



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...

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to the following individuals as they join our Cedarville staff:

Kindergarten: Mrs. Tracey Wahl
Grade 3: Mrs. Reggie Hunter
Mrs. Nicole Sauder
Instructional Coach: Mrs. Kristina Connally

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or the school office if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions. We're looking forward to a FANTASTIC year!

Taking Care of Business...

If you are interested in volunteering in our school, please be sure to submit your background check paperwork to the school office. Remember, your background check must be complete before you can begin your volunteer experience.

Please help our cafeteria staff in planning the number of lunches to prepare by sending a note to your child's teacher or calling the school by 9:40 a.m., if you plan to join your child for lunch. This will ensure that you are included in our lunch count.

Student Safety...

The safety of our students is of the highest priority, especially as they arrive at school each morning and as they leave at the end of the day! While just over 80% of our students ride the bus, nearly 20% are transported to and from school by car. That translates into close to **100** car riders. With so many car riders – and so many cars – it is imperative that **all car riders (and drivers)** follow these guidelines to improve the efficiency of traffic flow *before and after school*, and to ensure the safety of our students:



❖ Any students arriving or leaving (before or after school) with parents are to be dropped off and/or picked up along the sidewalk beside the NORTH parking lot.

- ❖ Students will enter/leave the building at EXIT 7.
- ❖ The first car arriving will pull up to the orange cone at the EAST end of the sidewalk beside the NORTH parking lot.
- ❖ Parents will form a line and **remain in their cars.**
- ❖ Students should exit/enter their vehicles on the passenger side and avoid walking around cars.
- ❖ **Do not let your child get into or out of the car until your vehicle is stopped by the curb; however, once your vehicle has stopped by the sidewalk, please have your child exit the vehicle onto the sidewalk. Please do not wait until your vehicle has pulled up to the cone by EXIT 7. This will allow several children to exit vehicles at the same time, and will also allow a line of several vehicles to pull forward and clear the drop-off zone more quickly.**
- ❖ Students should be encouraged to organize and gather their belongings so that they are ready to exit the vehicle when it is stopped at the drop-off point.
- ❖ Parents should avoid walking around the vehicle to open the door.
- ❖ When arriving at school, students will proceed directly to EXIT 7 upon exiting their vehicles.
- ❖ At dismissal, students will remain in line with supervising adult until their parents' cars have **stopped** by the **curb.**
- ❖ After the vehicles by the sidewalk are loaded or unloaded, they will exit the parking lot, **following the car in front.** The next group of cars will pull up to the orange cone.
- ❖ **Drivers should not cut in front of other vehicles that are in line.**
- ❖ Before and after school, the EAST parking lot is restricted to BUS USE ONLY.
- ❖ If a parent needs to enter the building at pick-up/drop-off times (for example, to talk with his/her child's teacher), it will be necessary to park in the **North** lot facing State Road 1.
- ❖ Parents and students should exercise great caution when walking through the parking lot, and should avoid walking between cars that are in line to pick up or drop off students.
- ❖ **Under no circumstances** shall a parent drop a child off from the parking lot and allow the child to walk unattended to the sidewalk.



Meet Your Teacher Night / Open House ...

Be sure to join us on Thursday, August 22nd, between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m., for Cedarville's *Meet Your Teacher Night/Open House!*

Teacher presentations will be repeated every half-hour session, with teachers sharing classroom goals and expectations at 6:00, 6:30, and 7:00. Pick the time(s) that best suits your schedule. The remainder of each session will allow time for students to share their classroom with parents. This is also a great time for parents and students to talk with each other and to personally meet the teacher! If you have individual concerns, please schedule another time to discuss them with your child's teacher.

When you are not visiting a classroom, be sure to go to the Media Center to sign up for Parent-Teacher Conferences. There will also be tables for PTO, Spirit Wear, Scouts, and many others during the evening.

Feel free to pick the *Meet Your Teacher Night/Open House* session(s) that works best for your family's schedule. In any case, please remember to sign up for conferences.

We look forward to seeing you at *Meet Your Teacher Night/Open House!*

Collaboration Wednesdays...

Beginning September 4, 2013, and extending through May 21, 2014, each Wednesday will be a Collaboration Day. School will dismiss at 3:10 p.m. for full-day and P.M. kindergartners, as well as students in grades 1-3.



If there is a weather-related 2-hour delay on a Collaboration Day, school will be released at the regular time.

Cedarville – Leo PTO...

Parents and grandparents are invited to attend the first PTO meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 13th, at Leo Elementary School from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

The mission of the PTO is to make a difference in our children's education through activities inside and outside the school, programs, incentives, and fundraisers. The PTO directly provides for financial needs that cannot be met by EACS funding.

The purpose of a joint Leo Elementary and Cedarville Elementary PTO is to create a combined organization to benefit the students and families of both schools.

Inclement Weather Schedule...

When school is delayed or dismissed early due to inclement weather, the delay/dismissal pertains to all students. When the weather is "bad", be sure to listen to local radio and television for information. You may also check the EACS website at www.eacs.k12.in.us. Whatever is said about East Allen County Schools applies to Cedarville Elementary School, as well.



If there is a 2-hour delay due to inclement weather, the collaboration schedule will be cancelled, and the schedule below will be followed.

Weather Related 2-Hour Delay Schedule:

- ☐ Grades K-3 – 11:00 – 3:40

Occasionally, there may be a need to delay school for 3 hours due to inclement weather. In this case, the collaboration schedule will be cancelled, and the following schedule will be in effect:

Weather Related 3-Hour Delay Schedule:

- ☐ Grades K-3 – 12:00 – 4:40

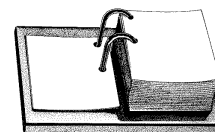
No breakfast is served if there is a 2-hour OR 3-hour delay.

Food for thought...

"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

Mark Your Calendar...



- Aug. 20: **School Pictures Day**
 - Aug. 22: Open House 6:00-7:30
 - Aug. 23: Fund-Raiser Kick-Off
 - Sept. 2: **LABOR DAY – NO SCHOOL**
 - Sept. 3: Character Counts: September is "Responsibility Month".
 - Sept. 7: Grabill Parade
 - Sept. 10: System-wide inservice day – **NO SCHOOL**
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