



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...

We are honored to announce that the Indiana Department of Education has recognized Cedarville Elementary as a Four Star School for the 2013-2014 school year, marking the ninth consecutive year for Cedarville to earn this distinction. Woodlan Primary School and Leo Elementary School join Cedarville in this recognition of the East Allen County Schools district. Our school was one of only ten schools in Allen County to receive this award, and one of only five elementary schools. For schools in Indiana, achieving Four Star status is the highest possible recognition.



In order to receive the award, Cedarville Elementary had to demonstrate academic excellence during the past years; placing in the top 25th percentile in the state in combined mathematics and language arts proficiency scores, as well as in the top 25th percentile of students passing both language arts and mathematics on ISTEP+. (ISTEP+, Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress-Plus, measures what students know and are able to do at each grade level.) A total of 311 Hoosier schools received the award.

Congratulations to our entire school community on this outstanding accomplishment!

Go West Young Man (or How a "Seasoned" Teacher Wrote a Grant to Explore the Best National Parks of the West So He Could Bring Those Experiences to Life for Cedarville Students...

Cedarville Elementary's own Mr. Larry Linson will be hiking and bicycling through the natural wonders of the American West this summer; gathering lesson plans for Cedarville Elementary School. Mr. Linson has been given an awesome opportunity to be bringing newly acquired knowledge back to Cedarville students thanks to a \$10,000 Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship.

Mr. Linson's wife, Cedarville third-grade teacher Mr. Bryan Kaylor, and Mr. Linson's son will share in separate portions of the travels. By pairing up with each of these individuals during parts of the trip, Mr. Linson and his sidekicks are going to create lessons tied with videos which will drive experiential thematic units for our students.

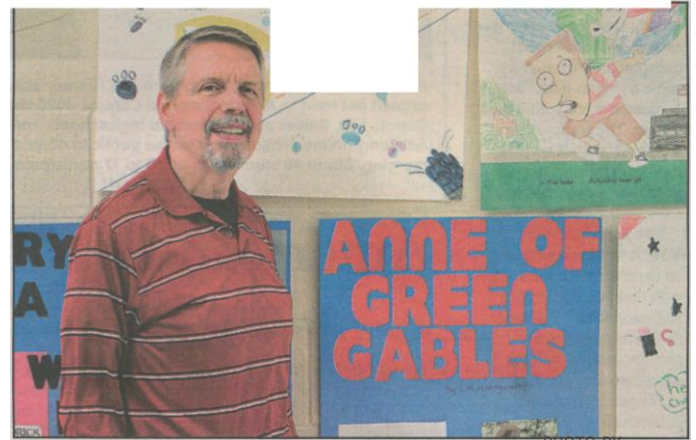


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"I love to travel, and I always get a lot out of it," Mr. Linson said. "So my grant was written around traveling out West to the national parks of California, Oregon, Utah, Wyoming, and Arizona. We're going to go out to San Francisco and then hit the redwood forests, and Crater Lake in Oregon; and then down to Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks and eventually branch off into the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Arches National Park, Zion National Park and Canyonlands National Park. It is going to be a wonderful trip. We will even get up to Yellowstone. It's going to take probably more than a month to get all this done."

"You might remember 'Where in the World is Carmen SanDiego?' It might be something like that. It might be a math lesson or science lesson. We can do some language things. So we can come up with quite a few lessons for our Science Fridays that we can do next year."

"Children learn in different ways. This will be a fun way, whether it's a video, a recording, or making a picture book. We can hit all the grade levels, K-3. Some of our teachers have friends and spouses that teach over at Leo Elementary; so we can share with them, too."

"It should be fun to come up with different lessons, and it should be a stretch for me to tie technology into this,"

About 500 educators applied for the summer creativity grants in 2015; 100 received the \$10,000 awards. More than 2,700 Indiana educators have received the grants since 1987.

"This year's Teacher Creativity Fellows have outlined renewal experiences that will truly integrate personal and professional renewal," Sara B. Cobb, vice president of education for Lilly Endowment, said in a news release. "As they engage new ideas and follow their own curiosities they will renew their enthusiasm for teaching." "These teachers, counselors, principals and librarians will go out into the world and reconnect with their calling as educators. They will come home refreshed," Cobb said. "We regularly hear that these experiences help Indiana educators renew their commitment to their profession. As a result, their students benefit."

Cedarville Kindergarten Orientation...

For Parents of 2015-2016 Kindergarten Students

When: Monday, May 4, 2015

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Where: Cedarville Gym

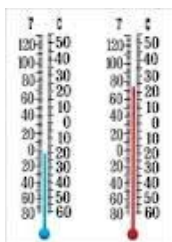
(Please enter through Door # 8 and sign-in at the office.)

Join us for a presentation by Kindergarten teachers to learn about the Kindergarten program at Cedarville Elementary School.

As always, our hope is to set parents' minds at ease by sharing expectations of a kindergarten student. We also wish to inform parents on how to give a child a jump start this summer prior to the elementary school experience.

Moving toward SPRING...

The weather is making a feeble attempt to finally turn around, but the temperatures can still range widely, even in the course of a day. All of this leads to questions about shorts. The following is from the Student-Parent Handbook (pg 11).



Appropriate shorts may be worn on days when weather conditions call for temperatures at or above 65° F, any day prior to October 1st, or any day after April 1st. Shorts must be longer than the student's fingertips when his/her arms are straight down at his/her sides. "Dress shorts" may be worn in winter months with leggings/tights. Capris may be worn throughout the year.

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.

All orders via the website should be placed by Saturday, May 9th. Pick up will be Friday, May 15th; 4:30pm at Leo High School, door 4.

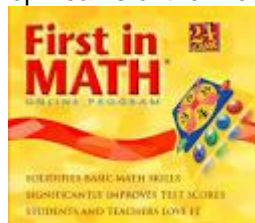
Please Note: The order cut-off date has been changed to the Saturday before the pick-up date. Ordering information is listed on the back of the flyer.

Profits from Market Day will benefit the Leo Band. Leo Band account #: 10054

Watch for a Market Day Flyer to be sent home with your child.

First in Math Progress...

Top Teams of the Week 4-23-15



As a school we are #1 in the state for the year and **14th Nationally.**

Grades K-1 ranked 1st in the state by grade level. **Grades K-1 ranked 3rd in the nation**

by grade level. Landon Foster is #81 in the nation as a student in grade 1.

Mr. R's class is in 1st place in state for the year for grades K-1. Mr. R's class is #10 in the state for ALL GRADE LEVELS. **The class is ranked 12th in the nation for grades K-1.**

Mrs. Zech's class is in 2nd place in state for the year for grades K-1. Mrs. Zech's class is #11 in the state for ALL GRADE LEVELS. **The class is ranked 16th in the nation for grades K-1.**

Mrs. Fipp's class is in 3rd place in state for the year for grades K-1. Mrs. Fipp's class is #15 in the state for ALL GRADE LEVELS. **The class is ranked 19th in the nation for grades K-1.**

Mrs. Delagrang's class is in 4th place in state for the year for grades K-1. Mrs. Delagrang's class is #41 in the state for ALL GRADE LEVELS. **The class is ranked 58th in the nation for grades K-1.**

Mrs. Marino's class is in 5th place in state for the year for grades K-1. Mrs. Marino's class is #42 in the state for ALL GRADE LEVELS. **The class is ranked 60th in the nation for grades K-1.**

Mrs. Rowan's class is in 6th place in state for the year for grades K-1. Mrs. Rowan's class is #49 in the state for ALL GRADE LEVELS. **The class is ranked 77th in the nation for grades K-1.**

Grade 2 is ranked 1st in the state by grade level. **Grade 2 ranked 2nd in the nation by grade level. Ella Moore is #75 in the nation as a student in grade 2.**

Lucas MacDonald is #88 in the nation as a student in grade 2.

Mrs. Hively's class is in 1st place in state for grade 2. Mrs. Hively's class is #2 in the state for ALL GRADE LEVELS. **The class is ranked 3rd in the nation for grade 2. The class is ranked 72nd in the nation for all grades.**

Mrs. Berning's class is in 2nd place in state for the year for grade 2. Mrs. Berning's class is #4 in the state for ALL GRADE LEVELS. **The class is ranked 17th in the nation for grade 2.**

Mrs. Jenkins' class is in 3rd place in state for the year for grade 2. Mrs. Jenkins' class is #5 in the state for ALL GRADE LEVELS. **The class is ranked 25th in the nation for grade 2.**

Mrs. Walker's class is in 4th place in state for the year for grade 2. Mrs. Walker's class is #7 in the state for ALL GRADE LEVELS. **The class is ranked 26th in the nation for grade 2.**

Mrs. Rodenbeck's class is in 8th place in state for the year for grade 2. Mrs. Rodenbeck's class is #27 in the state for ALL GRADE LEVELS.

Mrs. Roberts' class is in 10th place in state for the year for grade 2. Mrs. Robert's class is #31 in the state for ALL GRADE LEVELS.

Grade 3 is ranked 1st in the state by grade level. **Grade 3 ranked 4th in the nation by grade level. Ryan Elliott is #38 in the nation as a student in grade 3. Trey Hiteshew is #72 in the nation as a student in grade 3.**

Mr. Linson's class is in 1st place in state for the year for grade 3. Mr. Linson's class is #1 in the state for ALL GRADE LEVELS. **Mr. Linson's class is in 2nd place nationally for the year for grade 3. Mr. Linson's class is in 42nd place nationally for the year for all grades.**

Mr. Kaylor's class is in 2nd place in state for the year for grade 3. Mr. Kaylor's class is #8 in the state for ALL GRADE LEVELS. **Mr. Kaylor's class is in 40th place nationally for the year for grade 3.**

Ms. Augustine's class is in 3rd place in state for the year for grade 3. Mrs. Augustine's class is #9 in the state for ALL GRADE LEVELS. **Ms. Augustine's class is in 66th place nationally for the year for grade 3.**

Mrs. Hunter's class is in 4th place in state for the year for grade 3. Mrs. Hunter's class is #13 in the state for ALL GRADE LEVELS. **Mrs. Hunter's class is in 99th place nationally for the year for grade 3.**

Mrs. Oliver's class is in 5th place in state for the year for grade 3. Mr. Oliver's class is #14 in the state for ALL GRADE LEVELS.

Mrs. Kiningham's class is in 6th place in state for the year for grade 3. Mrs. Kiningham's class is #19 in the state for ALL GRADE LEVELS.

Mrs. Firestine's class is in 8th place in state for the year for grade 3. Mrs. Firestine's class is #32 in the state for ALL GRADE LEVELS.

American Red Cross Blood Drive...



When: Monday, 05/12/2015
Time: 3:45 PM to 7:45 PM
Where: Cedarville Cafeteria

Schedule an appointment today!
redcrossblood.org / 1-800-RED CROSS
Online sponsor code: cedarelems

Walk-in donors will also be accepted.
All donors are asked to enter through Door 11 leading directly into the cafeteria.

www.redcrossblood.org 1-800-RED CROSS 1-800-733-2767 facebook.com/redcrossblood

Our Goal: 26 Pints

Family Restaurant Fundraiser Night...

A Family Restaurant Fundraiser Night has been scheduled for May 5th and 6th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., at Marco's Pizza in Leo.



Accelerated Reader and FIM deadlines...

The deadline for second and third graders to earn **AR** (Accelerated Reader) points for the 2014-2015 school year is May 7th. That is also the deadline for all students to earn **FIM** (First in Math) points for the year.

Spring Music Programs...

Thanks to Mrs. Chen and all of the students, families, and staff members who made the Kindergarten and 1st grade Spring Concerts such a great success!





Johnny Makes a Visit...

Johnny, from the Fort Wayne TinCaps, made a visit to our school. His message encouraged our students to continue reading over the summer months. The TinCaps co-sponsor our school's "Book-It!" program.



Recognized students earn a **free ticket** to a TinCaps' baseball game, **free concessions** and **reward voucher!** Our game date is **Saturday, May 9th at 7:05 pm.**

Celebrating Our Young Authors...

Guest illustrator, Bruce Langton, visited our school for a full day workshop and book signing on April 13, as part of our Young Authors activities. Mr. Langton shared his



inspiration and artistry with every grade level individually as a kick-off to our **Young Authors Week**. He has illustrated numerous children's books, including:

- *Once Upon a Christmas Eve*
- *Win One for the Gipper*
- *H is for Hoosier*
- *B is for Buckeye*
- *Cardinal Numbers*
- *V is for Volunteer*
- *Count On Us*
- *Hands as Warm as Toast*
- *Oliver's Travels—Indiana*
- *Full Count A Baseball Number Book*

Activities during this solid week devoted to writing a book included:

Friday...April 10th:Displaying Young Authors' Books and gold seals placed on students' Young Author Books

Monday...Special Guest Illustrator Bruce Langton (Presentations in our Gym)

Tuesday...Sharing of Young Authors' Books within classrooms and/or with another classroom

Wednesday...It's "Writers Speak to Kids" Day where teachers took at least 4 times during the day where they shared 3 minute video clips of authors talking to kids about writing. Authors included

1. Mo Willems...Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus
2. Peter Brown...The Curious Garden
3. Nick Bruel...Bad Kitty
4. Doreen Cronin...Click, Clack, Moo
5. Jeff Kinney...Diary of a Wimpy Kid
6. Judy Schachner...Skippy Jones
7. Philip C. Stead...A Sick Day for Amos McGee

Thursday...Storyline Online~ Stories read by famous people.

Example Stories and Readers:

Rainbow Fish...Ernest Borgnine

Harry the Dirty Dog...Betty White

My Rotten Red Headed Older Brother...Melissa Gilbert

To Be a Drum...James Earl Jones

Me and My Cat...Elijah Wood

The Kissing Hand...Barbara Bain

I Need My Monster...Rita Moreno

Friday...Wear Beach Theme Attire (sunglasses, hats, sandals, shorts) Bring a beach towel for Read to Self/Read with Partner.



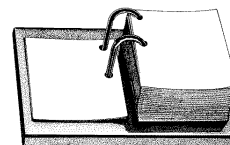
Dr. Bakle wore a grass skirt for the day. He presented leis to the kids who wrote Young Author Books. Authors received their lei during their lunch time. Teachers were given, "I am a Young Author" stickers for their students to wear so that Dr. Bakle could easily identify them. Finally, we did a Double Conga Line all the way around the school to beach music at the end of the day.

Thank You Parent Volunteers...

The PTO recognized parent volunteers that were able to attend by offering a brunch in honor of all volunteers. We are so grateful to have such support. Without you, we could not be the decorated school that we are.



Mark Your Calendar...



- May 4: **Staff Appreciation Week**
- May 4: Rooms 103 and 105 to Eagle Marsh 9:10-11:40
- May 4-8: Grade 3 ISTEP+ MC testing
- May 4: Kindergarten Orientation in gym @ 9:30 a.m.
- May 5: Grade 2 to Zoo 9:10-2:00
- May 5: Rooms 101 and 106 to Eagle Marsh 12:00-2:15
- May 5: Marcos Pizza Night #1
- May 6: **National School Nurse Day**
- May 6: 2nd Grade Salad Bar "Try It" Day
- May 6: Rooms 102 and 104 to Eagle Marsh 9:10-11:40
- May 6: Talent Show Try-outs in cafeteria after school
- May 6: Collaboration Day – dismissal 3:10
- May 6: Marcos Pizza Night #2
- May 7: AR and FIM cutoff date for awards. .
- May 8: Last day of salad bar
- May 8: Grade 3 to Crazy Pinz 9:10 - 12:45
- May 8: All library books are due to the media center. This is the last "official" day of media.
- May 8: PTO Meeting @ CEEL 9:30
- May 8: Kindergarten to Hadley Farm 11:45-2:15
- May 9: CEEL TinCaps' baseball game through Book It! on Saturday, May 9th, at 7:05 pm.
- May 11: **"Student Principals for the Day" – Grace Keener and Ella Wehrle**
- May 11: Giving Back with Ronald McDonald in gym @ 2:00
- May 12: FUN DAY – 2nd & 3rd go in the morning from 9:30 - 11:45; except Mrs. Berning is going in the afternoon with a first grade class. K & 1 are outside from 12:30 - 2:45. Regular lunch schedule in cafeteria.
- May 12: **Red Cross Blood Drive in Cafeteria from 3:45-7:45**
- May 13: Collaboration Day – dismissal 3:10
- May 14: Kindergarten to zoo 9:15-2:15 (sack lunches)
- May 14: Last day of batons at Cedarville for the school year. Class meets after school 3:45-4:45pm.
- May 15: *Principal's Pizza Pals for May 11:10-1:40 in Science Lab*
- May 15: Grade 1 to Scottish Rite/USF Theater Performance 9:10-12:15
- May 15: 4 Star celebration in gym
- May 18: Lindsay's Allen County Twirlers Baton Recital in the gym @ 7:00 p.m. Doors open @ 6:30.
- May 19: FUN DAY (RAIN DATE)
- May 21: Awards Ceremony (9:30), Cookout Day, and Talent Show (in gym by 1:40).