



Cedar River Elementary

November 9, 2023

What You Otter Know

Note from the Principal

Hello Otter Families,

Kudos to our 5th grade students and Mrs. Bauer for the wonderful Veterans' Day Assembly. They performed so well and sang beautifully. Thank you to our generous PTO for the wonderful reception in honor of our Veterans. We are indeed grateful for our Veterans and their service. Also, thank you fifth grade families for joining us for this event. Your support of your students and our CRES community means a great deal.

On another note, progress reports will be coming home soon. These are not synonymous with a report card. They are simply a mid-semester update regarding how students are progressing towards meeting our common core standards. If you ever have questions about your child's social/academic progress, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher. Thank you for partnering with us. Have a great week.

Warmly,
Fritz Gere
Cedar River Elementary, Principal

Picture Retakes this Monday

Picture Retake Day is November 13. If your student was absent on Picture Day [click here](#) and enter Cedar River to order pictures. If you were not happy with your pictures, simply send the package to school with your student on Nov. 13th for retakes. If you had digital pictures simply have your student get a new photo taken, no paperwork is needed.

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.



Spirit Night - November 9th at Chick-Fil-A - from 4:00 to 7:00 PM - 15% of all App sales will be donated to CRES PTO.

General Meeting - We will have our Monthly General Meeting 11/13 in the Library @7pm.

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. Orders must be in by November 15th. See the flyer for more information.

Glow Dance Fundraiser - Fundraising has begun, please register your students as soon as possible. Fundraising ends November 21st. The Glow Dance will be held at the school on December 1, 2023 from 6-8PM

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>

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November 3, 2023

What You Otter Know

Do you enjoy working at your child's school?

Hello Families,

We have hired some great new staff members at Cedar River but we wish we had even more. We are still in need of substitute paraeducators. This is a great option for those of you who would love a more flexible option to work with the best students and staff around! Even if you are only able to work one day a week, we love having Otter parents as substitutes. If you are interested, please check out our hiring portal here:

<https://www.tahomasd.us/employment>

The Substitute Paraeducator position can be found on page two. The location says Central Service Center, but once you are hired as a substitute you can select which schools you are willing to work at.

Thank you for considering!
Fritz Gere
Cedar River Elementary Principal

Assessment and Support for Elementary Literacy Success

Our Teaching and Learning Department hosted a parent webinar last week discussing the elementary DIBELS assessment and how we will use the data to support students, as well as a brief explainer about our elementary Reading Assistance Program, also called RAP!
[Check out the webinar recording here.](#)

Zero Hour Link

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

Counselor's Corner

Hello Otter families,

I'm so excited to be starting small skills groups this month as well as continuing to teach Second Step Lessons in all K and 1st grade classes. Second Step is the district social emotional curriculum. Lunch-Bunch started this week for grades 1-4. Students seemed to really enjoy it! We eat lunch in my office, introduce ourselves, chat, connect and play bingo then they head to recess. Two students from each class can attend their scheduled time/day. Teachers typically have a system so everyone who wants to go has a turn.

As we head into the winter season, there are many useful resources available for families in our community. Maple Valley Food Bank and Vine Maple Place also have programs for holiday help. Take a look below:

- [Maple Valley Food Bank](#)
- [Vine Maple Place - Ending Homelessness](#)
- [Tahoma Wellness Support](#)

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

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