



Cedar River Elementary

December 15, 2023

What You Otter Know

Note from the Principal

Hello, Otter Families!

As we leave for break, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May you enjoy the warmth of family and good friends, as well as time to relax, rejuvenate, and make memories together!

Warmly,
Fritz Gere
Cedar River Elementary, Principal

Have a wonderful Holiday Break!
See you Jan 2nd.

**PTO
NEWS**

(click above for the
PTO website)

Spirit Nights - Visit Crown Donuts this weekend Dec 15-17 and 30% of all purchases that mention "CRES Fundraiser" will be donated to the PTO! [Visit their website here](#) for menu, store hours and pre-ordering.

Yearbooks - Today is the last day to purchase a yearbook for \$20. Yearbook prices go up on 12/16! [Get yours now by clicking here.](#)

Yearbooks Dedications - [5th grade dedication spaces are now available for purchase on the PTO website.](#)

General Meeting - Our next PTO meeting will be January 8 at 7:00 in the school library or virtual via link provided on PTO Facebook page.

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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Zero Hour Link

New classes have been added. Click on the link above to check them out and register.

Noteworthy News for December

Hello, CRES families!

Here's what's happening in music:

Fifth graders have been learning about musical form. We listened to some famous pieces of music and interpreted the form using a parachute.

Fourth Graders have begun preparing for their concert in February. More details coming after the break!

Third graders wrapped up their unit on bucket drumming by creating their own rhythm composition. They took turns performing their compositions for the rest of the class. They really got into it!

Second graders are practicing singing and learning new pitches. They will be experimenting with how to create patterns of beats using body percussion.

First graders are learning how to use pitches So and Mi by singing silly songs and Holiday songs.

Kindergarteners are learning the rule of instruments in the classroom: "If you play before I say, then I have to take away." I teach them that real musicians wait to play until everyone is ready. They have been working hard and showing restraint.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at jbauer@tahomasd.us. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Stay musical,
Mrs. Bauer
CRES Music Teacher

Counselor's Corner

Have a wonderful winter break!!
Below are resources available for families in our community.

- [Maple Valley Food Bank](#)
- [Vine Maple Place - Ending Homelessness](#)
- [Tahoma Wellness Support](#)
- [King County Holiday Assistance Programs - Free Food And Gifts \(thswa.org\)](#)

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

Warmly,
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CRES Counselor
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Calling All Future Otters!

Online enrollment for the 2024-25 kindergarten school year has begun. For more information, click [HERE](#).

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](#)