



Cedar River Elementary

March 1, 2024

What You Otter Know

Principal's Letter

Dear Otter Families!

I hope that students and families had an enjoyable and relaxing mid-winter break. The students are back to work with a lot of great learning happening. It's been a pleasure to observe students in classrooms as they explore mathematical concepts via story problems, student to student discourse, math games, and learning tasks that get them to think deeply. Recently, in a third-grade classroom I saw students sorting complex equations with multiple operations and parenthesis with their matching values. It was amazing to hear the conversations students were having regarding their reasoning, agreements, and disagreements as well. The new program, Illustrative Mathematics, is certainly adding depth to student understanding of math concepts.

On another note, our wonderful PTO will be hosting the annual science fair at the Tahoma High School on March 22nd. Please take a look at the participation instructions should your child want to participate. Thanks again for your partnership in the education of our students.

Warmly,
Fritz Gere
Cedar River Elementary, Principal



Yearbooks - Final sales for them ends today, March 1st. [Get yours now by clicking here.](#) Keep sending in yearbook photos to yearbook@crespto.net

Otters Are Readers - February reading logs are due now! Please turn logs into teachers by Wednesday 3/6. [Here is the March OAR Form.](#) **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. Student's may miss one month during the school year and still earn the end-of-year charm. Student's can read extra and submit forms late, but prizes will be provided until we run out. Email OAR@cresPTO.net with any questions.

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.

Science Fair - Does your Otter love science? [Click here to find out more about registering for the Science Fair.](#) Are you able to volunteer for this event? [Click here to sign-up.](#)

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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This Week's Events (3/4-3/8)

March 4

✍ Read Across America Day

March 5

✍ Play Practice 3:50-5:00 Gym B

March 6

✍ 2nd Grade Field Trip - Storybook Theater

✍ Play Practice 3:50-5:00 Gym B

✍ OAR Forms are due

March 7

✍ Play Practice 3:50-5:00 Gym B

March 8

March 9

March 10

✍ Sunday is daylight savings

✍ Ramadan begins on Sunday

Next Week's Events (3/11-3/15)

March 11

✍ Classified Employees Week

✍ PTO General Mtg 7pm

March 12

✍ Play Practice 3:50-5:00 Gym B

March 13

✍ Play Practice 3:50-5:00 Gym B

March 14

✍ Play Practice 3:50-5:00 Gym B

✍ 3rd Grade Music Concert 7pm

March 15

✍ Science Fair registration is due

March 18-22

✍ Tahoma School District Food Drive

More details to come

CEDAR RIVER ELEMENTARY PTO
FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND 5:30-7:30 PM
HOSTED AT TAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL

ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR

FREE ENTRY

PRIZES AND SCHOLARSHIPS!

Register today at the link on the website or by emailing stem@crespto.net before March 15.

Volunteers needed!
Open to all grade levels!!

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

Register for Kindergarten!

You'll get info about:

- Kindergarten Events
- Kindergarten News
- 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.