



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...

In last week's Cedarville Connection I gave some information about inclement weather. Well, based on the number of phone calls when Monday's fog hit, I guess that I should have sent it out earlier.

Here is what you need to know about the school day when we have a delay. Just think of it as pushing the start of the day back an equal interval as the delay. If there is a 3 hour delay, we tack an hour onto the end of the day. **All of this information can be found in the Cedarville Student-Parent Handbook distributed the first day of school. You may also check the EACS website at www.eacs.k12.in.us.**

If there is a 2-hour delay due to inclement weather, the Wednesday 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.

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.

Now, here is what can throw all of us off. (Admittedly, when I strolled into work I didn't know there was a delay and never thought to turn on the TV.) Because some schools start as early as 7:15 a.m., a decision about transportation occurs around 6 a.m. By the time you are ready to send your child to Cedarville, conditions may have changed. Also, different areas of EACS may have very different conditions.

I would advise that you request text alerts from the local news channels. The district does not send text alerts, but here are a couple of sites that my help.

<http://wane.com/more/text-and-email-alerts/>
<http://www.21alive.com/enews/textcaster>

Family Wellness Tip...

Quick: What's one of the most important things you can do with your kids? If you said, "Sit down and eat together," you'd be right. Not saying it's easy, but it is worth the effort. It turns out that children in families who routinely eat meals together have better vocabularies and do better on achievement tests than those who don't eat with their families.

To make meal prep easier, plan ahead. You might want to try assigning themes to certain nights of the week. For a full month try Taco (100% whole-grain corn shells, please!) Tuesdays – mixing things up with fish tacos one week, turkey the next, chicken after that. Get creative: We've got Frittata Fridays, Veggie Burger Thursdays, or Soup and Salad Sundays, for starters! You'll find that cooking categories like this simplifies meal planning and gives everyone in your family a chance to request their favorites. Invite your children to get in on the action by having them look for recipes, research food swaps that make the meals healthier, and help with meal prep. Not only are kids who help with cooking more confident about making nutritious food choices, they also prefer fruits & veggies more than those who haven't donned an apron to pitch in at mealtimes. Don't beat yourself up if you can't sit down with the whole crew every single night. Just do your best, and make the most of the times you can share a meal – together.

Fall Magazine Sale...



We still have one more collection day for the fall fundraiser. It is Wednesday, **September 9th**. Did you remember that along with all of the prizes shared out in our last Cedarville Connection there are Top Ten Winners receiving gift cards from Toys-R-Us?

On September 23rd our top sellers will enjoy a luxurious limo ride to Pizza Hut for a delicious lunch. Additionally, each of the **Top Ten Sellers** will also receive a Toys-R-Us Gift Card:

- 1st place - \$100
- 2nd place - \$75
- 3rd place - \$40
- 4th place - \$30
- 5th place - \$25
- 6th-10th place - \$20

Also, there have been a couple families ask what a donation equivalent would be for their child to make the Wacky Whipper contest or the Limo and Pizza Hut Lunch. A donation of \$120 = Wacky Whippers and \$200 = Limo and Pizza Hut.

Students in the top two classes will win an Ice Cream Party.

If you ordered cookie dough, expect it to arrive no later than September 30th. We will make sure to give families a heads-up on when they can pick-up from school.

R.O.A.R...

If you have been part of the Cedarville family for at least a year, you should know all about R.O.A.R. It is our acronym for student expectation. Tied to these expectations are our procedures throughout the school campus. If you have walked the halls you will notice the signs and banners displayed everywhere.



R.O.A.R. Levels are our way to minimize distractions during learning time, but also send the message that there are times and places where it is great to be a kid.

ROAR LEVELS

- LEVEL 0**
No talking
- LEVEL 1**
Whisper voice
- LEVEL 2**
Normal talking voice
- LEVEL 3**
Outside recess voice

The poster also features a cartoon lion and a paw print with the letters R, O, A, R inside it.

Our staff approach is to remain positive with students; for we believe that catching students doing the right thing is much more important than pointing out the negative (though, unfortunately, that too is sometimes necessary).

PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support) is a nationally recognized framework that we use as our model for the R.O.A.R. program and procedures.

To kick things off this year we held a school-wide assembly on Monday celebrating the way we ROAR. There was even a special guest appearance from Bryan the Lion, Leo High School's mascot. Bryan the Lion, along with staff members, reminded students about our Commendable Cubs program, Principal's Pizza Pals, and then introduced the new GOLDEN COMMENDABLE CUB where students receiving the award will have opportunities throughout the year to be placed in a drawing for grand prizes which would include \$50 gift cards to Toys-R-Us.



Parents, too, are involved in what we do. Don't be surprised if your child's teacher gives you a call just to let you know how wonderful he/she is doing in class. We invite you to watch our ROAR videos on our school's home page. There you will also find our entire school PBIS Manual.



Cedarville Hero...and a team effort...

Do you know grade 2 teacher Julie Roberts? Do you know that she is a hero at Cedarville Elementary? Earlier this week our Latchkey Supervisor, Evelyn Philpott, was walking students through the hallways prior to the start of school. She dropped to the floor near Mrs. Roberts' classroom. The first thought was that she may have fallen or possibly passed out. Both Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Linson were sharp enough to check for a pulse. THERE WAS NONE!!! They yelled for any staff within earshot to run and get the school's AED (Automated External Defibrillator) Machine. Mrs. Blosser went for the machine and a 911 call was immediately made. As Mr. Linson and Mr. Oliver managed the situation, Mrs. Roberts immediately started CPR, resuscitating Mrs. Philpott. An ambulance arrived within minutes and Evelyn was on her way to Dupont Hospital. As of this writing Mrs. Philpott would be released from the hospital on Friday. Please keep her in your prayers and thoughts (however you do that).



Grabill Parade...

The Grabill Country Fair Parade is a week from Saturday, September 12, @ 10:00 a.m. Make sure to look for Cedarville Elementary staff and wave/say hello.



When Tragedy Strikes a Family ...

I have never been shy over the past 9 years in bringing to the attention of our Cedarville family the needs of one going through strife or pain (as allowed by the family). My request to everyone is that you reach out how you see fit to the Doolittle family. Their eldest child is a kindergartener here at Cedarville. A younger brother was killed in a very sad and unfortunate accident this past week. A GO FUND ME account has been set up in the name of Carson Doolittle at the web address <http://www.gofundme.com/df39yp82> Unbeknownst to many, Carson has already saved the life of one little girl by his parents deciding to donate his organs.

A heartbreak like this should put all that we do in a proper perspective...and never forget. Personally, my emotions were temporarily out of whack. Much thanks goes to Cedarville parent Eric Bass for listening.

End of Year Awards...

Okay, this may be a bit early to discuss the end of the school year. However, many parents like to know about awards or recognitions that their child may earn. We try to make things pretty simple. There is no "participation" ribbon at Cedarville. Students, with the help and encouragement of parents and staff, need to work hard to earn the few awards distributed at the end of the school year. Here is a breakdown of all EOY awards and the requirements to attain.

End of Year Awards Criteria

Perfect Attendance (Grades K-3)

- Zero tardy or absence Student's Name on Trophy = 12" Trophy

Excellent Attendance (Grades K-3)

- No more than 2 days absent and no more than 1 tardy in total; No more than 1 day absent and no more than 2 tardy in total; No more than 3 tardy in total (excused or unexcused) = 7" Trophy

Accelerated Reader (Grades 2/3)

- 80/100 pts. = 6" Trophy (Top Reader)
- 150/200 pts. = 14" Trophy (Excellent Reader)
- 200/300 pts. = 17.5" Trophy/Cup (Superior Reader)
- 300/400 pts. = 24" Trophy with Name (Fantastic Reader)
- +400/+500 pts. = 36" Trophy with Name (Ultimate Reader)

FIM (Grades K-3) - student name on a trophy

Medallion (Top Mathematician)

- K = 4000+ Stickers
- 1 = 5000+ Stickers
- 2 = 6000+ Stickers
- 3 = 7000+ Stickers

Trophy 24" with Name (Superior Mathematician)

- K = 6000+ Stickers
- 1 = 8000+ Stickers

- 2 = 10,000+ Stickers
- 3 = 12,000+ Stickers

Trophy 36" with Name (Ultimate Mathematician)

- K = 9000+ Stickers
- 1 = 12,000+ Stickers
- 2 = 14,000+ Stickers
- 3 = 17,000+ Stickers

Cedarville Spirit Wear...

The PTO has put together a great variety of spirit wear and accessories for this school year. Examples are displayed in the glass case next to our cafeteria. Our hope is to have pictures to go with the following descriptions fairly soon.

- Stadium Blanket: Purple Gildan Dry Blend Fleece, moisture wicking and preshrunk, 50"x60". \$28
- Acrylic double wall tumbler with straw. \$10
- Drawstring backpack. Purple. \$12
- A4 Dri Fit Short Sleeve Tee: Purple, Gray, and Black, available in adult and youth sizes, moisture wicking and odor resistant polyester with stain release. \$16 (xxl and larger sizes \$20)
- Gildan Cotton Short and Long Sleeve Tee: Purple, Gray, and Black, 100% cotton, preshrunk, available in youth and adult sizes. \$12 (short sleeve)/\$20 (long sleeve). \$15/\$24 for xxl and up.
- Ladies Sparkle Tee: Black and Gray, cotton and lurex blend. \$22
- NEW Elite Socks, purple with white "Leo Lions" coming soon... Great for sports!

All items (Minus tumbler and socks) are available in choice of three designs. There is only a two week turnaround for orders.

School Pictures...

Retakes of school pictures will be September 17th.



Labor Day Fun Facts...

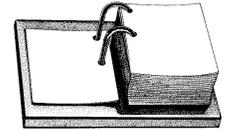
The first Labor Day was observed in 1882. Its origins stem from the desire of the Central Labor Union to create a holiday for workers. It became a federal holiday in 1894. The original intent was that the day would be filled with a street parade to allow the public to appreciate the work of the trade and labor organizations. After the parade, a festival was to be held to amuse local workers and their families.

One of the reasons for choosing to celebrate this on the first Monday in September was to add a holiday in the long gap between Independence Day and Thanksgiving.



Mark Your Calendar...

Sept. 7: **LABOR DAY**
– **NO SCHOOL**



- Sept. 8: PTO meeting @ CEEL cafeteria 9:30
- Sept. 9: 3rd 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. 18: PTO Carnival Informational Meeting @ CEEL cafeteria 9:30 a.m.



- Sept. 21: College Go Week!
- Sept. 22: Wacky Whippers Contest on stage for qualifying students through fundraiser @ 9:15
- 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
- Sept. 23: Collaboration Day – 3:10 dismissal
- Sept. 28: Box Tops Competition begins and ends Oct. 23rd
- Sept. 28: Rooms 109 and 110 to Orchard Hills Farms 9:15-12:30
- Sept. 28: Rooms 105 and 106 to Eagle Marsh 9:10-11:40
- Sept. 29: Rooms 107 and 108 to Orchard Hills Farms 9:15-12:30
- Sept. 29: Room 104 to Eagle Marsh 9:10-11:40
- Sept. 30: Collaboration Day – 3:10 dismissal
- Oct. 1: Rooms 113 and 115 to Orchard Hills Farms 9:15-12:30



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