



# 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...***

Composer Sibyl F. Partridge offered some valuable insights that merit reflection as we enter the New Year:

Just for today I will be happy. This assumes that what Abraham Lincoln said is true, that "most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." Happiness is from within; it is not a matter of externals.

Just for today I will try to adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my family, my business, and my luck as they come and fit myself to them.

Just for today I will take care of my body. I will exercise it, care for it, nourish it, not abuse it nor neglect it, so that it will be a perfect machine for my bidding.

Just for today I will try to strengthen my mind. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today I will exercise my soul in three ways; I will do somebody a good turn and not get found out. I will do at least two things I don't want to do, as William James suggests, just for exercise.

Just for today I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress as becomingly as possible, talk low, act courteously, be liberal with praise, criticize not at all, nor find fault with anything and not try to regulate nor improve anyone.

Just for today I will try to live through this day only, not to tackle my whole life problem at once. I can do things for twelve hours that would appall me if I had to keep them up for a lifetime.

Just for today I will have a program. I will write down what I expect to do every hour. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it. It will eliminate two pests, hurrying and indecision.

Just for today I will have a quiet half-hour all by myself and relax. In this half-hour sometimes I will meditate, so as to get a little more perspective into my life.

Just for today I will be unafraid, especially I will not be afraid to be happy, to enjoy what is beautiful, to love, and to believe that those I love, love me.

## ***Getting the Job Done...***

It is normal for a child to postpone challenging tasks. (If you think about it, how many of us postpone challenging tasks even as adults?) Here are some tips that will help you and your child "get the job done."

1. Clarify with your child what is to be accomplished.
2. Divide the task into small segments.
3. Make a list of things to be done. Have your child check off each segment or task after it is completed.
4. Try a buddy system. Working together can be an enjoyable experience.
5. If homework is a challenge, establish a place to study where there are no distractions.
6. State the pros and cons of putting off the task.
7. Praise your child for completing the task.
8. Give your child a reason to complete the task.

Don't expect miracles. Every task may not be completed exactly as you envision. Remember to set reasonable expectations for your child based on his/her age, ability level, and understanding of the task

## ***Make-up Snow Day...***



Due to the recent school cancellation (Tuesday, January 12, 2016), Presidents' Day on February 15<sup>th</sup> will be the district-wide 'make-up' snow day. Students, faculty, and support staff will be in attendance on this day.

## ***Wellness Tips...***

Maybe you've had plans for getting serious about losing fifteen pounds or acquiring a new gym membership because "this time" you're going to get serious about prioritizing your lifestyle goals.

What are the best strategies for achieving goals?

**Start Small:**

Focusing on one or two small changes at a time sets you up for success more than trying to change ten things at once or setting the bar too high. Reaching small goals along the way will give you momentum and the satisfaction that comes from making progress.

**Set a deadline:**

If you want to be serious about making changes, set a deadline. You have deadlines for projects at work, the time you need to pick up the kids and when to have dinner on the table, so why should your personal goals be any different?

**Make a plan:**

Studies have shown time and time again that when goals are written down they are more likely to be achieved. When you have determined a realistic time frame for the changes you are trying to make, get your plan and timeline finalized in ink.

**Get accountability:**

Success is greater when you are held accountable. Tell your goals to someone who will keep you accountable (such as a family member, close friend, wellness coach or personal trainer). Be sure you will have some kind of regular contact with this person so they can help you stay on track.

**Chart your success:**

I like to have a calendar where I mark down every step I take toward a goal. There's something motivating about celebrating small victories.

Dream big when setting goals, but be sure to break them down into small, achievable ones with a realistic time frame, a set plan, accountability and don't forget to celebrate your small victories!

**Family Fun Hoopsters Night...**

**K105 Radio Personalities vs Cedarville/Leo Staff**



**WHEN:** Thursday, February 11, 2016  
**WHERE:** Leo High School Gymnasium  
**TIME:** Doors open at 6:15 p.m.; Game begins at 7:00 p.m.  
**TICKETS:** Pre-sale prices: Only \$2.00/child (12 and under) and \$4.00/adult.

At the door prices: Only \$3.00/child (12 and under) and \$5.00/adult.

All proceeds go directly to the PTO for use in our schools. The classroom with the most pre-sale orders will participate in the "Dr. Bakle Pie in the Face" contest.

Look for the ticket sales order form to come home and remember to return by February 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Stuffed Animal Day...**



On Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, our school will be raising money to support the Assistance Dogs for Achieving Independence organization. Bring your favorite bear or stuffed animal to school and bring a dollar or whatever you wish to donate. ADAI helps many children and adults in this area with disabilities achieve greater independence by training and placing service and therapy dogs to assist with the individual's daily needs. For over 25 years, these assistance dogs have helped transform the lives of over 250 individuals and their communities. From children with muscular dystrophy and spina bifida to adults with cerebral palsy and spinal cord injuries, service dogs provide their owners with self-reliance, self confidence and self-esteem, and most importantly, a chance to live their lives to the fullest potential. The therapy dogs, equally highly trained, offer comfort and companionship to children in schools, persons in nursing homes and individuals with developmental disabilities, autism and Down's Syndrome.

**Applebee's Dine and Donate...**

The PTO has scheduled a "Dine & Donate" fundraiser for Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, at the Applebee's near 37 & 469. Flyers will go home today. Please add this event to your calendar.



**American Red Cross Blood Drive...**



**American Red Cross**

**When:** Monday, January 25, 2016  
**Time:** 3:45 PM to 7:45 PM  
**Where:** Cedarville Cafeteria

Schedule an appointment today! Please go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and type in the sponsor code [cedarelems] or call 1-800-RED CROSS 1-800-733-2767

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

**Our Goal: 32 Pints**

### Save time today!

As you consider the upcoming blood drive, we wanted to let you know about RapidPass (<http://www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass>), a new tool that allows blood donors to help save lives in less time. The blood donors at our 1/25/2016 blood drive can take advantage of this exciting new tool.

RapidPass allows donors to complete their pre-reading and donation questions online from the comfort and privacy of their home or office; reducing the time they spend at the blood drive by up to 15 minutes. That means happier donors!

It's simple! Our donors just:

- 1). Visit [redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass)
- 2). Read the information
- 3). Answer the questions
- 4). Print the pass or email it to themselves

**Important to know!** RapidPass cannot be completed prior to the date of the drive. Donors must complete the steps to redeem their pass on the day they donate. Donors who do not bring the printed pass with them to their donation or cannot show it on a mobile device will be asked to complete the questions again. RapidPass does not take the place of scheduling an appointment.

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### Kindergarten Roundup...

If you have a child entering kindergarten at Cedarville during the 2016-17 school year, you may enroll your child here at the school any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on **Thursday, March 10, 2016**.

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#### Kindergarten Eligibility:

A child may be enrolled if he/she is five years old on or before August 1, 2016.

**You will need to bring the following items on the roundup date:**

- BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- IMMUNIZATION RECORDS
- PROOF OF RESIDENCY

More information to come...

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### Book Fair In Search of Volunteers...

*It seems that the PTO volunteer system we use is now sending emails to many families' junk folders and there has been a very low response for Book Fair volunteers. If you have some time, and the inclination, please contact Jennifer Melchi at [Jenmelchi@hotmail.com](mailto:Jenmelchi@hotmail.com)*



Be sure to have your child check out the **BOOK FAIR** in the Media Center from January 25<sup>th</sup> through January 28<sup>th</sup>! The **BOOK FAIR** will be open during regular school hours each day, with special extended hours (until 6:30 p.m.) on January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

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### BOX TOP\$ for Education Contest Kick-off...

February 1<sup>st</sup> will be the kick-off of our second/last **BOX TOP\$ for Education** contest for the 2015-2016 school year. The contest will run through February 26<sup>th</sup>!



Remember – only box tops submitted between February 1<sup>st</sup> and February 26<sup>th</sup> qualify for this contest. Collection Days are February 5, 12, 19, and 26. Just send your box tops to your child's teacher in a baggie.

If you have time, it is greatly appreciated if you could clip the box top out neatly around the edges.



**Thank you very much for your support!**

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### Hoosier Family of Readers...



Through the Hoosier Family of Readers initiative, students and their families across the state will have unlimited access to reading material on myON, giving families an opportunity to share rich literacy experiences together regardless of their socioeconomic status or whether or not there is a proficient reader in the home.

- More than 4,000 digital books ranging from illustrated and picture books to chapter books, graphic novels, literary non-fiction, photo and informational texts spanning multiple eras and cultures.
- The collection includes 70% nonfiction, 10% Spanish or dual language and 20% Hi-Lo titles, and is continually growing.
- A wide range of titles and topics provides varying levels of text complexity and support close reading in a range of genres and content areas, including history/social studies, science and technical works.
- Books are available online anytime, anywhere students have access to an Internet connection, 24x7,
- There's no limit to the number of students who can read the same book at the same time on myON.
- Students can download up to 20 titles for offline reading using free mobile apps for iPad and Android tablets.

## How to Log In

Access runs through December 31st, 2016.

1. Go to <https://www.myon.com/school/hoosier/>
2. Enter the School Name: **Hoosier Family of Readers** (The School Name will automatically populate as you type)
3. Enter the username **read** and password **read**.
4. Click the green **Sign In** button.

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## Calling All Super Heroes...



Mark your calendar for the Leo-Cedarville PTO's 2016 carnival! **We are "Calling All Super Heroes" to join us Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 4-8 p.m. at Leo High School!** There will be games, prizes, bounce houses, amazing raffle baskets, food and fun for the whole family!

### Share Your Super Power!

It takes many volunteers to make our school carnival a success. If you are interested in joining a committee, please contact that chairperson! There are many ways you can help:

Volunteer one hour of your time to help at a game the night of carnival, bake something for the bake sale, decorate the evening before carnival. Watch for more information soon!

### Carnival Sponsorships

Nearly 2000 people visit the PTO Carnival each year. If your family, group or business would like to sponsor an inflatable or game, please contact Jennifer Melchi at [jenmelchi@hotmail.com](mailto:jenmelchi@hotmail.com). All sponsors have a banner placed at their sponsored event and are included in carnival promotional materials.

### Carnival Committee Chairpersons

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### Sponsorship

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## The Leo Cedarville 2016 Carnival Bake Sale Help!...

Each year the Carnival has a great selection of baked goods donated by families for the bake sale. All goodies must be placed on disposable plates and wrapped in clear plastic or placed in clear plastic bags. Please label all items. Store bought is ok too!

Each family is encouraged to donate the following items:

**Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> grade:** brownies, cookies, or dessert bars

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade:** cupcakes, cakes, or candies

**Bring the baked good to Leo High School between 9 am and 12 pm on the day of the Carnival - Saturday March 12**

Thank you parents and staff for all the help you've given in so many ways. Questions, contact Amanda Chavarria, Bake Sale Chairperson at 260.409.9568 or [Amanda.Chavarria@gmail.com](mailto:Amanda.Chavarria@gmail.com)

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## Leo's Got Talent (for families with students at Leo Jr. /Sr. High)...

"Leo's Got Talent 2016" will be jam packed with fantastic talent from the awesome students at Leo Junior-Senior High School! Amazing celebrity judges will join in this event again this year...Curtis Smith, Peggy Garton, Dude Walker....are just three.

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased in advance from LJSHS or at the door. The high school will let you know when tickets are available. Be sure to get your tickets early - this show fills up quick!

Auditions are on February 3 starting at 3pm-ish. Dress Rehearsals are at LJSHS on February 22. Leo's Got Talent at LJSHS is on February 25 at 7pm.

All LJSHS students in grades 7-12 are encouraged to audition and be a part of this exciting event! Fantastic prizes will be awarded to the winners of the show! There will also be the ever-popular "People's Choice Award", Be sure to save up your nickels and dimes...and pennies and dollars so you can cast your vote for your favorite act!

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## IPFW Basketball Report Card Nights...

Nate Felver; Associate General Manager of Ticket Sales with IPFW Athletics, wants our Cedarville families to know that they are planning four (4) report card nights at the end of January for the IPFW Men's and Women's Basketball games. Students who show their report card at the Gates Center Box Office with an "A" or "A" equivalent will receive a free ticket to the game! **Please review the attached flyer.**

# Memorable Moments In School...

With Mrs. Rodenbeck

## Oh so green...

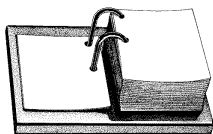
My very first teaching job, many moons ago, was at Leo Elementary with Mr. Jerry Allred as principal. I was a late hire ½ day kindergarten teacher. I was just as young and full of life as those little 6 year olds and also very trusting. One student, a little boy, had a very sensitive nose. Well, you know how kids that age can be. There was also some sort of unpleasant odor coming from one place or another in the classroom. This little boy was always on the verge of throwing up. One day at dismissal, this little boy runs up to me and tells me he's going to throw up. As a result, I quickly lined up the other kids, gave them the speech about behaving in the hall, and walked them part way to the pick-up area so that I could return to get the sick little guy taken care of. Needless to say, the students might have been listening to my words, but there wasn't much following of directions going on. They rounded the corner running FULL BLAST! Thank goodness for Phyllis Morriscal and Amy Loyd, two other kindergarten teachers, who heard the commotion and were able to rein them in and get them back under control. Lesson learned. When sent on their own, 6 year olds will run!

## A touching moment...

Several years later, while I was teaching kindergarten at Hoagland Elementary, I got engaged. The time approached for my wedding. I think the students, well maybe just the girl students, were just as excited about it as me. I didn't know it, but the students planned a surprise shower for me. I was overjoyed. We had punch and treats – the whole package. As a gift, this awesome mom volunteer had the children do hand prints on fabric. She used that fabric to create a pillow and throw for my house. How touching to see all those little colorful hands and to know how much time and love went into that creation.

## Mark Your Calendar...

- Jan. 20: Collaboration Day – dismiss @ 3:10
- Jan. 21: Real Men Read Round 3 for grades 2 & 3
- Jan. 22: 100<sup>th</sup> Day
- Jan. 25: American Red Cross Blood Drive in cafeteria 3:45-7:45
- Jan. 25: PTO sponsored "Dine & Donate" fundraiser scheduled at Applebee's near 37 & 469.
- Jan. 25: **Book Fair 9:00-6:30**
- Jan. 26: **Book Fair 9:00-6:30**
- Jan. 27: Fort Wayne Philharmonic Woodwind Quartet in cafeteria 9:15-9:50 and 10:00-10:35



- Jan. 27: Collaboration Day – dismiss @ 3:10
- Jan. 27: **Book Fair 9:00-3:30**
- Jan. 28: **Book Fair 9:00-3:30**
- Jan. 29: Popcorn/Pretzel Friday and Spirit Day
- Jan. 29: Stuffed Animal Day – raising money for a service dog. With a \$1 or more donation students may bring a stuffed animal for the day.
- Feb. 1: **BOX TOP\$ for Education** contest begins
- Feb. 1: Character Counts "Fairness for February"
- Feb. 3: Collaboration Day – dismiss @ 3:10
- Feb. 3: **Walk Through Wednesdays Tours from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Prospective parents wanting tours for school choice or tuition transfers will be "dropping in".**
- Feb. 5: **BOX TOP\$ for Education** collection day
- Feb. 9: **District-wide In-service Day @ NHHS– NO SCHOOL for students**
- Feb. 10: Midterms go home to those not receiving weekly progress reports via e-mail
- Feb. 10: **Walk Through Wednesdays Tours from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.**
- Feb. 10: Collaboration Day – dismiss @ 3:10
- Feb. 11: Real Men Read Round 4 for grades 2 & 3
- Feb. 11: **Hoopsters Basketball Game 7:00 p.m. @ LEHS (CEEL and LEEL staff vs. K105!!!) Doors open @ 6:15**
- Feb. 12: **BOX TOP\$ for Education** collection day
- Feb. 12: Labels for Education collection day
- Feb. 12: **Valentine's Day Parties**
- Feb. 15: PRESIDENTS DAY (WE WILL HAVE SCHOOL)
- Feb. 16: Grade 2 Dental Health programs in The Pit with Dr. Hoagburg's Dental Team
- Feb. 17: Collaboration Day – dismiss @ 3:10
- Feb. 17: **Walk Through Wednesdays Tours from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Prospective parents wanting tours for school choice or tuition transfers will be "dropping in".**
- Feb. 19: **BOX TOP\$ for Education** collection day



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