

Cedar River Elementary

January 19, 2024

What You Otter Know

Note from the Principal

Hello Otter Families

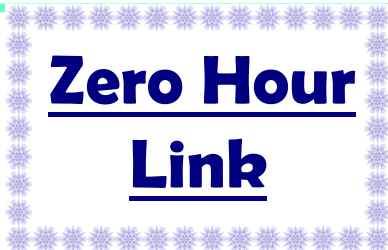
Wow! Wednesday and Thursday, our parking lot, playground, and roadways to CRES were very icy. Although we sure missed our students, I'm thankful that nobody was hurt on our campus.

Just a friendly reminder that teachers have sent out their conference schedules and are looking forward to meeting. Please come with both questions about progress and ideas as to how we can together further support the academic and social/emotional growth of your student. Conferences are always a great time to continue developing our partnership and learn together ways to encourage growth in learning.

On another note, a few members from our leadership team will be at the February PTO meeting on the 12th. We will meet in the CRES library at 7:00 PM to share trends from the parent survey and gather input and ideas to further develop our school and family partnerships. Hope to see you there.

Warmly,
Fritz Gere
Cedar River Elementary, Principal

Due to school closures, Spirit Wear Orders are extended to Mon, Jan. 22



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.

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.

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.

February Health and Fitness

On the backside of our Bowling unit, 3rd-5th students have started Net Sports. We are playing Badminton and Pickleball in our gyms and are focusing on following games rules, serving, volleying, and safe play. We will continue until the 9th of February.

Our K-2nd students are playing new games focusing on spatial awareness, cooperation, and following game rules.

February 12th – 16th, we will check in with students on their fitness concepts of cardiorespiratory endurance, muscular strength/endurance, and flexibility.

Please be sure that your student is prepared for their PE classes during the week with gym shoes.

Mr. & Mrs. Milligan
PE Specialists



Art Room News

Portfolios are coming home soon! Students are very excited to share their artwork they have made so far this year. Beginning the week of Feb. 5th, we are taking a break from art to begin our coding (K-4) and robotics units (5th). On the January report card, you will find a grade for art. Students are graded on participation. This includes trying and completing projects, following the O3's, using supplies appropriately, following directions, and cleaning up their workspace. I hope you enjoy seeing your student's creations, and please reach out if you have any questions.

~Mrs. Henninger

Art/Coding/Robotics (5th) Specialist

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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