



Cedar River Elementary

April 19, 2024

What You Otter Know

Principal's Letter

Hello Otter Families,

Thank you to the volunteers who showed up to our Volunteer Tea . It was so fun to get to honor the work you do here at Cedar River. Just a friendly reminder that voting day is on Tuesday! Thank you for supporting the programs we provide our Otters!

Have a great week.

Warmly,
Fritz Gere
Cedar River Elementary, Principal

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!



Scholastic Book Fair - Reminder to spend your Read-A-Thon bucks next week at the Book Fair. See flyer in email for more details.

General Meeting - Please join us for our next General Meeting on 5/6.

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

MOD Pizza Spirit Night—Come raise some dough! April 24th Mod Pizza in Maple Valley will donate 25% of your bill to the CRES PTO. See the attached flyer to find out how.

Day At The Park— On June 8th join your friends from Cedar River for a night of food, fun and baseball at Cheney Stadium! Arrive early to see our school's PTO Choir perform the national anthem. The Rainiers take on the Reno Aces. See the flyer for more information and to order tickets.

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 (4/22-4/26)

April 22

- ✍ Book Fair in the Library all week
- ✍ Earth Day

April 23

- ✍ School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

April 24

- ✍ Administrative Professionals Day
- ✍ MOD Pizza Spirit Day

April 25

- ✍ Bus Emergency Exit Drills
- ✍ Class and Personality Portraits

April 26

- ✍ Johnson's fourth grade class goes to the Shadow Lake Bog
- ✍ PTO FFN Magic Show 6:30pm

Following Week's Events (4/29-5/3)

April 29

April 30

May 1

- ✍ School Principal's Day

May 2

- ✍ First Grade Music Concert 6pm

May 3

- ✍ Nickel's class goes to the Shadow Lake Bog
- ✍ School Lunch Hero Day

Coding, Robotics, and Art news!

Greetings Otter families! Kindergarten, first, and second graders are finishing up our coding unit. **Kindergarteners** practiced moving an animal to its food, and making the food disappear when bumped. **First graders** coded their own story with dialogue and multiple pages. **Second graders** made a game with interactive buttons on the screen to move a character to its target, while avoiding obstacles. If your kiddo is interested in practicing coding at home, www.code.org and the Scratch Jr. app are both great resources. K-2 will resume creating artistic masterpieces to finish up the school year.

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Third graders have a few more coding lessons to go using the Hopscotch coding app. We have learned about events, loops, and conditionals. We coded our own version of Crossy Road, wrote a program to make a star design, and coded an "egg" to turn into a lizard when it reached a certain size.

Fourth graders used tutorials and coding instruction cards to learn how to build programs in Scratch. We are now trying out another block coding app called Tynker.

Fifth graders are currently building grabbers to pick up "litter." Students will explore testing the grabbers and collecting data, an important step in the Engineering Design Process.

The *District Art Invitational* is coming soon! **All are invited to attend on Saturday, May 18th from 4-6pm at the Tahoma High School.** Art pieces were selected during the first semester. If your child has a piece that will be featured in the District Art Show, a notice was sent home in their portfolio. Art was also saved to be featured in the Maple Valley Days Art Show in June.

Please reach out if you have any questions!

~Mrs. Henninger
Coding/Robotics (5th)/Art

Message From The Milligans

We are very excited for our upcoming activities in PE. Our students will be participating in our Golf unit which focuses on putting, chipping, and safety. Followed by a throwing and cooperation game called Star Wars. In May, we will introduce the students to the skills and game play of Handball. Mrs. Milligan will be sending out information to teachers and families regarding Field Days which are scheduled for June 10th and 11th. Please consider signing up to volunteer to help with stations when that information comes out.

Our end of the year fitness testing is scheduled for May 20th-25th. Third through fifth grade will be assessed using the Pacer run, Pacer push ups, and the sit and reach. Kindergarten through second grade will be working on activities in these fitness components.

Thank you,
Mr. & Mrs. Milligan
Cedar River PE Specialists

WATERCOLOR DRAWING CERAMICS PHOTOGRAPHY FILM SCULPTURE MIXED MEDIA DIGITAL PAINTING DESIGN

MUSE

DISTRICT ART INVITATIONAL

RECEPTION AT TAHOMA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
SATURDAY, MAY 18TH 4-6PM
ART SHOW FEATURING GRADES K-12

TAHOMA Future Ready Students