

Cedar River Elementary

January 12, 2024

What You Otter Know

Note from the Principal

Hello Otter Families,

“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope!” – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

I love this quote by Dr. King. Not only because it aligns with our vision of HOPE at CRES, but also because it speaks of disappointment as something finite and hope as infinite. For Dr. King and many of our fellow Americans, the disappointment resulting from the unfair laws in our world during his time proved to be finite. The infinite hope of Dr. King and his followers resulted in a more equitable and just world. As we honor the work of Dr. King with a day off from school, may we consider the power and possibilities that accompany infinite hope. At Cedar River our infinite hope is that students recognize mistakes can actually become opportunities to learn, grow, change, and influence. Thank you for joining us in encouraging that infinite sense of hope with our wonderful students!

Warmly,
Fritz Gere
Cedar River Elementary, Principal

Zero Hour Link



Family Fun Bingo Night We are hosting the Family Bingo Night tonight, 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? Final sales for them ends March 1st. [Get yours now by clicking here.](#) Keep sending in yearbook photos to yearbook@crespto.net

Yearbooks Dedications - [5th grade dedication spaces are now available for purchase](#) on the PTO website until 2/9.

General Meeting - Our next PTO meeting will be Monday, February 12 at 7:00 in the school library. We will have CRES admin as guest speakers to discuss recent survey results.

O.A.R. - Are you interested in becoming the OAR Chair next school year and want hands-on training from the current chairperson? Email OAR@CRESPTO.net

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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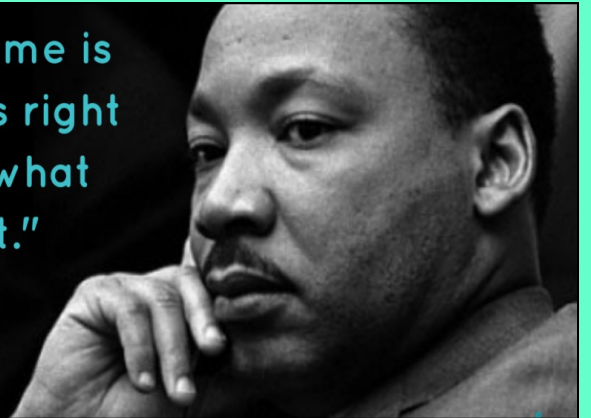
Kindergarten Registration for 2024-25 is Open

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 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.

Happy Martin Luther King Jr. Day!

"The time is always right to do what is right."



**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