



# Cedar River Elementary

January 5, 2024

What You Otter Know

## Note from the Principal

Hello Otter Families!

We had our first all school spirit assembly. This gave us an opportunity to review our school wide expectations as a whole student body, while also showing our spirit, playing games, and practicing the Otter Way! A good time was had by all. On another note, conferences are coming up at the end of the month. Teachers will send home a link to sign up for a conference time on the evening of January 16. Our teachers look forward to sharing your child's progress while also gathering important information from you, the ones who know their child best! We look forward to continuing our partnership as we work together to help each child reach their learning potential!

Warmly,  
Fritz Gere  
Cedar River Elementary, Principal

## 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](#)



**General Meeting** - Our next PTO meeting will be this Monday, January 8 at 7:00 in the school library or virtual via this link <https://meet.google.com/utt-xpvo-xhk>

**Family Fun Bingo Night** We are hosting the Family Game Night Jan 12th from 6:00-8pm in the Commons. Admission is free and there will be snacks and prizes! Hope you can make it!

**Yearbooks** - Have you ordered your yearbook yet? [Get yours now by clicking here.](#)

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

**O.A.R.** - December OAR forms are DUE NOW! Please have your student return their reading logs to their teachers as soon as possible! Last day to turn them in will be 1/10. Are you interested in becoming the OAR Chair next school year and want hands-on training from the current chairperson? Email [OAR@CRESPTO.net](mailto:OAR@CRESPTO.net)

**Popcorn** - Want to help with our popcorn Fridays? [Here is the sign up for Jan-March.](#)

**WatchD.O.G.S** - Want to sign up to be a WatchDOG? [Here is the sign up for the rest of the year.](#) Remember you must be cleared as a volunteer to sign up.

**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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## Kindergarten Registration for 2024-25 is Open

Kindergarten registration for next school year (2024-25) is now open for children turning age 5 on or before August 31, 2024. If you have a little one, or have a neighbor who does, please visit [www.tahomasd.us/kindergarten](http://www.tahomasd.us/kindergarten) to get started. Families are encouraged to register by **Jan. 31, 2024** (or as soon as possible) to receive important communication about transition events, such as Kindergarten Assessments, Kindergarten Camp and Family Connection Meetings.

## Message from The Milligans

In PE next week we will have our Disco Bowling for all grades. The Gym will be transformed into a glow in the dark bowling dance party. If your child has any glow in the dark or neon clothing, we'd love them to wear it on their PE day.

## Zero Hour Link



**JAN.  
12th  
6 - 8  
pm**

**Join us for  
game night!**  
Free Admission!  
Prizes to Win!  
Snacks for Purchase

Please no drop offs, adult must  
be present to play!

## Would 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