



Cedar River Elementary

November 17, 2023

What You Otter Know

Message From the Dean

Hello Otter Families!

It's beginning to look a lot like winter! Our current Lost and Found will be donated just before the Winter Break. Our para staff have done an excellent job putting the lost items on a table in the main thoroughfare between recess and the lunchroom. Please remind your student to pick up any lost items, which will be donated soon!

Many students try to avoid recess because it is cold, but they are also not wearing a jacket! Now is a good time to remind your student about a jacket (labeled is an excellent way to ensure it returns to them) during the frosty days! We have students trying to hide in the restroom or come to the health room to avoid the chilly weather. Our school nurse sees more than 50 students each day. Please encourage your student to know when to go to the nurse. A good rule of thumb is the rule of B's. Bleeding, Barfing, Broken Bones, Brain or Head Injury, Bee Sting, Breathing Difficulty, or Burning Up (Fever). This helps guide our paras to know when to send a student in, but also guides our students. Nurse Chelsi is so nice and all the students love to visit the health room! As we begin the cold and flu season thank you for keeping your students home if they are not feeling well.

Spirit Day is next Wednesday! Wear your college spirit wear or CRES spirit wear! Please celebrate with us on our early release day for all of the wonderful college sports that happen over the long weekend!

Have a wonderful weekend!
Dr. McDaniel

Math Support

Did you know that we have a K-5 Math Support Site that is FILLED with resources that families can use to support their lil' mathematicians at home? Check it out:

[K-5 Math Support Site](#)

Cup Stacking Fundraiser

Today is the last day of our cup stacking fundraiser. 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.

Health Room Needs Help

CRES will be performing our annual hearing and vision screening beginning Monday December 4th. I am looking for volunteers to assist with the hearing portion. No experience needed. [Click here to sign up.](#)

Chelsi Allard, LPN
School Nurse- Cedar River Elementary

Dismissal on Wednesday, Nov 22 is 12:50

PTO NEWS
(click above for the PTO website)

Family Fun Night tonight at CRES We are hosting the Family Paint Night with Clayopatra Studio tonight from 6:00-8pm in the Commons.

Glow Dance Fundraiser - Fundraising has begun, register your students for the 2023 Glow Dance-A-Thon Fundraiser and share the website with friends and family to help raise funds. All proceeds collected will directly benefit the PTO towards hosting Family Fun Nights, Carnivals, Grants for the school and students and much more. Fundraising ends on Nov 27, 2023. The Glow Dance party will be held on Dec 1, 6-8 PM. To volunteer at the Glow Dance Party, [sign up here](#).

Yearbooks - Have you ordered your yearbook yet? [Get yours now by clicking here](#) before prices go up in December.

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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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

Call For Students

Do you have or know of a Tahoma 4- or 5-year-old child not currently attending preschool? We are making a "Call for Students" for our federally-funded, full-day Transition to Kindergarten (TK) program starting in January.

To be eligible for Transition to Kindergarten, children must:

- be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2024
- live within the boundaries of Tahoma School District
- not be currently enrolled in an early learning program
- demonstrate academic and/or social-emotional needs through a screening process

[Click here for more information.](#) To fill out the Transition to Kindergarten Questionnaire/Interest Form [click here.](#)

Space is limited. The interest form submission deadline is Thursday, November 30, 2023.

ADDITIONAL KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Registration for our optional **READY! for Kindergarten** parent workshops closes Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023. Workshops are for Tahoma parents/guardians of **children new-born to age 5** (not yet in kindergarten). For more information, click [HERE.](#)

Online enrollment for the 2024-25 kindergarten school year opens Friday, Dec. 1, 2023. For more information, click [HERE.](#)