



# Cedar River Elementary

March 29, 2024

What You Otter Know

## Principal's Letter

Hello Otter Families,

I got a glimpse of the school play today during our assemblies. You would be so proud of our Otter Actors and Actresses. They did a fantastic job. I hope you have the opportunity to come see "Twice Upon a Time" presented by CRES students under the direction of Mrs. Huizenga and Ms. Nicksich. The performance for families is this evening. You will also have the opportunity to hear how well the new sound system works that was generously purchased by our PTO. All students can be heard well. It's a fun production.

On another note, next week our fifth grade students will be at camp Monday through Wednesday. Thank you everyone for supporting this opportunity for our fifth graders. This is a wonderful outdoor learning experience for our kids. If I don't see you before, have a wonderful spring break.

Warmly,  
Fritz Gere  
Cedar River Elementary, Principal

### Message From The Milligans

Next week Mr. and Mrs. Milligan will be helping the 5th grade students at Camp Casey. The students will be working with the substitutes on a Yoga unit that focuses on flexibility, balance, muscle strength and endurance.

Thank you, Mr. & Mrs. Milligan



**Nominating Committee** - We want YOU to be a part of the Cedar River Elementary PTO! We are looking for nominations for PTO board positions for the 2024-2025 school year. Please nominate yourself (or someone else) by using the google form on our website <https://www.crespto.net/about/executive-board> or using [this link](#) by **March 31st**.

**Yearbook** - This is the final week to turn in yearbook photos. Yearbook photos needed: winter break, music concerts, family fun nights, etc. send to: [yearbook@crespto.net](mailto:yearbook@crespto.net).

**Read-A-Thon 3/31-4/12**- Read-a-thons get your reader excited about reading and it gives friends and family the opportunity to encourage your child to read even more. Our Read-a-thon starts Sunday March 31, 2024. Instructions were sent home on how to activate your reader's personal page. Students will receive \$5 for the Book Fair just for registering. This is where you will be able to view and record their progress. We encourage you to activate your reader's account today by clicking on <https://www.read-a-thon.com/readers/r/323739373930/1> and following the simple instructions. Read-a-thon gives your child a reason to read and helps in the development of stronger reading skills. We hope EVERYONE participates.

**Otters Are Readers** - Make sure to turn in your [March OAR form](#) by April 5. Every student who turns in their March OAR form will get \$5 in scholastic bucks to use at the Bookfair in April. Email [OAR@cresPTO.net](mailto:OAR@cresPTO.net) with any questions.

**PTO Spirit Wear Store** - Spirit wear sale has been extended to 4/1 - entire site is 25% off. [Take a look here](#)

**Carnival Coming Soon** - Save the date, the CRES Carnival is planned for June 14, 6-8pm.

**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.

**5th Grade Yard Signs** - Flyers for 5th grade signs went out this week. You can return the form with cash or check payable to CRES PTO or [order through our website](#). If you order a sign, they will be available for pick up the evening of Friday, April 26 during the Family Fun Night event and Book Fair.



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## Coming Week's Events (4/1-4/5)

April 1

- ✍ 5th Graders leave for Camp Casey be at CRES by 7:30
- ✍ Read-A-Thon is in full swing
- ✍ Spirit Wear Sale was extended to end today
- ✍ PTO General Mtg 7pm

April 2

- ✍ 5th graders at Camp Casey

April 3

- ✍ 5th graders return from Camp

April 4

- ✍ School Librarian Day

April 5

- ✍ March O.A.R. forms are due
- ✍ Have a wonderful Spring Break!!!

## Following Week's Events (4/15-4/19)

April 15

- ✍ Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 16

- ✍ 6th Registration Opens
- ✍ STMS Visits 5G with their band and choir

April 17

April 18

- ✍ Volunteer Tea, invitations to come

April 19

- ✍ Book Fair starts to set up for next week
- ✍ Tomorrow is Chinese Language Day



## Noteworthy News



Here's what's happening in music:

**Fifth graders** are learning about different types of Jazz. We sang along to Irving Berlin's Blue Skies. They have also been learning camp songs in preparation for Camp Casey.

**Fourth Graders** have wrapped up their recorder unit. They were allowed to take them home these past two weeks. Ask them to show you what they learned!

**Third graders** put on a very entertaining concert two weeks ago. What a show! Now they are transitioning to musical concepts in preparation for the next unit: barred instruments.

**Second graders** had a successful performance on Wednesday night! They outdid themselves by singing beautifully and speaking boldly. After break they will begin focusing on pitch, singing games, and note values.

**First graders** are learning music for their concert, Bunnies! The Musical, which will be on Thursday evening, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The speaking parts are given out and it's time to practice how to speak in front of an audience.

**Kindergarteners** are slowly preparing songs for their concert, The Three Piggy Opera. This will be a daytime concert, during school hours. In April they will learn about music from the Carnival of the Animals, by Camille Saint-Saens.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [jbauer@tahasd.us](mailto:jbauer@tahasd.us). Happy Spring Break!

Stay musical,  
Mrs. Bauer  
CRES Music Teacher

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

Register for Kindergarten!

You'll get info about:  
• Kindergarten Events  
• Kindergarten Hours  
• Kindergarten Care  
• Class Placement

Visit [bit.ly/TahomaK](http://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.

## Counselor's Corner

Hello Otter Families!

New small skills groups started this month with a focus on friendship, emotion regulation/ coping strategies, self-management and problem solving. I also continue to teach classroom lessons in Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade as well as in a 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom weekly.

Lunch-Bunch is still going strong for grades 1-4. Students seemed to really enjoy it! We eat lunch in my office, introduce ourselves, chat, connect, play bingo and then they head to recess. Two students from each class can attend their scheduled time/day. Teachers typically have a system so everyone who wants to go has a turn.

Please contact me if you have questions, need resources, scholarships, support or would like me to check in with your child.

Warmly,  
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