



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 want to help your child get in the habit of writing? Try making it a regular part of his/her life. Whether you have only a little time or a lot of time, here are some ways to fit writing into both of your schedules.

- ◆ Enjoy writing on-the-go. Carry a small notebook and pencil, and let your child see you use it to make a to-do list or grocery list. Has your child been invited to a birthday party? Suggest that he/she make a list of gift ideas on the way to the store. He/she can draw pictures and write the first letters of the words if he or she is not spelling yet.
- ◆ Start a family journal. Keep a pad of paper in a convenient place. You could write about the weather getting colder and the amount of snow expected, or your child might report (in words or pictures) that the family pet learned a new trick. At the end of the week, read aloud together from the journal.
- ◆ Write a recipe. After making supper together, you and your child can write down the steps it took to prepare your meal. (Your child might also like to make up a silly recipe, too!)

Whatever activity you choose, enjoy the time you are sharing with your child!

Climate Audit...

It has been a few years since we asked Cedarville parents, students, and staff to share their thoughts about our school through various surveys. During the month of March I will ask that you participate in a brief survey through "Survey Monkey" to give your reactions about Cedarville Elementary. I am tempted to share all of the old adages with which I was raised; such as, "It's not what you say, it's how you say.", "If you can't say anything nice, say nothing at all.", and "The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence.", but that sounds sooo defensive (nudge, nudge, wink, wink).

We will use the information to reflect, act upon constructive suggestions for the good of the whole, and continue to strive at keeping Cedarville Elementary an exemplary school.

Over the years our mission statement has been included as part of this newsletter heading, as well as on our school letterhead. Our vision, mission, and belief statements are displayed throughout the building, too.

In the past the staff has used surveys such as this, in combination with student achievement data and other information, to develop a School Improvement Plan. The plan helps us stay focused in our efforts to make Cedarville Elementary School the best it can be!

While intentions have certainly been good, we need your feedback to help us make sure that the vision, mission, and belief statements within our School Improvement Plan really do reflect the thoughts of the Cedarville family.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could take a few moments of your time to review our vision, mission, and belief statements that follow, as well as our School Improvement Plan which can be found on the Cedarville website <http://cdv.eacs.k12.in.us> (click on School Information then School Improvement Plan).

Look for a climate survey link to be sent through e-mail in early March and complete prior to Spring Break. You may also send your thoughts via email through the school's website (click on Contact Us).

Thank you so much for your support and cooperation as we work together to meet the needs of our students!

Vision:

Cedarville Elementary shall be a place of excellence where children can achieve their full potential in their academic, creative, personal, physical, and character development. We are a school that allows students, faculty, parents, and school communities to work together toward a common goal.

Visualize the child as a future adult

Imagine a school that treats all students as accelerated, and builds upon their strengths

Strong academics intertwined with fundamental skills

Increase student opportunities to excel

Ongoing love of learning

Nourish students to a lifetime of success

Mission:

Cedarville Elementary School builds a solid academic foundation and develops fundamental skills that will lead our students into a lifetime of success.

Belief Statements:

- all students are challenged to achieve the highest possible levels of knowledge and problem solving skills
 - all students demonstrate compassion, respect, and cooperation
 - all students feel successful, secure and happy
 - all students, families, educators, and the community accept responsibilities in the learning process
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Leo-Cedarville PTO "Liki Tiki Luau" Carnival 2015...



On Saturday, March 14 from 4-8 p.m., the Leo-Cedarville PTO will be heading to the islands for a Leo Style Luau!

Pre-Sale Raffle Ticket Sales...

We are once again conducting a Pre-Sale Raffle Contest. Raffle Contest information will go to families on February 13. Pre-Sale Raffle Sales collections are on February 27 & March 6. The overall top seller will win a Target Gift Card.

Pre-Sale Game Tickets

A form to purchase pre-sale Game Tickets will be sent home on Feb. 27. Orders will be filled as they are turned in and returned by backpack. Tickets will be on sale from Feb. 27- Mar. 11. Pre-Sale tickets are discounted! 5 tickets for \$1.00 Tickets will cost .25 each the day of carnival.

Remember to put on your Hawaiian shirt, sunglasses and flip flops as we head to the Hawaiian Islands for an amazing Luau on Saturday, March 14 from 4-8 p.m., at the Leo Jr. /Sr. High!

Kindergarten Round-up...

Do you have a child turning five years of age on or before the first day of August, 2015? If so, you are eligible to enroll the child into kindergarten for the 2015-2016 school year at Cedarville. We will be setting aside a special Kindergarten Round-Up Day on Thursday, March 12, 2015, between 8:15 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. **Each family must submit a government issued birth certificate (for the child) and proof of residence.**

Food for Thought...

Forget yourself by becoming interested in others. Every day do a good deed that will put a smile of joy on someone's face.

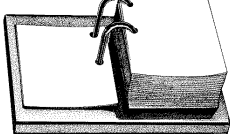

– Dale Carnegie

eLearning Thriller...



Yes, eLearning can sometimes be fun and active. An example may be dancing to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" as part of putting motion to music for music class.

Mark Your Calendar...

- Feb. 18: Collaboration Day – dismissal @ 3:10
 - Feb. 20: **BOX TOP\$ for Education** collection day 
 - Feb. 23: School Showcase-Open House for Leo Area Schools 10:00-Noon and 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 - Feb. 24: **BOX TOP\$ for Education** contest ends
 - Feb. 25: Collaboration Day – dismissal @ 3:10
 - Feb. 27: Carnival Pre-Sale Game Tickets begins
 - Feb. 27: Carnival Pre-Sale Raffle Tickets Sales Day
 - Feb. 27: Popcorn/Pretzel Friday and Spirit Day
 - Feb. 27: Principal's Pizza Pals for February
 - Mar. 2: **National School Breakfast Week.**
 - Mar. 2: Giving Back with Ronald McDonald Assembly @ 2:00 in gym 
 - Mar. 4: Collaboration Day – dismissal @ 3:10
 - Mar. 6: Carnival Pre-Sale Raffle Tickets Sales Day
 - Mar. 11: Carnival Pre-Sale Game Tickets ends
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