



# 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...***

Here is a brief history lesson on the topic of "Standards".

For many, many years school districts created their own curriculum and determined what was important to teach and how to teach throughout each grade level. Rather than reinventing the wheel, school districts within and throughout states would borrow from each other and refine or adjust to make their own. This process went on for decades and would locally be known by those in the thick of it as curriculum guides. There were separate guides for every subject; and because of the desire to offer as many ideas on how, what, and when to teach, these binders could be at least 4 inches thick. Along with the guides being quite large, they were cumbersome. Teachers would hunt and hunt to find new ideas and resources to add to their instruction using these guides that others had produced. Binders with some really great instructional ideas and resources quite often ended up in a cabinet somewhere. Typing a "Google Search" on your computer was not yet possible. Technology was lightyears behind where we are now. The Internet was just barely a flicker until mid-1990's.

In 1983, [A Nation at Risk: The Imperative for Educational Reform](#) was published. This report mentioned the word "Standards" on numerous occasions; thus, the birth of the standards movement. The discussion increased with policy makers and educational professionals. In 1990, President George H. W. Bush worked with the National Governors Association to create the National Educational Goals Panel. The significance of this effort would be that states would finally, slowly start to work from within and in conjunction with each other to form common goals toward what students should learn.

Skip forward a bit more than ten years to 2002 when President George W. Bush signed the No Child Left Behind Act. The focus of NCLB was the accountability of educating all students. Standards, benchmarks, and indicators became the vocabulary at hand in Indiana. Without standards (expectations of what should be learned), benchmarks (a way to assess that learning takes place), and indicators (approaches on what to teach) it would be difficult to hold places of learning

accountable. There needed to be some common ground and it needed to be spelled out to some degree.

Standards are still around to this day, although they have sometimes gone by names such as "Common Core" or "College and Career Readiness". Other than giving special titles to the standards, the differences over the last twelve years have been primarily due to changes in expectations of what is taught, learned, and assessed.

If you would like to learn more about Indiana's College and Career Readiness, go to <http://www.doe.in.gov/ccr>.

For parents with students in grade 3, I would strongly encourage you to visit this site to see a sampling of what ISTEP+ will look like for your child. <http://experience-cra-in.ctb.com/>

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## ***Christmas Spirit Wear...***

On Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, the PTO will be selling spirit wear from 9:00-11:30 a.m. at Leo High School. This sale is taking place during Paw Ball games.

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## ***Christmas Families...***



Cedarville Elementary is adopting families for Christmas to share the spirit of giving. To help organize the giving, each classroom received Christmas ornaments labeled with a specific gift. The gifts ranged from socks, pajamas, clothing, books, toys, boots, hats, gloves, etc. If interested, this Friday is the last day to request an ornament from the classroom teacher.

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## ***Hoopsters Is Coming...***

Hoopsters is back on Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Hoopsters is a family fun evening where Cedarville and Leo staff will play against K105 radio personalities in a basketball game. **We are looking for a creative design that can be used in the t-shirts for this evening event. If your child's design is used, he or she will receive a FREE t-shirt and will be recognized at half time. Please submit all drawings to the school office. THE DEADLINE is Friday, December 12th. Use a 8.5 X11 white piece of paper.**

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Sport Stacking Winners – 2014...**

Congratulations to our 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Sport Stacking Winners!



**3-3-3**

(Room 103/Grade 1) Megan Judd – 4.493  
(Room 125/Grade 2) Will Lashure - 3.080  
(Room 118/Grade 3) Braden Green – 3.424

**3-6-3**

(Room 103/Grade 1) Megan Judd – 6.839  
(Room 125/Grade 2) Will Lashure – 4.445  
(Room 118/Grade 3) Braden Green – 4.502

**3-3-3 Relay**

(Room 106/Grade 1) Camrin York, Marshall Hayman, Jaxson Gerig, Selah Wirtz – 32.722  
(Room 125/Grade 2) Gwen Horning, Maci Tchinski, Tristan Roberts, Will Lashure - 28.148  
(Room 119/Grade 3) Isaiah Stoller, Kacey Gibson, Lukas French, Isaac Copeland – 23.273

**3-6-3 Relay**

(Room 105/Grade 1) Cannan Schelm, Sophia Amstutz, Sam Snauffer, Hayden Roberts – 44.750  
(Room 125/Grade 2) Brock Schott, Maci Tchinski, Tristan Roberts, Will Lashure – 39.705  
(Room 119/Grade 3) Charlie Schilb, Kacey Gibson, Lukas French, Isaac Copeland – 31.133





**Cedarville Staff Is Schaper Strong...**



**We Give Thanks...**



**Holiday Food Drive...**



**Remember that our annual Holiday Food Drive is in full swing!** Please become a part of this wonderful tradition 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.

All items will be donated to Leo United Methodist Church and Grabill Food Bank. Collection ends Wednesday, December 17th.

Best wishes for a safe and prosperous new year!

**Lost and Found...**

Please be sure to check our "Lost and Found" by the end of the day on December 20<sup>th</sup>, for any items your child may have lost. (Don't forget to stop in the office on your way to "Lost and Found".)



## Food for Thought...

Christmas gift suggestions:

- ★ To your enemy, forgiveness
- ★ To an opponent, tolerance
- ★ To a friend, your heart
- ★ To a customer, service
- ★ To all, charity
- ★ To every child, a good example
- ★ To yourself, respect

— Oren Arnold

## Teacher Honor Roll...

On Monday, December 1, Cedarville Elementary grade two teacher Ms. Julie Roberts was recognized by the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette in their weekly column "Education Notebook" as being a top educator for northeast Indiana.. Ms. Roberts has devoted 24 years instilling a love for learning with her students, and we hope that you join with us in congratulating her with this great honor.



## Meaningful Discussion About Reading...

As you work with your child to increase his/her understanding of what is being read, think about this. The comprehension strategy of Visualizing is also known as Making Mental Images or Creating Mind Movies. Visualizing is the creation of images in the mind as the student reads, processes and recalls what has been read. Visualizing a picture or scene with the words and phrases allows the reader to organize the ideas, to see the relationship among the ideas, and to make meaningful connections with them. Using visualization helps a reader increase comprehension. Visualizing...

- brings personal prior knowledge to the forefront
- checks a children's mental images against text for discrepancies and detail to gain a more complete understanding
- matches language to the images and therefore improves children's processing of ideas

- connects in meaningful ways to what is read

Graphic organizers are a great way to help children organize information and make their thinking visible to others. They support a connection of new learning to prior knowledge. It is important that children continue making connections to activate prior knowledge well into this strategy of making mental images.

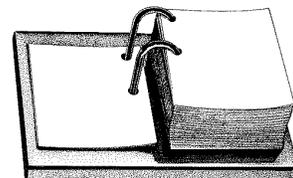
## One Last Blue Ribbon Picture...



**Mr. Linson and Dr. Bakle in Washington D.C. receiving the National Blue Ribbon Award from Aka Kumi (Director, National Blue Ribbon Schools Program Office of Communications and Outreach, U.S. Department of Education)**

## Mark Your Calendar...

- 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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