



Cedar River Elementary

April 5, 2024

What You Otter Know

Principal's Letter

Hello Otter Families,

As you may already know, Election Day is April 23: Remember to vote! The Replacement Educational Programs & Operations (EP&O) Levy is on the ballot, which will maintain funding for many of the student experiences and staff at TSD schools. At our school, these include Art, Music, STEM, Future Ready, Zero Hour, MAP, RAP, and more. We so appreciate our wonderful CRES community. Wishing you and yours a relaxing, rejuvenating, and enjoyable spring break.

Warmly,
Fritz Gere
Cedar River Elementary, Principal

No school next week-Enjoy your Spring Break!



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 runs until 4/12 at 11:59 PM, after that minutes can no longer be entered. Parents should help their Otters pick prizes by 4/21. 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 with any questions.

Family Fun Night Magic Show- Xakary The Magician will be performing on 4/26 at 6:30. This is a free event.

PTO Spirit Wear Store - Our store has some fun Otter gear, [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.



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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Coming 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 1:45-3:15

April 19

✍ Tomorrow is Chinese Language Day

Following Week's Events (4/22-4/26)

April 22

✍ Book Fair in the Library all week, schedules to come

✍ Earth Day

✍ Passover begins

April 23

✍ School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

April 24

✍ Administrative Professionals Day

April 25

✍ Class and Personality Portraits, forms will be sent home 4/15

April 26

✍ Johnson's class goes to the Shadow Lake Bog

✍ PTO FFN Magic Show

We Are Future Ready

In March, students learned the skills necessary to be a Strategic Problem Solver that included our school-wide Kelso's Choice curriculum.

In April, students will be learning about the Future Ready Skill: Creative Innovator. Additionally, students will be learning about being responsible online through Digital Citizenship lessons.

Learning targets for each grade level for Strategic Problem Solver (March), and Creative Innovator (April) 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.

STRATEGIC PROBLEM SOLVER

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.

CREATIVE INNOVATOR

Kindergarten

- I can ask "What if?" questions.

1st Grade*

- I can come up with new and original ideas.

2nd Grade*

- I can use my mistakes to learn.

3rd Grade*

- I can take risks in my thinking.

4th Grade*

- I can come up with more than one idea and predict which one might be best.

5th Grade*

- I can test out my plan and make necessary changes if things are working as expected.

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

Message From The Milligans

On our return from Spring Break, we are excited for our students to complete a second bridge gap assessment for the Pacer run, Pacer push-ups, and sit and reach for flexibility. This is our final practice of the assessments for students to prepare for May. Also, students will begin the Golf unit K-5. The main focus will be on putting, chipping, and safety. Starting in May, students will work on the skills of Team Handball and Lacrosse.

5th Grade Track begins 4/16 during Zero Hour. The District 5th grade Track meet will be on May 17th at MVMS.

Thank you, Mr. & Mrs. Milligan

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

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