



# 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...***

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to the following individuals as they join our Cedarville staff:

Kindergarten:	Ms. Morgan Renbarger
Grade 3:	Ms. Kylie Harris (covering Mrs. Firestine's maternity leave)
Grade 3:	Mrs. Amy Lewis
Grade 3:	Mrs. Evangeline Palmer
Night Custodian:	Mr. Kevin Kern

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or the school office if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions. We're looking forward to a TERRIFIC year!



## ***Food Allergy Awareness...***

The rates for heart disease and obesity in children have been rising across America in recent years. Many of our students also have food allergies (especially to dairy products, eggs, gluten, nuts, and/or peanuts) and some of them can be very severe. If a parent is planning to bring a treat, please check with your child's teacher to see if food allergies are a problem in your child's classroom.

With these considerations in mind, East Allen County Schools, in compliance with the Indiana Code 20-26-0-18, would like to have healthy treats and snacks brought in for celebrations/daily snacks. We are asking that parents consider alternatives to cupcakes, sugary treats, or treats containing nuts/peanuts. When planning to bring in a snack or treat for the students, please consider healthy options in support of the EACS Wellness Policy.

We are making efforts to go "nut/peanut – free" for snacks and treats brought in to our classrooms; however, it may be virtually impossible to completely eliminate peanuts/nuts from the lunch menu (or from the lunches students bring from home). Children with severe allergies are allowed to eat at tables on the stage area of the cafeteria to reduce the chance of exposure to food allergens.

## ***First Days of School...***

The glitches of the first days of school have subsided considerably over the past two weeks: traffic jams at the corner of Hardisty and SR 1, students not knowing how to navigate the building or loading cars and buses, crying parents going through separation anxiety, and so on.

Students are finally settled on buses, (which is our biggest ordeal every start of year and never seems to go off without a glitch such as a child being placed on the



wrong bus, a student falling asleep in the back of a bus and missing his/her stop, or a parent deciding to have a child take a bus to another location without the transportation department's knowledge). Parents are falling into a routine for dropping off and picking up their children. Currently, we have over 130 cars daily and nearly 200 students not being transported by school bus.

Many thanks to all of you who are patient enough to understand that the coordination of 700 students and their parents is only as good as the prepping that takes place both at home and school. Also, a big thank you goes out to the Allen County Sheriff's Department for controlling traffic at the beginning and end of each school day. In the thank you department I cannot say how much I appreciate the 30 or so parents that helped coordinate students loading off of and onto buses, and leading them into classrooms for the first few days.



Our numbers this year do not set a record, but the school's population has increased by about 40 students since the end of last year.

I heard many positive comments about our "Meet the Teacher Night" taking place prior to the start of school. We even had a family interviewed by a local TV news channel. It was our intent to have parents meet the teacher in a casual setting that would be both informative and personable.



**Collaboration Wednesdays...**

Through May 18, 2016, each Wednesday will be a Collaboration Day. School will dismiss at 3:10 p.m.



If there is a weather-related 2-hour delay on a Collaboration Day, school will be released at the regular time.



**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](http://www.eacs.k12.in.us). Whatever is said about East Allen County Schools applies to Cedarville Elementary School, as well.



If there is a 2-hour delay due to inclement weather, the collaboration schedule will be cancelled, and the schedule below will be followed.

Weather Related 2-Hour Delay Schedule:  
□ Grades K-3 – 11:00 – 3:40

Occasionally, there may be a need to delay school for 3 hours due to inclement weather. In this case, the collaboration schedule will be cancelled, and the following schedule will be in effect:

Weather Related 3-Hour Delay Schedule:  
□ Grades K-3 – 12:00 – 4:40

No breakfast is served if there is a 2-hour OR 3-hour delay.



**Cedarville – Leo PTO...**

Parents and grandparents are invited to attend the first PTO meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at Cedarville Elementary School from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the cafeteria

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.



**Taking Care of Business...**

If you are interested in volunteering in our school OR ATTENDING A FIELD TRIP, please be sure to submit your background check paperwork to the school office. Remember, your background check must be complete before you can begin your volunteer experience.

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.



**90-Minute Stop Sign...**

As part of our Reading Curriculum, students in every classroom at Cedarville Elementary engage in 90 minutes of uninterrupted Guided Reading time each day. This time is truly intended to be free of interruptions from within and outside of the classroom.



Classrooms or grade levels may operate on different schedules, so teachers will post a "90-minute Stop Sign" on their doors during Reading time.

Visitors to our school are asked to not enter a classroom when the "90-minute Stop Sign" is posted. Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated!

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### **Volunteers' Photo IDs...**

If you are a regular volunteer for Cedarville Elementary, please stop in the office between now and the end of September to have your picture taken for a photo ID badge. Badges may be hung in the office when you are not in the building. This procedure will make it easier for our staff members and students to put names with faces for our school volunteers.



Thanks for all you do as a volunteer to make our school SPECTACULAR!

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### **Nurse's Notes...**

In the event your child becomes sick or injured at school, we need to be able to contact you or someone you designate to take your child home. A child with vomiting, diarrhea, and/or a fever cannot remain in school, both for his/her comfort and to avoid further spread of the illness.

Please remember the school needs emergency contact numbers in the event that mom or dad cannot be reached. These designated people need to be willing and able to pick up your child from school when we are unable to reach you. Having incorrect contact information wastes valuable time in an emergency. Please remember to inform the school of any changes in your information, and be sure to update this information electronically on Parent Access.

EACS clinics do not stock any medications or ointments. All medications sent to school must have a signed note from a parent or guardian and must be in the original container. Small containers are preferred as storage space is limited.

The most valuable health tip is the easiest one: Wash your hands! Please encourage good hand washing with your child. It is the single best way to avoid illness!



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### **It Is Fundraising Time Again...**

Plenty has been sent home in the past week about our annual magazine fundraiser. Over my nine years of being at Cedarville Elementary I have expounded profusely (just checking to see if you are paying attention...and No...I do not really talk like this) just how generous our community has been with time,

understanding, patience, and financial support. Even though we have some great magazines to address a variety of interests; for some, magazines just aren't their thing. That is why we have added 16 varieties of cookie dough (because eating is everybody's thing...and eating yummy cookies is most everybody's).



We are still offering the memory/photo books with calendars and greeting cards for all occasions. It is similar to shutterfly and snapfish, but with a bit fewer bells and whistles. As always, I encourage online purchases @ [www.gaschoolstore.com](http://www.gaschoolstore.com) using Cedarville's school # 2669687.

If magazines, cookie dough, and memory books aren't your thing, but you would still like to give financial support, we have had families just contribute money. If you would like to subsidize the school and avoid the fuss and muss (still paying attention?) of the fundraiser, simply write a check made payable to Cedarville Elementary School with the word "fundraiser" in the memo portion. We will send you a receipt and make sure that your child receives comparable prizes as translated through sales values. Remember that we do not ask for technology fees up front to supplement AR, FIM, Brain Pop Jr., Storia and other programs children may use at home or school.



Because the cookie dough seemed to be of a lesser cost than the magazines, my original thought was to increase the number of sales required to earn a couple of the big events for students. Dumb idea! I haven't been comfortable about changing those required prize amounts. So, give me credit for coming to my senses, I am now having the following adjustments to a couple of fundraiser prizes.

- **Sell 15 items: Wacky Whipper Contest**
- **Sell 20 items: Pizza Hut + Limo Ride!**

There are two collection days remaining; Wednesday, September 2 and September 9. Your child may bring orders to school on days other than a Wednesday. The teacher will hold onto everything until Wednesday when PTO volunteers collect and count \$.

One more thing...Don't forget to go to [www.TuitionRewards/GAO.com](http://www.TuitionRewards/GAO.com) to learn how selling \$100 can earn \$1000 in college tuition credit.



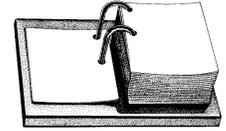
Did you know that our school participates in a paper-recycling program called PaperGator Recycling? Recycle all of your newspapers, catalogs/magazines, junk mail, phone books, office/school paper, and hard and soft cover books and earn funds for our school. Drop offs can be made anytime right here in our PaperGator bin. This is an easy way for you to recycle your paper every week and help us raise funds for projects like...(insert text) and other school needs. By recycling paper, not only do you save the environment and reduce waste in landfills, but our school earns money for every pound of paper you help us collect.



Please bring in your recyclable paper anytime from your homes or any other available sources and place it in the PaperGator® bin in our parking lot. Please **do not** include plastic, metal, trash, glass, cardboard, or paperboard (grocery item boxes).

You can watch this short video that helps explain what can and cannot go into the Paper Gator! Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9smoJacoOjE> Thank you for your continued support of this important fundraising effort.

### Mark Your Calendar...



- Aug. 31: Lindsay Buesching-Lee's After-School Baton Program information shared with grade 1-3 girls during school
- Aug. 31: PBIS Kick-off (ROAR) Assembly in gym @ 2:50.
- Sept. 1: Character Counts September is "Responsibility Month"
- Sept. 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> Fundraiser Collection Day
- Sept. 2: Collaboration Day – 3:10 dismissal
- Sept. 7: **LABOR DAY – NO SCHOOL**
- Sept. 8: PTO meeting @ CEEL cafeteria 9:30
- Sept. 9: 3<sup>rd</sup> and final Fundraiser Collection Day
- Sept. 9: Salad Bar begins for grade 3
- Sept. 9: Collaboration Day – 3:10 dismissal
- Sept. 12: *Grabill Country Fair Parade @ 10:00 a.m.*
- Sept. 14: Beginning this week...Weekly Progress Reports will be sent home every Tuesday morning automatically if parents have given an accurate e-mail address.
- Sept. 15: District In-Service Day – **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- Sept. 16: Midterms go home to those not receiving weekly progress reports via e-mail
- Sept. 16: Collaboration Day – 3:10 dismissal
- Sept. 17: Picture Make-up Day...we will start between 9:45-10:00
- Sept. 17: "Lyndsay's Allen County Twirlers" batons class begins and runs 3:45-4:45 after school in the gym on Thursdays throughout the year
- Sept. 21: College Go Week!
- Sept. 21: Wacky Whippers Contest on stage for qualifying students through fundraiser @ 9:30
- Sept. 22: Fall Super Science begins for grades 2/3 students running on Tuesdays (until 5:00) and Wednesdays (until 4:30) in the art room.
- Sept. 23: Fundraiser top sales people will take a limo ride to Pizza Hut. Classes see students off @ 10:45.
- Sept. 25: Popcorn/Pretzel Friday and Spirit Day



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