



Cedar River Elementary

March 8, 2024

What You Otter Know

Principal's Letter

Hello Otter Families!

The daffodil garden is in bloom at CRES, and spring is in the air. Here at school, we continuously emphasize the importance of HOPE. We often see students performing new tasks, making new friends, being a good helper, or experiencing new challenges. These experiences are seen as opportunities to build that sense of self-efficacy and attitude of HOPE through a number of recognition structures. Otter paws are given to individual students when recognized by a staff member reinforcing school and classroom expectations. Weekly on announcements, paws are drawn and students receive a prize. Teachers and staff recognize students monthly with a certificate and picture on our bulletin board as they see future ready skills becoming habit. Whole classrooms are recognized by staff other than their teacher with an Otterly Amazing certificate when the class is seen showing the O3's as they transition throughout the campus. My favorite is when a staff member recognizes a student and I get to make a phone call home to let the parents know about it. All these recognition strategies are ways that we celebrate the growth our students are making both academically, socially, and behaviorally. It is an honor for our staff to work with such wonderful children. Thank you for partnering with us as we work together on behalf of student learning.

Warmly,
Fritz Gere
Cedar River Elementary, Principal



PTO General Meeting - PTO will be meeting Monday, March 11th at 7pm in the library. Families can join online with this link- <https://meet.google.com/utt-xpvo-xhk>

Science Fair - Does your Otter love science? Click here to find out more about [registering for the Science Fair](#) on March 22. Are you able to volunteer for this event? [Click here to sign-up.](#)

Family Fun Nights - The Reptile Lady is coming to CRES, March 21 @6pm.

Otters Are Readers - 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 - The spring sale will be starting 3/12. [Take a look here](#) and see all the cool designs offered.

Carnival Coming Soon - Save the date, the CRES Carnival is planned for June 14th.

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 (3/11-3/15)

March 11

- ✍ Classified Employees Week
- ✍ PTO General Mtg 7pm

March 12

- ✍ Play Practice 3:50-5:00 Gym B
- ✍ Girl Scouts Day

March 13

- ✍ Play Practice 3:50-5:00 Gym B

March 14

- ✍ National Pi Day
- ✍ Play Practice 3:50-5:00 Gym B
- ✍ 3G Music Concert 7pm

March 15

- ✍ Camp Casey forms, medications and money are due
- ✍ Science Fair registration is due
- ✍ St Patrick's Day is Sunday

Next Week's Events (3/18-3/22)

March 18

- ✍ TSD Food Drive begins

March 19

- ✍ Play Practice 3:50-5:00 Gym B

March 20

- ✍ Play Practice 3:50-5:00 Gym B

March 21

- ✍ Play Practice 3:50-5:00 Gym B
- ✍ Reptile Lady Evening Event 6pm Gym B

March 22

- ✍ CRES PTO Science Fair at THS 5:30pm
- ✍ Snow make-up day -Students will attend

Zero Hour Link

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Here's what's happening in music:

Fifth graders are learning about time signature. A class favorite is playing a game called Meter Tag, where students can only step on beat one of each measure! We are listening to famous pieces of music in 3/4 time signature, including Blue Danube by Johan Strauss.

Fourth Graders had an amazing concert last month. Well done, fourth graders! They are now returning to recorder lessons, focusing on learning more pitches and playing whole songs. You guessed it, Hot Cross Buns is next.

Third graders are rehearsing for their concert next Thursday, March 14th at 7pm. All are welcome. They are excited to show you their hard work!

Second graders are in full swing, preparing for their concert on Wednesday, March 27th. Cookies, the Musical begins at 7pm, here in Gym B.

First graders are learning about important musicians like Ray Charles. They are also learning music for their concert, Bunnies! The Musical, which will be on Thursday evening, May 2nd.

Kindergarteners are slowly preparing songs for their concert, The Three Piggy Opera. Parents, save the date for June 6th. This will be a daytime concert, during school hours.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at jbauer@tahomasd.us. I wish you a pleasant Spring!

Stay musical,
Mrs. Bauer
CRES Music Teacher



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 Home
• 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.