

## 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



<u>Yearbooks -</u> Final sales for them ends today, March 1st. Get yours now by clicking here. Keep sending in yearbook photos to <u>yearbook@crespto.net</u>

<u>Otters Are Readers -</u> February reading logs are due now! Please turn logs into teachers by Wednesday 3/6. <u>Here is the March OAR Form.</u> 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 <u>OAR@cresPTO.net</u> with any questions.

**<u>PTO Spirit Wear Store</u>** 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. <u>Take a look here</u> and see all the cool designs and customizable pieces offered.

**Science Fair** - Does your Otter love science? <u>Click here to find out more about registering for the Science Fair</u>. Are you able to volunteer for this event? <u>Click here to sign-up</u>.

**WatchD.O.G.S** - Want to sign up to be a WatchDOG? <u>Click here to sign-up</u>. Remember you must be cleared as a volunteer to sign up.

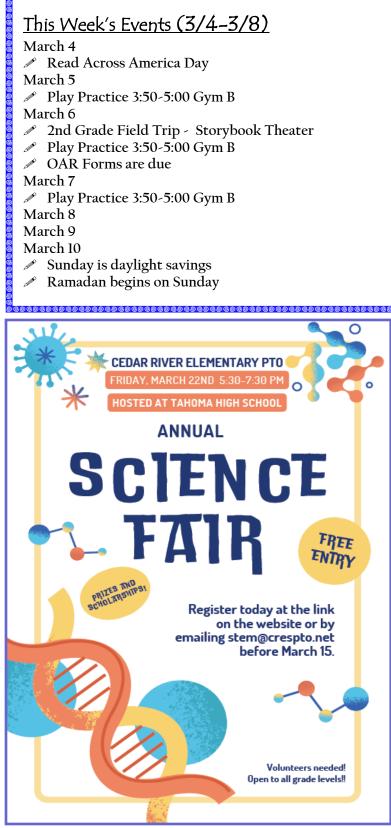
**Staff Appreciation** – We have a *Teacher's Favorite Things* list and our Amazon Wishlist to stock the staff room. If you would like to help us stock the staff room with goodies for the staff, use this link- <u>https://www.crespto.net/programs/staff-appreciation</u>

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#### Classified Employees Week PTO General Mtg 7pm

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

March 12

March II

- 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

dergarten Camp

Tahoma School District Food Drive More details to come

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



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.