



Cedar River Elementary

February 16, 2024

What You Otter Know

Principal's Letter

Dear Otter Families,

I wish you all could have heard the fourth-grade students performing last night. Under Mrs. Bauer's direction, they were amazing. They spoke so eloquently. Seeing the confidence our students conveyed is a great example of our vision of HOPE for all kids in action. Thank you for being there to support your child! I want to wish all our Otter Families a relaxing and enjoyable mid-winter break.

Warmly,
Fritz Gere
Cedar River Elementary, Principal

Do you have a child turning 5 by Aug. 31, 2024?

Register for Kindergarten!

You'll get info about:

- Kindergarten Events
- Kindergarten Meet
- Kindergarten Camp
- Class Placement

Visit bit.ly/TahomaK to get started!

Kindergarten Registration is Open

Do you have a child turning 5 years of age on or before August 31, 2024? If so, it is time to [register your child for kindergarten at Tahoma!](#) Our online enrollment is open, and parents are encouraged to complete their child's registration by the end of February. Families will begin receiving important kindergarten information, including our monthly Kindergarten Newsletter.

Zero Hour Link

New classes have been added, check them out here.

PTO NEWS

(click above for the PTO website)

PTO Spirit Wear Store - We are excited to announce the opening of the PTO's CRES Spirit Wear site! This store will be open year round and offer multiple sales throughout the year. [Take a look here](#) and see all the cool designs and customizable pieces offered.

Otters Are Readers - For December, Congrats to Ms. Huerta and Ms. Rodriguez's class! For January, Congrats to Ms. Kalash and Ms. Kovich's class! New this month: If your student has a neon sticker on their returned log, they are on track for the exclusive end-of-year charm. If they do not have a sticker, I have written which month is missing. Students may miss one month during the school year and still earn the end-of-year charm. Students can read extra and submit forms late, but prizes will be provided until we run out. Keep up the great work!

Code Ninja Fundraiser - A coding and Stem workshop for kids K-8 - \$30 Per kid.

1. Dates: Feb 3rd, Feb 10th, Feb 24th 12:30 - 2:00 PM
2. Event Link: <https://cn.mystudio.io/e/?=cncovington/411/30617//1705978926>
3. Details: Code Ninjas Covington: 17265 SE Wax Rd. Ste 104, Covington, WA 98042

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

WatchD.O.G.S - Want to sign up to be a WatchDOG? [Click here to sign-up.](#) 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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WE ARE FUTURE READY

In February, our Future Ready Foundations lessons are focused on the Collaborative Teammate Future Ready Skill, learning how to identify and understand our emotions, and kindness.

Learning targets for each grade level for Collaborative Teammate are listed below. Each grade level builds on the previous learning target, fifth grade students should be able to demonstrate knowledge of all learning targets.

Kindergarten

- I can complete tasks and work assigned to me.

1st Grade*

- I can share resources and responsibilities.

2nd Grade*

- I can come ready and prepared to work with my team.
- I can encourage my teammates.

3rd Grade*

- I can help my team complete our work on time.

4th Grade*

- I can ask questions and offer ideas to help my team.
- I can help my team get along. (conflict resolution)

5th Grade*

- I can listen to other points of view and agree or disagree kindly.

In March, lessons will be focused on the Strategic Problem Solver Future Ready Skill. Learning targets for each grade level for Strategic Problem Solver are listed below. Each grade level builds on the previous learning target, fifth grade students should be able to demonstrate knowledge of all learning targets.

Kindergarten

- I can explain the problem that needs solving.
- I can come up with more than one possible solution.
- I can select the best solution.

1st Grade

- I can develop a plan to solve the problem.

2nd Grade

- I can persevere and stay focused until the problem is solved.

3rd Grade

- I can revise my plan as needed.

4th Grade

- I can see the problem from different perspectives.

5th Grade*

- I can evaluate and reflect on the process and the result.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions! (Kjohnson@tahomasd.us)

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathy Johnson

PreK-5 Future Ready Specialist
National Board Certified Teacher



Coding and Robotics News!

Greetings otter families! We are beginning our coding unit in grades K-4. Students are becoming familiar with common coding terms including algorithm, sequence, events, loops, and bug/debug.

Kindergarten students code using the Scratch Jr. app. They practice using move blocks and looks blocks to code a short animation. Their final coding project will be to code an animal in it's habitat.

First and second graders also code with Scratch Jr. First grade will learn to code an interactive short story with multiple characters and pages. Second graders will code a game with multiple levels and obstacles.

Third grade is coding with an app called Hopscotch. They will learn to code games such as Crossy Road and Geometry Dash. With their new coding skills, they will work to create their own game.

Fourth grade uses Scratch to practice coding. While building the games, students are learning to use control flow structures, variables, and events. We also cover basic computer science by learning how inputs and outputs function in a computer system, how data is stored, and binary code.

Fifth graders get to explore robotics with our brand new *Lego Robotics Spike Prime Kits!* These hands-on kits provide an opportunity for students to develop their abstract and critical thinking skills needed to solve complex problems. Not only will students build various solutions to problems, but they will also code their robots.

Please reach out if you have any questions!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Henninger
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Coming Soon!!!

CRES will be switching to a website for our school newsletters, so be on the lookout for a new link coming your way soon.