!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kathy Johnson
National Board Certified Teach-

Make A Difference Day

Saturday, October 28, 2023



Breakfast and Registration starts at 8am

Greater Maple Valley Community Center
22010 SE 248th St.

Many hands coming together can truly make a difference

For more information, to submit project ideas, or volunteer, call 425-432-1272 or follow us on Facebook: Maple Valley Make A Difference Day

Please submit grant proposal forms to Ankiestroes@gmail.com by noon October 9.

