



# 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...

### Character Counts at Cedarville Elementary!



We show our character at Cedarville by learning more about the Six Pillars of Character all throughout the school year. These Pillars include Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. We celebrate Character Counts Week, as well as Red Ribbon Week (Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>), we are designating certain colors for which students could dress to show their character!

#### This is the schedule for next week:

**Tuesday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> - Wear GREEN to show you are RESPONSIBLE!** Responsible students do what they are supposed to do, always do their best, think before they act, and set a good example for others. I am responsible for \_\_\_\_\_, what are some things you are responsible for?

**Wednesday, Oct. 21 - Wear YELLOW to show you are RESPECTFUL!** Respectful students treat others with respect by following the Golden Rule, use good manners, care about the feelings of others, and don't hurt anyone. I show respect to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Thursday, Oct. 22 - Wear BLUE to show you are TRUSTWORTHY!** If you are a trustworthy student, you need to be honest, don't cheat or steal, do what you say you'll do, have the courage to do the right thing, and be loyal to family and friends. My parents trust me to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Friday, Oct. 23 - Wear ORANGE to show you are FAIR!** Fair students play by the rules, take turns and share, listen to others, and treat all people fairly. I show fairness to others by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Monday, Oct. 26 - Wear PURPLE to show you are a GOOD CITIZEN!** Students who are good citizens do their share to make their school and community a better place, cooperate with others, be a good neighbor, obey

laws and rules, respect authority, and protect the environment. I show good citizenship by \_\_\_\_\_, what about you?

**Tuesday, Oct. 27- Wear RED to celebrate Red Ribbon week, and show that we CARE about our bodies!** Caring students are kind to themselves and others, show they care, forgive others, and help those in need. Let's all stick together and show everyone how much we care about ourselves by saying NO to drugs!

We encourage you to get involved at home as well, by talking about the Six Pillars and what they mean to your family. You can find more information about the Six Pillars at [www.charactercounts.org](http://www.charactercounts.org).

## Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health...

### Protect your health by testing your home for radon gas

*Free test kits available while supplies last*

You can't see, smell, or taste radon, but it could be present at a dangerous level in your home.

Radon is a naturally-occurring radioactive gas responsible for more than 2,000 lung cancer deaths each year in the United States. Because it is odorless and invisible, the only way to know if you are being exposed in your home is to run a test.

The Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health is urging residents to reduce their risk of lung cancer by having their homes tested. Testing is simple and free test kits are available at the following locations in Allen County while supplies last:

- **Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health**  
200 E. Berry St., Suite 360  
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Vector Control & Environmental Services**  
2242 Carroll Road  
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 pm

- **Grabill Town Hall**  
13717 1st St.  
Monday – Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- **Leo-Cedarville Town Hall**  
13909 Pony Express Run  
Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- **Monroeville Utility Department**  
101 S Water St.
- **New Haven Utility Payment Office**  
City Hall, 815 E Lincoln Hwy.  
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- **Woodburn City Hall**  
22735 Main St.  
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Kits can also be purchased at local hardware and home improvement stores for around \$30. You also can hire a qualified radon professional to do a test for you.

Be sure to follow the directions on the packaging for the proper placement of the device and where to send the test kit to get your results.

If a high radon level is detected in your home, there are steps you can take to fix the problem to protect yourself and your family.

**Contact:** Megan Reust, (260) 449-7395,  
[megan.reust@allencounty.us](mailto:megan.reust@allencounty.us)

For more information on radon, visit  
[www.allencountyhealth.com](http://www.allencountyhealth.com) or [www.epa.gov/radon](http://www.epa.gov/radon).

### About Radon

Radon is a natural, radioactive gas that is colorless, tasteless, and odorless. It is formed from the natural breakdown of uranium in the soil, rocks, and water under homes and can seep up from the ground into homes and buildings through cracks in foundations, basement walls, and sump pumps. Long-term exposure to radon gas is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers, and the second-leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. The only way to know if you are being exposed to radon in your home is to run a test. EPA recommends that all homes in the U.S. be tested for radon.

## Memorable Moments In School...

With Mrs. Hunter:

As I look back over the last 19 years of my teaching career I can think of many “favorite moments”. When I think back, the first memories to come to me are the day to day celebrations for individual students reaching AR goals or improving on Math skills. These days are always highlights for me. It feels amazing as a teacher to watch your student’s face light up with pride when they achieve a goal or feel successful. I also think about my former students as we have our “last day” of school each year. It is always very hard for me to say

good bye each year because my class truly becomes a part of me. I think back to my third grade class from last year (2014-15) and the very beautiful, hand- made chair and special memory book they made for me. The chair



has each student’s hand print and name painted on it. Not only did they make the chair for me, but they very sneakily created it in school

without me knowing about it AND then snuck it in to my classroom one day after lunch. Let’s just say there were “water falls” coming from this teacher. In the memory book, each student wrote me a letter or wrote a special memory of their year. Some parents even wrote me letters! It was one of the most special gifts I have ever gotten and I will always cherish it. I will always treasure the memories with that class. The chair now sits in my read aloud corner and each day I think of these students as I read to this year’s crop of kids.

If I had to pick a “favorite memory” it would be when I taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade at New Haven Elementary. I had the pleasure of teaching with a phenomenal team of teachers who I now call friends; although we no longer teach together. At the end of each year and, of course, after all of the ISTEP testing was over in May, we took our entire 5<sup>th</sup> grade on a 3 day/2 night camping trip to YMCA’s Camp Crosley. Of course, as talented as the 3 of us teachers were, there was no way we could have pulled this trip off year after year without the help of about 25 parent chaperones.

These trips taught our students many things that can’t be taught within the confines of classroom walls. The YMCA staff prides itself on its “outdoor education” curriculum. The kids had classes such as Archery, Canoeing, Wilderness Survival, Climbing Tower, Eggbert, Owl Pellet Dissection, and the Underground Railroad Reenactment. The students learn so much not only about the outdoors, but they learn how to challenge themselves. I will never forget some students attempting to climb the Climbing Tower and knowing they were very nervous because of how tall it was. I loved to hear the other kids cheer on their classmates and give them encouragement. It was a great experience to simulate stations of the Underground Railroad during our trip. The staff, many parents, and even we teachers were able to play a “role” in the reenactment of this time in history. The kids became the slaves who were escaping their master’s plantation and heading north to freedom. It was amazing to watch my student’s reactions to the role-playing. Not only did they learn a bit of history, but they became a part of the history for just a short evening. When I see my former fifth graders now, they are still talking about our “camp days”.

## A Visit to the Apple Orchard...



## HATS ON! for Cancer...

THIS IS A REMINDER FROM LAST WEEK. Wednesday, **October 28<sup>th</sup>**, is HATS ON! for Cancer Day. Anyone wishing to wear a hat to school for the day do so for a donation of \$1.00. Proceeds from Hat Day will be donated to The American Cancer Society in the name of Mrs. Diane Schaper, Cedarville's PE teacher. Mrs. Schaper has been winning the battle against cancer for the past two years. You may notice that because of treatments, she wears a hat during instruction.



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Please show support and be **SCHAPER STRONG!**

## First in Math is Finally Back...



For those families that have been with us for the past few 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 14th nationally for all schools participating in this nation-wide math program. Broken down by grade levels, CEEL ranked as follows for the 2014-2015 school year:

- **Grades K-1 ranked 1st in the state and 3rd nationally.**
- **Grade 2 ranked 1st in the state and 2nd nationally.**
- **Grade 3 ranked 1st in the state and 4th nationally.**

Every one of our classrooms ranked in the Top 50 of all classrooms in Indiana for all grade 1-8 classes, and fourteen of our classrooms were ranked in the Top 100 nationally for their grade level.

- **Mr. R's class ranked 12th in the nation for grades K-1.**
- **Mrs. Zech's class ranked 16th in the nation for grades K-1.**
- **Mrs. Fipp's class ranked 19th in the nation for grades K-1.**
- **Mrs. Delagrange's class ranked 58th in the nation for grades K-1.**
- **Mrs. Marino's class ranked 60th in the nation for grades K-1.**
- **Mrs. Rowan's class ranked 77th in the nation for grades K-1.**
- **Mrs. Hively's class ranked 3rd in the nation for grade 2. The class was ranked 72nd in the nation for all grades.**
- **Mrs. Berning's class ranked 17th in the nation for grade 2.**
- **Mrs. Jenkins' class ranked 25th in the nation for grade 2.**
- **Mrs. Walker's class ranked 26th in the nation for grade 2.**
- **Mr. Linson's class ranked 2nd nationally for the year for grade 3. Mr. Linson's class was 42nd place nationally for the year for all grades.**
- **Mr. Kaylor's class ranked 40th place nationally for the year for grade 3.**
- **Ms. Augustine's class ranked 66th place nationally for the year for grade 3.**
- **Mrs. Hunter's class ranked 99th place nationally for the year for grade 3.**

Finally, five of our students ranked in the Top 100 nationally.

- **Landon Foster was #81 in the nation as a student in grade 1.**
- **Ella Moore was #75 in the nation as a student in grade 2. Lucas MacDonald was #88 in the nation as a student in grade 2.**
- **Ryan Elliott was #38 in the nation as a student in grade 3. Trey Hiteshow was #72 in the nation as a student in grade 3.**

**Learning at Eagle Marsh...**



**Fire Safety Day...**



On October 12<sup>th</sup>, representatives from the Northeast Fire Department and EMS visited Cedarville Elementary School to share with students information about fire safety. During their presentation, they addressed topics such as:

- What to do if your clothes catch on fire;
- Don't play with matches or lighters;
- Check smoke detectors;
- Plan home fire escape drills;
- Don't play with firearms.

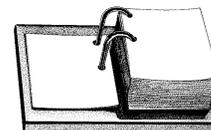
They also provided take-home materials for each student.

**60TH Book Read...**

Mrs. Sauder's class celebrated by having a special guest reader for their 60<sup>th</sup> book read as a class. Hmmmm, I wonder why they picked Dr. Bakle?



**Mark Your Calendar...**



- Oct. 20-27: **Character Counts and Red Ribbon Week**
- Oct. 22: Vision screening for all grade K and 3 students in the Art Room.
- Oct. 22: Rooms 111 and 116 to Safety Village 9:15-12:15
- Oct. 23: Rooms 109 and 115 to Safety Village 9:15-12:15
- Oct. 26: Rooms 105 and 106 to Kurtz Pumpkin Patch 12:30-2:30
- Oct. 26: Paw Ball begins and runs through 2-5-16 Mon.-Thurs. 5-9 p.m.
- Oct. 26-27: **Marcos Pizza Nights for CEEL and LEEL. Marcos will donate 15% of all sales to the PTO.**
- Oct. 27: Last day of Box Tops collection competition
- Oct. 27: Grade 2 Focus on Health @ PCA 9:30-12:45