



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...

The partnership between the school and parents is of vital importance. We are all concerned about your child and his/her development. Parent – Teacher Conferences provide an opportunity to strengthen this partnership. Although Parent – Teacher Conferences are still a couple of weeks away, it's not too early to begin thinking of discussion items to make the conferences as productive as possible.

In general, teachers can provide insight about your child in the following areas:

1. How is your child doing academically?
2. What kind of work habits does your child have?
3. Is your child responsible for behavior and completing tasks?
4. Does your child get along well with others?
5. What are your child's strengths, special interests or abilities in the classroom?
6. What areas need improvement?

As parents, you can provide invaluable insight about your child that can contribute to your child's success in school:

1. How does your child feel about school?
2. Does your child complete homework easily?
3. What are your child's home responsibilities?
4. What are your child's interests?
5. What things does your child do well?
6. What areas do you feel your child needs to improve?

These questions represent only a starting point for an effective parent-teacher conference. You may have other school related concerns or questions which you may wish to discuss. By communicating openly with your child's teacher, your child will get the most from the educational opportunities available in our school.

National School Lunch Week: October 12–16...

Providing children with nutritious and delicious meals at the lowest cost possible is the goal of the EACS food service department. This



department is constantly striving to improve; so they welcome your input.

The Food Service Program is self-supporting, that is, all expenses are paid via the revenues that come in from meals served. It is a balancing act to be able to offer many food options, meet all the state nutrition guidelines per week, be sure the meals are appealing, provide enough labor hours to prepare and serve quickly and do it all for such a minimal price.

Led by our cafeteria manager, Mrs. Jolene Sanderson, we are very fortunate to have an awesome group of people on Cedarville's food service staff! Our thanks and appreciation to these individuals for all they do to make our school great!

To recognize the National School Lunch Program and the 30 million children it serves every day, Cedarville Elementary will participate in National School Lunch Week from October 12-16, 2015. National School Lunch Week will emphasize the healthy foods that are offered daily at the school. School lunches are healthier than ever, with more fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and less fat and sodium. National School Lunch Week helps us educate students about all the benefits of our lunch program, and the appealing choices we offer.

The federally-funded National School Lunch Program (NSLP) provides nutritionally balanced, healthy meals to students every day. The program, which has been serving the nation's children for nearly 70 years, requires school meals to meet federal nutrition standards like offering fruits and vegetables every day, serving whole-grain rich foods, and limiting fat, calories, and sodium.

Did you know?

National School Lunch Week (NSLW) was created in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy. It is a celebratory week of events and activities promoting the benefits of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

The NSLP began in 1946 and is the largest of the federal child nutrition programs.

In 180 school days, approximately 30 million children are served healthy meals per day!

95% of U.S. elementary and secondary school students are enrolled in schools that participate in the NSLP.

Lunch with your child...

Cedarville parents are always welcome to enjoy lunch with their child in the cafeteria! This year, more than ever, parents are taking advantage of this special opportunity.

Please help our cafeteria staff in planning the number of lunches to prepare by sending a note to your child's teacher or calling the school by 9:40 a.m., if you plan to join your child for lunch. This will ensure that you are included in our lunch count. **Please do not bring fast/restaurant food from the outside.**

This time is meant to be spent with your child, and may include *one* of your child's friends. Parents are asked to be sensitive to the ramifications of inviting one friend to lunch, but not including others. Remember that all cafeteria rules apply to all students, whether or not a parent is present.

2015-2016 Prices

Elementary Lunch \$1.60
A la carte Milk \$.40
Reduced Lunch \$.40
Adult Lunch \$2.40



Point of Sale System

Cedarville offers the Point of Sale cashiering system, so you can pay for school breakfasts and/or lunches by sending money to be deposited into an account for your child. Daily meal purchases are then charged against the account. (See *Cedarville Elementary Student-Parent Handbook* for further information.)

Lunch Guests

Parents are encouraged to join their child(ren) for lunch occasionally. If you plan to join your child for lunch, please observe these guidelines:

- ❑ Inform your child's teacher or the office by phone or note by 9:40 a.m. to be included in our lunch count. This will enable our cafeteria staff to prepare meals for our students and guests, while avoiding needless waste.
- ❑ **Do not bring fast/restaurant food from the outside.**
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- ❑ Remember that all cafeteria rules apply to all students, whether or not a parent is present.

Memorable Moments In School...

With Mr. Kaylor:

I am in my sixteenth year of teaching this year and I have had many, many fond memories. I certainly enjoy teaching my students, helping them have that "Ah ha!" moment, and trying to get them to love learning. Most of the memories for me that stick out are the ones that have filled my heart with joy and sometimes sorrow.

I had a student at Prince Chapman Academy that was very near and dear to my heart. He was struggling with an unknown ailment and he was very weak. Despite his physical abilities he had a mind that was as sharp as a tack. I very much enjoyed having him in class and bantering back and forth. We would eat lunch together a few times a month in my classroom, and play a video game I would bring in. It was just a time for him to forget about what was going on in his life and just be a kid. I didn't mind taking a break from the daily schedule either. Years later they discovered his ailment was a rare cancer, and he passed away just a couple of years ago. I went to his funeral with some old co-workers and we shared and laughed about all the wonderful things that young man did. It was truly my pleasure to have had him in my class. I know that his faith was something he clung to and that is something that gives me peace about him being gone.

In the past couple of years at Cedarville I have had some memorable students that have had, for the lack of better terminology, no filter. Last year I had a student that said just about anything that came to his mind and they were usually wonderful things. At one point during a lesson, he came up to the board to write something. As he did so, he realized the answer was a pun and he shouted, "**That's a knee slapper,**" and proceeded to lift his leg and slap his knee. It brought the whole class to tears of laughter. It took us several minutes to get back on track.



A year or two before that, I had a young man that would also say whatever crossed his mind and often times it could be a little distracting. We had a great relationship and despite his control over his "motor mouth," we got along very well. Since he was continually redirected and it didn't quite sink in, another student and I had an idea to scare the "talking out of him." This young man was very scared of spiders and insects. Whenever we had a six to eight legged friend crawl into our room he would shriek with fright. I had in my desk (from a previous student) a rubber cockroach. Now, I've seen a lot of fake insects in my day, but I will say this one is as realistic as they come. The other student (a young lady) placed the cockroach on his chair when he got out of his seat and I set up my iPad to take a little video. Needless to say, his reaction was priceless. While the prank didn't exactly keep him quiet the rest of the year, it did give him

a slightly humbler attitude. As a class we enjoyed watching the video whenever our little friend became a little too talkative, watching in slow motion was the best!
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I guess when someone asks me about my favorite teaching "moment" I will never be able to pick one. I can certainly choose some very memorable bonds with students over the years. I have been blessed to be a part of their lives.

BOX TOP\$ for Education Contest ...

September 28th kicked-off of our **BOX TOP\$ for Education** contest! The class that brings in the most box tops between September 28th and October 27th will win a PIZZA PARTY! The top class in each grade level (second place class for the grade level with the top class in the school) will also earn a special treat!



Remember-box tops submitted between September 28th and October 27th qualify for this contest.

If you have time, it is greatly appreciated if you could clip the box top out neatly around the edges, but we'll take them any way you send them!

Thank you very much for your support!

Real Men Read...



United Way of Allen County's Real Men Read Program, in conjunction with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana, has been providing positive male role models and books for children in East Allen County schools since 2009, giving out more than 120,000 books to students and their families within Allen County since the program started. Cedarville Elementary is pleased to bring the program to your school for the 2015-16 school year.

If you are unfamiliar with the Real Men Read Program goals, here are the purpose and goals. The Real Men Read program matches male volunteers with an elementary school of their choosing. Four to five times

throughout the school year, these men read to a second or third grade class. Children will see men model the importance of reading and all students will see positive male role models. Students listen to a fluent reader and follow along, improving their own reading skills. Each student receives books to build their own home library.

Inclement Weather Schedule...

When school is delayed or dismissed early due to inclement weather, the delay/dismissal pertains to all students. When the weather is "bad", be sure to listen to local radio and television for information. You may also check the EACS website at www.eacs.k12.in.us. Whatever is said about East Allen County Schools applies to Cedarville Elementary School, as well.

Weather Related 2-Hour Delay Schedule

If there is a delay due to inclement weather, school will be in session from **11:00-3:40**. (This includes Wednesday collaboration days.)

Weather Related 3-Hour Delay Schedule

Occasionally, there may be a need to delay school for 3 hours due to weather. If so, school will be in session from **12:00-4:40**. (This includes Wednesday collaboration days.)

HATS ON! for Cancer...

Wednesday, **October 28th**, is HATS ON! for Cancer Day. Anyone wishing to wear a hat to school for the day may 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.



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

Cookie Dough Delivery...

We finally have a date solidified for our Cedarville Fundraiser Cookie Dough Delivery. **Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 14th.** The cookie



dough will arrive near 2 p.m. on that day. We will have all cookie dough packaged by student salesperson and stationed in the cafeteria. Each student's box will be labeled with the student name, ID number, teacher name, and the number of boxes.

How to Pick-Up Cookie Dough

- Pick-up will begin at 3:30 p.m.
- Pick up will take place in the cafeteria.
- Because buses may not clear out until 3:25, we ask that you wait until they have loaded and left before driving to the east parking lot.
- Cars may pull up along the curb or park in the east (bus) parking lot after buses have left.
- If pulling up, pull far up to the end of the sidewalk so we have more cars along the that area.
- Please enter through Door 10 and turn left into the cafeteria.
- Someone will greet you at a table in the cafeteria where you will check in, and lead you to your boxes.
- Pick-up runs from 3:20-6:00 p.m. on this date.
- You will need to arrange a time after this date by calling the office during school hours (446-0110) if you cannot pick-up cookie dough in this prearranged time.
- Cookie dough WILL NOT be sent home with students.
- It is advised to those families who pick children up from school be patient and be one of the last to pick-up. We think that will help you with traffic flow and time efficiency.



Getting on the Bus:

- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing or other behavior that can lead to carelessness
- Do not stray onto the street, alleys or private property
- Line up away from the street or road as the bus approaches
- Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before approaching the bus
- Use the handrail when boarding

Behavior on the Bus:



- Don't speak loudly or make loud noises that could distract the driver
- Stay in your seat
- Don't put your head, arms or hands out the window
- Keep aisles clear of books and bags
- Get your belongings together before reaching your stop
- Wait for the bus to stop completely before getting up from your seat

Getting Off the Bus:

- Use the handrail when exiting
- If you have to cross in front of the bus, first walk at



least 10 feet ahead until you can see the driver

- Make sure the driver can see you
- Wait for a signal from the driver before crossing

School Bus Safety...

Some 25 million students nationwide begin and end their day with a trip on a school bus. While school buses are, by far, the safest way for students to travel, children need to do their part to stay alert and aware of their surroundings to prevent injury. October 5th was Bus Safety Day at Cedarville. Bus drivers came to the school and presented to our students. Please give thanks to our wonderful bus drivers. They always have our children's safety first

- When the driver signals, look left, right, then left again. Walk across the road and keep an eye out for sudden traffic changes
- If your vision is blocked, move to an area where you can see other drivers and they can see you
- Do not cross the center line of the road until the driver signals it is safe
- Stay away from the rear wheels of the bus at all times

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

- 1 Children should always go out trick or treating accompanied by a responsible adult.
- 2 Assure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume
- 2 Let your children know NOT to cut through back alleys and fields and stay in well lighted populated areas if they are out alone.
- 2 Know the route your kids will be taking if you aren't going with them. Let them know that they are to check in with you periodically.
- 2 Make sure you set a time that your kids should be home by. Make sure they know how important it is for them to be home on time or to call immediately if something happens and they are going to be delayed.
- 2 Serve your kids a filling meal before trick or treating and they won't be as tempted to eat any candy before they bring it home for you to check.
- 2 Make sure that if your child is carrying a prop, make sure the tips are smooth and flexible enough to not cause injury if fallen on. Make sure that costumes won't get in the way when they are walking, which could cause them to trip.
- 2 Teach your children that they should NEVER go into a house that they don't know, get into a car or go anywhere with a stranger. Also, tell them what to do should this happen, to scream as loud as they can to draw attention and to run away as fast as they can to someplace safe.
- 2 If an older child is walking with a younger child while trick or treating, make sure they know to take the hand of the younger child when crossing the street.
- 2 Parents should always inspect all treats for safety before allowing their children to eat them.



Families face a number of challenges before, during, and after deployment. This emotional cycle of deployment begins when news of deployment is released to the family. It starts with a short period of strong emotions, such as fear and anger. As departure grows closer, a period of detachment and withdrawal may occur. This can happen to prepare for the person being physically gone.



If you or yours are members of any of the US Armed Services, you may have faced the anxiety of being deployed. To help one of our families, I am asking if anyone has information about local support groups for spouses or children of individuals that are/were deployed and away from the family. If so, please contact me at bbakle@eacs.k12.in.us so I may direct those in need.

Mark Your Calendar...



Oct. 12: National School Lunch Week October 12-16



Oct. 12: Fire Safety/Prevention for Grades K-2
 Oct. 12: Kindergarten Hearing Screening Week
 Oct. 13: Room 131 to Art Museum

9:15-11:30

- Oct. 13: Girl Scout informational meeting 5:30-7:00 in cafeteria
- Oct. 14: **End of first grading period**
- Oct. 14: Collaboration Day – 3:10 dismissal
- Oct. 14: **Fundraiser Cookie Dough Pick-Up Day after school**
- Oct. 15: Box Tops collection day
- Oct. 15: All grades to Black Violin @ Embassy 9:10 – 12:00.
- Oct. 16: **Fall Break – NO SCHOOL**
- Oct. 19: **Fall Break – NO SCHOOL**
- Oct. 19: **Character Counts and Red Ribbon Week**
- Oct. 20: Rooms 107 and 108 to Safety Village 9:15-12:15
- Oct. 20: Topsicle Tuesday
- Oct. 20: Fee statements due
- Oct. 21: Rooms 110 and 113 to Safety Village 9:15-12:15

Service Member and Family Support...

Even when we are not at war, military families often deal with stresses such as frequent moves or the absence of a parent. Deployment to war creates additional issues for a family to handle.