



CEDARVILLE CONNECTION

January 6, 2016

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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...

Spring 2015 ISTEP+ Scores are Finally Here...



We are very pleased to announce that 93% of Cedarville Elementary School third graders passed ISTEP+ in English/Language Arts, and that 88% passed Math. Furthermore, 85% passed both sections of ISTEP+! These results placed us 2nd best in all of

Allen County and 45th in the state. 41% of the students scored a PASS+ in E/LA and 43% scored a PASS+ in Math. 31% of students scored a PASS+ in both categories. **THE ARROW IN THE PICTURE SHOWS CEDARVILLE AS WE COMPARE TO ALL OTHER SCHOOLS IN THE STATE.**

Considering the difficulty of last spring's test and a raising by the IDOE of what a passing score needed to be, this is a tremendous accomplishment for our school, our staff, and most importantly, for our students

Lost and Found...



Please be sure to check the "Lost and Found" by the end of the day on January 29th for any items your child may have misplaced. We have some very nice coats, hats, and more that are going

unclaimed. *Lost and Found* can be found just to the right inside the cafeteria doors.

You Make Such an Impact in Our Community...



A great big THANK YOU goes out to all that were able to help this past holiday season by giving, and giving A LOT! Our school was able to help 5 area families with your donations of

wrapped necessity items, gift cards for groceries/gas as well as a few toys for the children in the families. We estimate that the total giving to families was around \$4,500. You read that right, \$4,500 and that's just our best guess. On top of that, you sent in approximately 800 items for the food bank. Your generosity is astounding and that's what makes our community stand out! THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!



Wellness Tips...

Vow that 2016 is YOUR year. Don't expect to be perfect (I'm not). There are always things we can work on to better our health. Maybe focus on making breakfast a priority and eating more fruits and veggies, or maybe focus on being intentional about hydration, switching up your workouts, starting a supplement regimen. Or maybe it's time to once and for all get more sleep at night, cut down on your sugar consumption, or schedule a wellness coaching session for accountability and inspiration. Whatever it may be, make a promise to yourself that you will make your health a priority, and nail down some accountability to make it stick!

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. Also try the WANE or WPTA websites and apps on school delays and closings.

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**

No breakfast is served if there is a 2-hour.

Stuffed Animal Day...

On Friday, January 29th, 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.



Report Cards Coming Home Soon...

Report cards for the second grading period will be sent home on Wednesday, January 13.

Cold and Flu Season is Here...

Welcome to cold and flu season!!!!

According to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases each year people in the United States will get 1 billion colds. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 22 million

school days will be lost each year due to colds.

Here are seven steps that might help you avoid a cold and flu all year long.

Avoid Sugar:

Sugars weaken the immune system and help bacteria to grow. Avoiding sugars is key to staying healthy, particularly when you're under stress or in the middle of cold and flu season. There are great, all natural sweeteners on the market so you don't have to go without. Try stevia or raw honey in moderation.

Eat Real Food:

Eating a variety of real foods provide your body with all the nutrients it needs to function and stay healthy. This should be your first food choice on a daily basis. Stay away from fake foods. Think Doritos, soda, fruit snacks, microwave meals, etc.

Exercise:

According to researcher Michael Flynn who studies the impact of exercise on the immune system at Purdue University, thirty minutes of exercise, three or four times a week, is the best way to boost your immune system.

Sleep:

According to the Harvard Women's Health Watch one adverse effect of not getting enough sleep is a compromised immune system (another is inability to lose weight).

Enjoy Life:

There is nothing like stress to bring on all sorts of physical ailments including colds and flu's. According to Laurel Mellin, associate professor at the University of California in San Francisco, 80% of health problems are stress induced.

Get Plenty of Vitamin D:

To beat a cold or flu make sure you get plenty of safe sun (best source of Vitamin D) exposure on a regular basis. However, sun is "seasonally" for us. It's a good idea to take a vitamin D supplement to ensure your levels are adequate. Have them tested by your DR. if you're not sure what you're levels are.

Whole Food Multivitamin:

Whole food multi-vitamins are as close to the real source of the vitamins and minerals that you can get. Your body will be better able to recognize it, digest it, and absorb the nutrients in it.



There is still time to order your child's art work. Art to Remember on-line orders are available through January 14, 2016. You can, by accessing Arttoremember.com, place an online order with your child's individual access code that

was located on the Art To Remember packet brochure. All online orders placed now through January 16th, will be shipped to Cedarville in early February.

☺ Thank you for helping the Cedarville Art program!

If you have any questions please contact:

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PTO Update...

Please note that the next meeting of the Cedarville/Leo PTO has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 12th, at 9:30 a.m., here at Cedarville.

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 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
- 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.

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...

Book Fair...

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



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

February 1st 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 26th!



Remember – only box tops submitted between February 1st and February 26th 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!

Miles Walked in P.E. Class...

The 3rd Graders are using pedometers in gym class and have walked: 955 miles or approximately 2,292,000 steps.



Here are some cities we have stopped to visit on our way:

Tekonsha, MI Clare, MI Wolverine, MI
Gulliver, MI Iron Mountain, MI Prentice, WI
North Branch, MN New London, MN

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.

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. All sponsors have a banner placed at their sponsored event and are included in carnival promotional materials.

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Memorable Moments In School... With Mrs. Berning

Having taught second grade for 15 years, it never fails when students ask me what "life" was like when I was their age. Much to their dismay, I did not have to walk five miles to school in the snow like many of our grandparents did. So upon my students' request, here is a flashback to the year 1975, when I was a second grader at Woodburn Elementary under the direction of Mr. John Emerick (Cedarville's former principal).

At that time, Woodburn Elementary was a (K-6) building. It was also an open concept school that didn't have brick and mortar walls to divide classrooms, but moveable partitions. This was probably not the most ideal classroom environment for students who struggled with attention issues or noise sensitivity. But as a student, it sure was fun and entertaining at times. Just by taking a glimpse over or under the partitions, one could easily get involved in other teachers' lessons and activities or even private conversations. It was definitely a unique setting to be a student as well as a teacher at Woodburn Elementary.

Funny Moment: The funniest thing that happened to me occurred during our school-wide Halloween parade. As the entire school marched throughout the building displaying their Halloween costumes, I accidentally placed my “witch’s” mask upside down on my face (it was actually a hard plastic mask that you strapped around your head with an elastic band and was very sweaty). My only view was through the very small mouth hole instead of the eye holes. As we marched throughout the building, EVERYBODY began laughing. As a seven year old, I didn’t know that I was the reason for everyone’s laughter!

Fun Facts of 1975 when Mrs. Berning was a second grader...

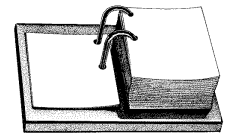
Keep in mind kids... families did not have computers, VCR players, DVDs, CDs, microwave ovens, cell phones, cordless phones, Cable TV (only 4 TV channels without a remote control), electronic toys/devices, etc. BUT...we survived! ☺

- Popular Games and Trends: Mood Rings, Rubik’s Cubes, Pet Rocks, Hip-huggers, bellbottoms, leisure suits, 8-Tracks, PEZ candy, and Magic 8-Balls
- Song of the Year: Captain and Tennille, “Love Will Keep Us Together”
- Movies: “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” and “Jaws”
- “Saturday Night Live” premieres on NBC; George Carlin hosts the first show.
- “All in the Family” is America’s top television show for the fifth straight year.
- President: Gerald R. Ford
- Population: 215,973,199 and Unemployment: 5.6%
- Cost of first-class stamp: \$.10
- Gallon of milk: \$1.77; loaf of bread: \$.33; price of gas: \$.57 a gallon
- Home videotape systems (VCRs) are developed in Japan by Sony (Betamax) and Matsushita (VHS).
- The Altair home computer kit allows consumers to build and program their own personal computers.

sixth grade, there is a site that offers a tremendous amount of resources for all subject areas. I found this site by “accident” while searching for ideas. I have used it countless times for myself, my family, and my students. <http://www.mrnussbaum.com/> is available on the computer and/or tablet.

Mr. Nussbaum, aka Greg Nussbaum, is a Virginia teacher who has taught second through 6th grade. He created the site as a resource for teachers, students, parents, and home schoolers. It offers games and support in all academic areas and at many grade levels. The best news... it is free. It does provide the opportunity to purchase some programs but with the variety available for free, there really is no need. Not only are games available but also video clips from viewing the Northern Lights to learning how to multiply 2 digit numbers, printables for just about any skills, and is interactive. The geography section is amazing and interactive whether you want to learn about the US or the world! It’s worth the

Mark Your Calendar...



- Jan. 11: Red Cross Pint-Size Heroes in the gym @ 1:45-2:00, 2:10-2:25, 2:35-2:50, 3:00-3:15
- Jan. 11: Francine’s Friends Mobile Mammography here 8:00-3:00 at the south end of the bus lot.
- Jan. 12: PTO meeting @ CEEL cafeteria 9:30
- Jan. 13: Collaboration Day – dismiss @ 3:10
- Jan. 13: Report Cards sent home
- Jan. 18: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance – **NO SCHOOL**
- Jan. 20: Collaboration Day – dismiss @ 3:10
- Jan. 21: Real Men Read Round 3 for grades 2 & 3
- Jan. 25: American Red Cross Blood Drive in cafeteria 3:45-7:45
- 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: **Book Fair 9:00-3:30**
- Jan. 28: *Pizza Pals for January in the Art Room 11:10-1:40*
- 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 26th.

Wonders of the Web

Suggested by Ms. Roberts, Second Grade...

If you have spent much time on the internet searching or researching

for something specific, you likely were “side tracked” before long. It is truly amazing what is literally seconds away, with the click of the keyboard and mouse.

If you have any children from preK beyond



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