



# 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...

Are you looking for ways to encourage your child to enjoy math while developing his/her math skills? If so, one of the best ways to begin is to “talk up” math! Let your child know that you think math is fun, and remind him or her that math skills can be used for a lifetime. Then, make math part of daily life. For example, when you’re waiting in line at the post office, have your child estimate how many people are in line. In the grocery store, ask your child how much his/her favorite cereal will cost with a 50-cent-off coupon. Be sure to talk about the math skills used (“That was excellent subtraction!”).

Put math into fun time, too. Play games like Yahtzee, Connect Four, Monopoly, or Mancala. At bedtime, read books about math. Try *Equal Shmequal* by Virginia Kroll to learn what equal means, or *Counting on Frank*, Rod Clement’s tale of a boy who uses his dog, Frank, as a ruler.

Build your child’s geometry skills by having him/her label household items. He/she can draw and cut shapes out of paper, write the name on the shape, and tape the labels to the objects. For example, “rectangle” for the refrigerator door or “cylinder” for a peanut butter jar.

Is reading with your child on your agenda? Try these helpful tips:

- ◆ **Encourage your child to talk!** Children learn by talking and asking questions. Ask him/her to guess what will happen next in the story.
- ◆ **Help your child understand the story.** If he/she doesn’t, try to explain what is happening in your own words.
- ◆ **Praise your child.** Let him/her know that you are proud of him/her when he/she asks a good question, shares something interesting about a book, or reads well.
- ◆ **Ask your children good questions during storybook reading.** Questions that will help your child the most are those that require him/her to talk a lot to answer. Why and how questions are especially useful, such as “Why do you think the gingerbread boy ran away?” and “How else could the prince have found Cinderella?”

Be creative in helping your child discover ways that math and reading are used each day in your home, in family activities, and in activities outside the home. The possibilities are endless!

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## The Road Not Taken

By Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.

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## School Pictures...

**Retakes** of school pictures will be September 18<sup>th</sup>.



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## Fund-raiser Update...

**The last day to turn-in orders for our fall fund-raiser is Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.** Don’t miss out on this great opportunity to show your support for our school!

## On the web...

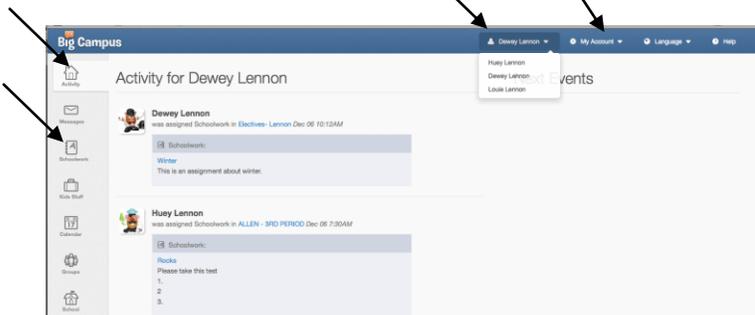
My Big Campus Parent Portal is now available! Parents can log in to My Big Campus through one convenient website and see all of their students' information in one place: <http://parents.mybigcampus.com/>

Login: Your email address on file with the school

Password: Your telephone number on file with the school, including area code, no dashes

After you log in, click on MY ACCOUNTS to change your parent access password.

On the blue bar at the top right, click the first drop down menu to switch between your children.



Along the left menu, choose ACTIVITY, SCHOOLWORK  
To see newsletters and assignments posted by teachers.

Click on SCHOOL at the bottom to see school-wide announcements.

If you need to update your email address, or are unable to log in, please contact the school office at [www.eacs.k12.in.us](http://www.eacs.k12.in.us).

## Did you know...

Diets higher in protein and moderate in carbs, along with a lifestyle of regular exercise, are often purported by experts to reduce blood fats and maintain lean tissue while burning fat for fuel without dieters being sidetracked with constant hunger.

How much food from the Protein Foods Group is needed daily? The amount of food from the Protein Foods Group you need to eat depends on age, gender, and level of physical activity. Most Americans eat enough food from this group, but need to make leaner and more varied selections of these foods.



## Help Support Leo Jr/Sr High School Band...

Market Day offers frozen delicious convenient food. To see a wide variety of products go to [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com).



All orders via the website should be placed by Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Pick up will be Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>; 4:30pm at Leo High School, door 4. Profits from Market Day will benefit the Leo Jr/Sr High School Band. The Leo Band account number is 10054.

## Food for thought...

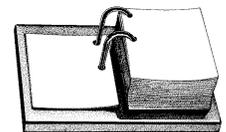
Cheerfulness is the best promoter of health and is as friendly to the mind as to the body.

— Joseph Addison



## Mark Your Calendar...

- Sept. 7: Grabill Parade
- Sept. 10: System-wide inservice day – **NO SCHOOL**
- Sept. 11: 3<sup>rd</sup> and final Fundraiser collection day; Collaboration Day
- Sept. 13: PTO Meeting @ CEEL 9:30
- Sept. 17: Constitution Day (School is in session)



- Sept. 18: Collaboration Day
- Sept. 18: Picture Retakes @ 10:00; Collaboration Day
- Sept. 23: College Go Week!
- Sept. 25: Collaboration Day
- Sept. 27: Parkview's "Kids' Safety Camp" for grade 3.

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