



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...

Leo-Cedarville PTO Carnival 2014

STAR-NIVAL



WHEN: March 8th, from 4 – 8 p.m.
WHERE: Leo High School

Please turn in your raffle ticket forms by Friday, February 28th. Pre-sale game ticket orders are due by March 5th.

Turn in volunteer forms ASAP! Many volunteers are needed for our biggest fundraiser of the year. Giving just an hour of your time is a huge help!

Jump Rope for Heart...

Students from Cedarville Elementary raised a total of \$5,664.60 this year in their JRFH event. This total was the highest ever that students raised here at our school. Combined with a \$500 donation from Kohl's, our total was \$6,164.60. That put us \$2,000 over last year's event.

We earned \$300 for raising over \$5,000, and an additional \$200 for being \$2,000 over last year. That is a total of \$500 that will be used to buy new equipment for the P.E. program.

Thanks to staff, students, and families for their generous support of our efforts in the JRFH event!

March Schedule Change...

Beginning March 3rd, and extending throughout the month of March, we will forego teacher collaboration days on Wednesdays (no early dismissal) and add 30 minutes to the end of the school day each day, to help make-up for days lost due to weather. At Cedarville, we will release students at 4:10 p.m. every day in March, including Wednesdays.

Congratulations!

Mr. Bryan Kaylor has been named Cedarville's **TEACHER OF THE YEAR** for 2013-2014!



When asked about his philosophy of education, Mr. Kaylor explained, "William Yeats once said, 'Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.' My goal as an educator is to light that 'fire' in my students. Being a teacher is a very special role in our society, although not always treated like one. To have the privilege to inspire, motivate, and encourage is truly a blessing. I believe each student is a unique person that needs a safe, loving, and motivating atmosphere in which to grow. I feel it is my responsibility to be well versed in the subjects I am teaching and to create a learning environment that helps meet the students' fullest potential. I do my best to guide the students through experiences that enable them to think, come to their own conclusions, and apply what they have learned. Critical components in my philosophy of education are rapport, enthusiasm, and humor.

My fondest wish is to help students develop that 'fire' to love to learn and have a positive educational experience at Cedarville Elementary, especially in room 118."

School Choice Forms Available...

School Choice Transfer Forms for the 2014-15 school year are available upon request in the school office through March 14, 2014.

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"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 Mrs. Walker, Grade 2:

I love to read and have many favorite children's books. Here are some that I make sure I read to my students every year.

The Quiltmaker's Gift by Jeff Brumbeau

Several years ago, Mrs. Hensch brought this book to me to share with my students because of a class project we were working on. It had such an impact on both my students and me that I had to add it to my Top 5 All-Time Favorite Books!

The King has everything, yet is deeply unhappy despite all the money and power in the world. Under the Quiltmaker's mentorship, he learns how to give up all he has and receives true happiness in return. This book has a beautiful message about helping others, being generous, and how possessions aren't the most important things in the world. This book also has amazing, captivating illustrations that will keep you on one page for several minutes. A definite must-read...and read again...and then again!

Oh, the Places You'll Go by Dr. Seuss

I was given this book on my high school graduation day by a neighbor who is also a teacher and was a huge encouragement and support system for me during my college education. I cannot think of a better book for children, people graduating anything, people who are opening a chapter in their life, or even those who may have just closed one. I love that it acknowledges the highs and lows of life--the challenges, the failures, the loneliness – but all the while encouraging you to press on, and not to simply sit around waiting for something to happen to you.

Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude by Kevin O'Malley

Mrs. Connally, who is new to our building this year, introduced me to this book while I was student teaching with her several years ago. Ever since then, it has been a favorite of mine...and my students. This is a 'laugh out loud' book for all! It is about a boy and a girl who are paired up and have to tell about their favorite fairy tale for a Library Project. They, of course, cannot agree so they make up their own, but taking on this project even leads to a disagreement. Each of them has a different idea as to what the plot should be. The girl thinks it should be about a princess who loses her ponies to a

giant, while the boy thinks that the cool motorcycle dude comes to the rescue. Throughout the entire book, we see how a boy and a girl would respond to each other under the given circumstances. Due to this, both boys and girls are engaged throughout the entire book and appreciate the humor that is presented. If you read this to your child, don't forget to use voices!

Freckleface Strawberry by Julianne Moore

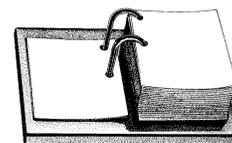
I like to share this book with my students because it is a great lead-in to a discussion about how everyone is different and unique, but that is what makes us special. This book is about a little girl with red hair and freckles who gets called 'Freckleface Strawberry' by her classmates. She does everything she can to try and get rid of her freckles but finds out at the end that freckles aren't so bad.

Sleep Tight, Sleepy Bears by Margaret Wise Brown

This book is a favorite at my house. My daughter, Anna, and I read it together every night before she goes to bed. This is by the same author who wrote Goodnight Moon and follows through nighttime routines just as Goodnight Moon does. It is definitely worth picking up if you have youngsters at home.

Mark Your Calendar...

- Feb. 28: Carnival Pre-Sale Raffle Collection Day
- Feb. 28: Campbell's Soup Labels for Education collection day
- Mar. 5: Final day selling Carnival pre-sale Game Tickets
- Mar. 8: **PTO STAR-nival @ LEHS 4:00-8:00 p.m. Don't forget to sign-up.**
- Mar. 13: **Kindergarten Enrollment Day**
- Mar. 14: PTO Meeting @ LEEL 9:30 a.m.; Grade 3 to Science Central 9:05-1:30
- Mar. 15 – 16:F.A.M.E. FESTIVAL @ Grand Wayne Center
- Mar. 20: Room 112 and 125 to FW Museum of Art
- Mar. 21: Room 114 and 122 to FW Museum of Art
- Mar. 26: Spring Pictures
- Mar. 27: Room 126 to FW Museum of Art
- Mar. 28: Campbell's Soup Labels for Education collection day
- Mar. 28: Room 116 and 121 to FW Museum of Art
- Mar. 28: Popcorn/Pretzel Friday and SPIRIT DAY
- Mar. 31- Apr. 4: **SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL**



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