



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...

Do you have a favorite Cedarville Elementary staff member? Is there a teacher who has made a difference in your child's life, or perhaps even in your life? You have a chance to recognize such a person through the Fort Wayne *Journal Gazette's* feature spotlighting educators. Each week the newspaper profiles an educator who has made a difference.

Nominations (including the staff member's name, school, school district and grade/subject taught, your name, phone number and reason for your nomination) can be sent to Jamie Duffy at *The Journal Gazette*, 600 W. Main St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802, by e-mailed to jduffy@jg.net

Brrrrrrrrr...

It is only November, but the weather has already drastically changed! As you send your child to school each day, please make sure that he/she is dressed appropriately for outdoor play at recess. Quite a few students still have not transitioned from wearing "hoodie" sweatshirts or light-weight spring/fall jackets. For your child's comfort, please send him or her to school with a warm winter coat, gloves, and a hat/hood. Please be sure that buttons, zippers, snaps, or other closures are working. (We do not go outdoors when it is raining.) Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated!



Mad Ants Get Fit Challenge...



The Mad Ants Get Fit Challenge activity charts should have been returned into the school to receive a free ticket to "Cedarville Elementary's Mad Ants GET FIT Night". We hope to see you at their opening home game on Saturday, November 15th, 7:30 p.m., vs. Sioux Falls Skyforce at the Coliseum.

Thank You for Attending...

Thanks to each of you who took time from your busy schedule to talk with your child's teacher during Parent – Teacher Conferences! As we move ahead, our staff will continue to make every effort to make sure that every child benefits from the interactions between parents and teachers.

It can be very helpful, too, for parents to talk about conferences (and other topics) with their children. It is most effective if we, as parents, approach these topics in as positive a manner as possible. Although you may already be familiar with them, it never hurts to review these tips for communicating with your child:

- **Listen to what you are saying.** Listen to your words, the tone of your voice, and think about the look on your face.
- **When possible, explain why certain behavior or action is desired.** This not only provides your child with a guideline for the moment, but also gives him/her the tools to evaluate situations for future behavior.
- **Do not use terms that belittle, humiliate, or embarrass your child.** Negative words have a negative impact. A child may, after being told enough times, begin to *believe* he/she is a "dummy" or "stupid".
- **Get to the point.** Long lectures can confuse your child and cover far more issues than the one at hand.
- **Be perfectly clear.** Use words that your child understands, and make sure your child knows what behavior was desirable or undesirable.
- **Don't compare.** Make allowances for differences in talents, capabilities, and personalities.
- **Set an example.**
- **Be honest with your child.** Share your feelings. A child can understand worry, fear, and concern.
- **Admit your own mistakes.** Your child will appreciate knowing you're not perfect.
- **Make sure rules and expectations are understood.** Sometimes criticism comes from misunderstanding of rules, expected behaviors, and the consequences of misconduct.

- **Let your child have a part in making decisions about things affecting him/her.** By helping decide rules and consequences, children better understand the things that affect them.
- **Be a good listener.** Let your child know you care about his/her feelings and are willing to work problems out together.
- **MOST IMPORTANTLY.** Try to put everything in a positive perspective so that criticism is CONSTRUCTIVE and not destructive.

Please feel free to contact with your child's teacher whenever you have questions or concerns. As we all continue to work together, we build the best possible learning environment for our students.

Indiana A-Rated School...

After nearly a month long delay, state education officials on Wednesday released the 2013-14 A-F accountability grades for all Indiana schools and school districts. The grades track school performance. We are proud to announce that Cedarville remains an "A-Rated School"; which we have sustained since the grading system's backdated calendar year of 2008.



A Friendly Reminder...



Parents are encouraged to join their child(ren) for lunch occasionally. If you plan to join your child for lunch, please observe these guidelines:

- Inform your child's teacher or the office by phone or note by 9:40 a.m. to be included in our lunch count. This will enable our cafeteria staff to prepare meals for our students and guests, while avoiding needless waste.
- **Do not bring fast/restaurant food from the outside.**
- This time is meant to be spent with your child, and may include *one* of your child's friends. Parents are asked to be sensitive to the ramifications of inviting one friend to lunch, but not including others.
- Remember that all cafeteria rules apply to all students, whether or not a parent is present.
- It is the responsibility of the visiting parent to supervise the child(ren) with whom he/she is eating lunch, and to ensure that cafeteria rules are followed.

Marco's Pizza Night ...

The Leo-Cedarville PTO is working in conjunction with Marco's Pizza to raise funds for the school. Wednesday, November 12th, is Marco's Pizza Night for Cedarville Elementary. Enjoy a family night by placing your order and mentioning that it is to benefit the Leo-Cedarville PTO. Also, mention the school and



classroom. Marco's will donate 15% of your order to the PTO. The Cedarville classroom with the largest total amount ordered will win a FREE PIZZA PARTY. Tell your friends and family today. Marco's Pizza is on State Road 1 in Leo, and business remains open until 10 p.m.

Komets Report Card Night...



On Saturday, November 22nd, the Fort Wayne Komets will recognize students in the area for their academic prowess.

One free ticket will be provided to any student who receives an "A" or "A Equivalent" on this month's report card. Just take the report card to the Coliseum Ticket Office any time between now and game night and cheer the Komets onto victory against the Greenville Road Warriors at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum @ 7:30 p.m.

Being Nit Picky...

Head lice are a nuisance and, unfortunately, October and November are months where they like to inconvenience families. It is asked that all parents check their children at home for head lice throughout the year. Upon finding a suspected case of head lice, EACS procedure is: 1. The child's parent/guardian will be contacted to pick-up the child from school. 2. The school nurse or designee will show the suspected lice or nits to the parent/guardian. 3. Upon request by the parent/guardian the nurse or designee may check other family members for head lice. Classmates (defined as a group of students who spend most or all of the school day together in the same classroom), and other close contacts may be checked for lice at the discretion of the school nurse. 4. Infested children should be treated at home, using a lice shampoo according to package directions or as ordered by a physician. 5. The parent/guardian must accompany the child to school the next school day. The parent/guardian must remain at school until the nurse or designee has rechecked the child and found him/her to be free of live lice. EACS will generally not inform parents/guardians of a classroom or grade level that a case of head lice has been found as it infringes on the privacy of the student involved (FERPA).

Before School Exercise...

Moderate to vigorous exercise in the morning may help children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder be better prepared for the school day.

Michigan State University researchers studied 200 Kindergarten, first and second grade students for 12 weeks. They found children at-risk for developing ADHD were more attentive in class after exercising.



We Get By With a Little Help From Our Friends...

Have you ever wondered what makes Cedarville Elementary one of the very best schools in the nation? Well, you and your children, of course. As I think about all of the hard work by staff, students, and family, I am still amazed at how much above and beyond is done for this school. As an example, check out all of the creative bulletin boards in our building and see what I mean about the extra efforts. Thank you to all that understand we are a community. Below are some samples of the latest bulletin boards to celebrate our school. Thanks to Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Creech, Mrs. Chen, Ms. Maroney, and others from PTO for their creativity.



MEIJER Partners With the Grabill Food Bank This Holiday Season ...

Recently, Meijer personnel informed the food bank that they were the Holiday "Simply Give" recipient.



MEIJER'S holiday "Simply Give" campaign kicked off November 2, and continues to run through January 3, 2015 with Double Match Days November 14 and 15. TWO Meijer stores in Ft. Wayne, the Lima Rd. and Maysville Rd. store locations, have chosen the Grabill Food Bank to partner with them this holiday season!

Anyone can help by "Simply Giving" when you shop in the Lima Rd. or Maysville Rd. store this holiday season.

As you shop, pick up a \$10 donation card in the store at a kiosk or at the register as you checkout and pay for it with your own groceries. Meijer will match your donation. Meijer will match your donation each day, but on **November 14 -15 they will double match your donation.** This means that your \$10 donation will become \$30 during these 2 days.

Donation cards can also be picked up locally at the Grabill Hardware, IAB Financial Bank (Grabill location) and the Grabill Food Bank which you can then take the card to the Meijer store, Mayville Rd. or Lima Rd. location and donate.

The Grabill Food Bank, the Grabill Chamber and Meijer greatly appreciate the whole community for their generous support this holiday season starting this fall with Thanksgiving and continuing through Christmas.

The Grabill Food Bank is located at the Grabill Town Hall serving Cedar Creek Township is supported by the whole community. Hours are Tuesday 8-12am and Thursday 12-4pm.

Cedarville Elementary will be working with LEO UMC and the Grabill Food Bank as we begin our Non-Perishable Food and Goods Drive right before Thanksgiving. Share the joy of the holiday season with families in need by bringing non-perishable food items to place under the Christmas tree in the school's front entrance. Canned meats/fish (such as canned beef, tuna, or sardines), canned fruits or vegetables, dry goods, soaps, shampoo, deodorant, laundry products, and paper products will be accepted.

Cedarville's collection ends Wednesday, December 17th.

Honoring Our Veterans...

Many people confuse Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Both holidays were established to recognize and honor the men and women who have worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces. Memorial Day, which is observed on the last Monday in May, was originally set aside as a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle.



While those who died are also remembered on Veterans Day, which is observed on November 11, Veterans Day is intended to thank and honor all those who served honorably in the military - in wartime or peacetime. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living Veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served - not only those who died - have sacrificed and done their duty.

If you are looking for Veterans Day activities to share with your child at home, visit <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/veterans/>. If you would like to learn more about the history of Veterans Day, visit <http://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/vetdayhistory.asp>. Thanks to all who have given of themselves in service to our country!

Meaningful Discussion About Reading...

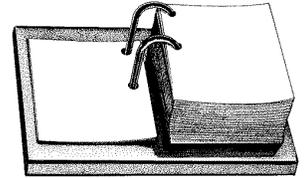
Understanding is the core to reading; no matter the genre. When children are young, they learn sound/letter association and various ways to decode words. As they grow, vocabulary becomes more important. All children will benefit greatly, even when adults read to them, by being asked challenging questions like these. Try a few of these as you help your child improve his/her reading.

- *How is this story like any other story you know?
- *How is the setting (time and place) important to the story?
- *What words did the author use to describe the place?
- *Who is the most important character?
- *How does the author tell us about the character? (Hint: Look at what the character does, thinks, says, and what others say about the character.)
- *Which character changed in the story? How did he/she change?
- *What is the author's message?
- *Why did the author most likely write this story?
- *What is this story mostly about?
- *What do the illustrations add to the story?
- *What was the most important problem in the story?
- *What clues did the author give to help you predict the ending?
- *What can you tell about this character?

- *What words help create a feeling or picture in your mind?
- *What did the author have to know to write this book?
- *What did the author do to interest the reader?

Mark Your Calendar...

- Nov. 12: Principal for a Day Program - Mr. Steve McMichael
- Nov. 12: Collaboration Day – dismiss @ 3:10
- Nov. 12: CEEL Marco's Pizza Night
- Nov. 13: Real Men Read Round 2 for grades 2 & 3
- Nov. 14: Labels for Education collection day
- Nov. 14: **National Blue Ribbon Celebration @ 2:00 in gym.**
- Nov. 15: Season Opener Basketball Game for Mad Ant's "Get Fit Challenge" @ Coliseum 7:30
- Nov. 19: Mid-Terms go home
- Nov. 19: Collaboration Day – dismiss @ 3:10
- Nov. 21: Popcorn/Pretzel Friday and Spirit Day
- Nov. 22: Komets' Report Card Night
- Nov. 24: Canned Food Drive begins and runs through Dec. 17th. Items go through Leo UMC and Grabill Food Bank to those in need.
- Nov. 26: Collaboration Day – dismiss @ 3:10
- Nov. 27 – 28: Thanksgiving Break – **NO SCHOOL**
- Dec. 1: Character Counts November/December is "Fairness Month"
- Dec. 2: Winter Music Program for grade 3 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 5: PTO Meeting @ CEEL 9:30 a.m.
- Dec. 11: Winter Music Program for grade 2 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 12: Labels for Education collection day
- Dec. 17: Canned Food Drive ends
- Dec. 18: **Class Holiday Parties**
- Dec. 19: End of Second Grading Period and First Semester
- Dec. 19: Popcorn/Pretzel Friday and SPIRIT DAY
- Dec. 22- Jan. 2: Holiday Break – NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 5: Teachers' In-service Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS



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