



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...



For those families that have been with us for the past couple of years, you know that one of the most exciting ways our students learn has been through our First in Math® program.

This past school year Cedarville Elementary was ranked #1 in the state and 56th nationally for all schools participating in this world-wide math program. Broken down by grade levels, CEEL ranked as follows for the 2013-2014 school year:

- Grades K-1 ranked 1st in the state and 5th in the nation.
- Grade 2 ranked 1st in the state and 19th in the nation.
- Grade 3 ranked 1st in the state and 16th in the nation.

Every one of our grade 1-3 classrooms ranked in the Top 85 of all classrooms in Indiana for all grade 1-8 classes, and eleven of our classrooms were ranked in the Top 100 nationally of all classrooms in grades 1-8.

Finally, thirty-nine of our students were ranked in the Top 100 in Indiana; with three of our students ranked in the Top 100 nationally.

Supplementing Your Child's Math Skills with FIM...

Our school chose this outstanding educational website to help your child master fundamental and advanced mathematics skills.

First In Math® activities employ Deep Practice techniques to rapidly increase computation, problem solving, critical thinking and essential math basics. Skills that may take months of regular practice can be mastered in a much shorter time using Deep Practice techniques and the immediate feedback online learning can provide.

Although content is presented in a "game" format, the skills developed are key to success in higher mathematics. Content ranges from addition to complex algebra. Children using FIM have shown dramatic increases in math scores—across the board—from the top students to the most math-challenged learners.

Your child has been given a First In Math® User ID and Password. If you choose to access the site at home, your child will need a computer with internet access and Flash Player software. (free download) OR you may access on an iPad by downloading the free Puffin Academy App. We ask you to take an active role in supporting your child's education—encourage your child to play a few minutes each day to greatly increase their math skills, as well as their overall academic confidence and performance. Together let's make a difference in the life of your child!

Quick Start Guide

1. Go to www.firstinmath.com
2. Type User ID/Password (ask your child's teacher if he/she does not remember)
3. Click GO, then click GO on the Progress Page
4. You are now at Player Home Page Hub—click a Skill Set to begin! Visit the HELP section for information about scoring, rankings, content, troubleshooting, FAQ's & more.

Make FIM a Family Activity...

First In Math® Family Link™ gives students the opportunity to earn an extra User ID/Password to share with a family member! When students earn 500 stickers and attain FIM SCHOLAR status, a Family Link USER ID will appear on their Player Homepage.

Family Link players can play games, earn stickers, and have full access to site content 24/7. They automatically become part of the exciting, friendly FIM competition and can check on their Ranking status under two categories: Family Member Player and Combined Family Team



(the combined total of student and family member stickers).

Three Easy Steps

- Student sees a message on their First in Math homepage that they have earned Family Link, and a Family Link User ID will be displayed.
- Mouse over the Family Link User ID and the corresponding Password will appear.
- Student writes down the User ID and Password and gives it to a family member.

ATTACHED IS A [FAMILY LINK FLYER](#) for Parents! The support of parents, through their commitment and involvement in their child's success, is an essential component of the education process. Family Link facilitates this bridging of school and home activity.

School Pictures...

Retakes of school pictures will be September 17th.



COLLEGE GO WEEK...

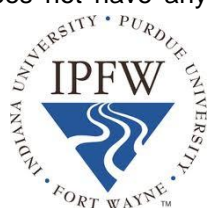
September 22nd-26th is **COLLEGE GO WEEK!** Cedarville Elementary promotes College and Career readiness in many ways. A fun way we promote college and careers takes place during our College Go Week every year in September. We talk with students about why they need to go to college, what their college options look like, and what they can do now to get ready for college. Career conversations take place in the classroom and students are encouraged to ask questions of themselves and others about possible careers. We send home valuable information to parents about planning for their child's future, preparing for academic success, and paying for college. There are also fun activities that students complete that have to do with college and careers. Our students enjoy this week every year and learn a great amount about planning for their future and setting goals.



Here are some activities we will do as a school that we thought you would want to know about!

Monday: In class, students will share where they want to go to college, or their favorite college team! Teachers will share where they went to college and why they chose that particular school.

Tuesday: College Gear Dress-up day! Wear your favorite college gear! If your child does not have any college gear to wear, he/she can always wear college colors to represent their favorite school. At home, your child should talk to a past or present college student. This



could be a parent, older sibling, cousin, etc. Students will share this information with their class on Wednesday.

Wednesday: Students will share with the class information about the persons they interviewed.

Thursday: Career Dress-up day! Have your child wear something related to the career they want when they grow up. This is a fun way to give students the chance to share with the class what they want to be when they grow up! At home, help your child find out how many years of college they will need to be in the career they want someday, as well as a possible college major.

Friday: Students will share with their class how many years of college they will likely need for the career of their choice, as well as possible college majors.



COLLEGE GO WEEK is a great way to get students of all ages thinking about planning for college and career success! Together, we can make it a fun and informative week for every child!

Cedarville – Leo PTO...

Parents and grandparents are invited to attend the first PTO meeting scheduled for Friday, September 12th, at Cedarville 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.



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Mark Your Calendar...

Sept. 12: PTO Meeting @ CEEL 9:30

