



# CEDARVILLE CONNECTION

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**Our mission at Cedarville Elementary School is:**  
*To build a solid academic foundation and develop fundamental skills that will lead our students into a lifetime of success.*

## **From the desk of the Principal...**

According to the final count for our 2013 Holiday Food Drive and Kate's Kart collection, **1,365 items** were donated for the food/health item drive (a new record for our school), along with **462 books and \$100.00** for Kate's Kart!

We learned over the holidays that Linda Clevenger, one of our Cedarville parents, lost her battle with cancer. If you would like to help the Clevenger family, please visit the following link: <http://www.gofundme.com/team-clevenger>. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Clevenger family at this difficult time.

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## **Snow Make up Days...**

Due to the school closings for inclement weather during the week of January 7 – 10, school will be in session for students (and staff) on February 11<sup>th</sup> and February 17<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Miles Walked in P.E. Class...**

Third graders are using pedometers in gym class, and to date have walked 835 miles or approximately 2,004,000 steps!



Here are some cities we have "stopped to visit" on our way:

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| Lansing, MI      | Laona, WI        |
| Harrison, MI     | Bruce, WI        |
| Indian River, MI | North Branch, MN |
| Gould City, MI   |                  |

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## **Leo-Cedarville PTO Carnival 2014...**

The carnival is quickly approaching! On March 8<sup>th</sup>, from 4-8 p.m., we will be launching into a new frontier - a trip out of this world - STAR-NIVAL! Watch for more information to come your way soon!

## **District-wide Climate Survey...**

Parents, patrons, and community members are invited and encouraged to participate in the on-line EACS Climate Survey. Simply go to the main EACS web page (<http://www.eacs.k12.in.us>). You will find a message from Dr. Folks. Click on the "EACS District Climate Survey" button right below his name to start the survey. There are seventeen multiple-choice questions and two questions that ask for an open response.

**The survey window will be from now through January 31<sup>st</sup>.** Share your input by participating in this important survey!

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## **Family Fun Hoopsters Night...**

### **K105 Radio Personalities vs Cedarville/Leo Staff**



Come and join the fun as staff and teachers from Cedarville and Leo Elementary Schools face off against K105 fm Country Radio personalities in **THE basketball event of the season!**

**WHEN:** Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Leo High School Gymnasium

All proceeds going directly to the PTO for use in our schools. Buy your (pre-sale) tickets early, and avoid the line on February 6<sup>th</sup>!

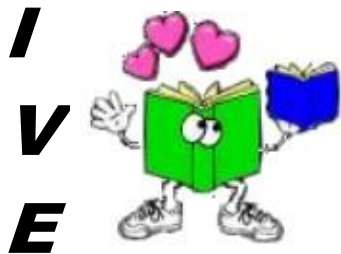
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## **Super Fan T-shirt Winners...**

Winners of the SUPER FAN T-shirt design contest are Clover Davidson in Mrs. Jenkins' room, Ellie Sauder in Mr. Kaylor's room, and Trent Glass in Mr. R's room.

**Congratulations to each of these students on a SUPER job!**

# FAVORITE

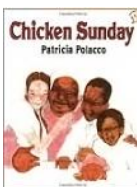


"Tell me what you read and I'll tell you who you are" is true enough, but I'd know you better if you told me what you reread."

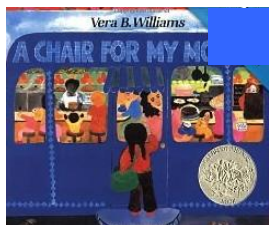
– Francois Muriac

## Favorites of Ms. Augustine, Third Grade:

Two especially heartwarming children's stories are must-reads in my classroom each year. One is written by a well-known and loved author I had the fortunate experience of meeting several years ago when she was honored by the local Reading Association. Patricia Polacco was the guest author that year at the annual banquet and Young Author's Conference. She has written many wonderful books, but my personal favorite is **Chicken Sunday**. This is a loving family story narrated by Patricia herself as a young Russian-American girl. It was after her grandmother passed away that Patricia became very close friends with her neighbor's family of two brothers, Stewart and Winston, along with their Grandma Eula Mae. This story reinforces the value of family, friendship, respect, and trustworthiness. Discussions about character traits make for those exceptional teachable moments.



The other heartwarming story is a 1983 Caldecot Honor Book titled **A Chair for My Mother**. The author is Vera Williams. In this story, you will experience the value of saving money and family members working together to reach a common goal. The story's characters show determination and perseverance after losing every possession in an apartment fire. The hardworking mother, daughter, and grandmother save coins in a jar until there is enough money to buy a new chair. What a great example of delayed gratification!



Each winter I am thrilled to share the book **Snowflake Bentley**. Our recently added snowfall made it even more appropriate. This biography takes you through the life of Wilson Bentley who lived from 1865-1931. His home town of Jericho, Vermont, honors this farmer-scientist who shared his love of capturing the intricate and incredibly beautiful designs of snowflakes using microphotography. William was laughed at and made fun of for having such a passion for photographing snowflakes; but he never allowed that to stop him from achieving his goals. Thankfully, his parents stood by him and supported his dream. William Bentley was 60

years old when his book, **Snow Crystals**, was published. Over the years, artists and designers have used Bentley's photographs for inspiration.

During my childhood, I enjoyed such classics as the Laura Ingalls Wilder books, which include **Little House in the Big Woods**, **The Long Winter**, **Christmas in the Big Woods**, and **Little House on the Prairie**. These books are historical fiction based on Ingalls' childhood growing up in a pioneer family. She lived from February 7, 1867 – February 10, 1957.

Recently, I have been introduced to a fabulous paperback filled with over a hundred short nonfiction passages telling the stories behind everyday things. The title of this book is **The Kid Who Invented the Popsicle**. This highly interesting book is written by Don L. Wulffson. From animal crackers to zippers, this book is hard to put down once you pick it up. We are using it with our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to help teach different aspects of writing, such as paraphrasing and summarizing.

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## Photos Needed...

Help capture Cedarville's most memorable moments! The yearbook committee is looking for photos from class and school events to include in the 2013-2014 Cedarville yearbook. We need



everyone's help to make sure all the special events at our school are included in the yearbook. Include the grade, classroom, and event captured in the photo. Please send your digital pictures to Melissa Bratten at [Cedyear10@gmail.com](mailto:Cedyear10@gmail.com) marked "Pictures for Yearbook". Please remember to send pictures that do not have the date on the front.

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## Mark Your Calendar...

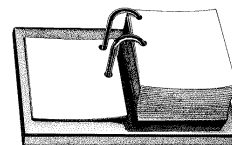
Jan 17: PTO meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Leo Elementary Cafeteria

Jan 20: **MLK Observance – NO SCHOOL**

Feb. 6: Spirit Day; Hoopsters Night @ 7:00 p.m.

Feb 11: **No Teacher In-service Day, School in session (snow make up day)**

Feb 17: **Presidents' Day, School in session (snow make up day)**



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