



CEDARVILLE CONNECTION

December 29, 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...

I never cease to be amazed and humbled by the generosity, concern, and sense of community shared by parents and students here at Cedarville. These attributes were demonstrated once again as we collected food items for distribution to area families and adopted others in need. Just for fun I thought that I would reflect back to collections of non-perishables a few of the other years. Here is what I found...



- 2008 - 1250 items
- 2010 - 1085 items
- 2012 - 1425 items
- 2014 - 1162 items
- 2016 - 2038 items

Of course, none of this would ever be possible without the generosity and kind hearts of our families.

The Cedarville Staff thanks you!

Best wishes for a safe and prosperous new year!



Falling Temperatures...

Once again, a reminder that as you send your child to school each day, please make sure that he/she is dressed appropriately for outdoor play. One day last week we loaned out the only eight coats that we have in reserve and still were short. During cold weather your child will need a coat, hat, mittens/gloves. Please be



sure that buttons, zippers, snaps, or other closures are working. All children are expected to go outside for recess (20 minutes) unless they have a chronic health condition warranting staying indoors. (We do not go outdoors when it is raining or when the wind chill goes below 10°F.)



Adopting Families...

Cedarville Elementary again this year adopted families for the holidays to share the spirit of giving. To help organize the contributions, each classroom received ornaments outside their room labeled with a



specific gift. The gifts ranged from socks, pajamas, clothing, books, toys, boots, hats, gloves, etc. Gift cards to specific stores were also included on the ornaments. These will be used by families to purchase groceries and/or

gas. Classrooms were responsible for approximately 8 of these items, with any extra donations going toward gift cards or items not purchased.

As can only be imagined happening at Cedarville Elementary, there was an unbelievable



response from families to families. This is what was collected...

Gift card totals

Kroger \$445
Save a Lot \$360
Marathon \$406
Walmart \$315
Shell \$50
Panera \$25
Cash \$28

Total \$1629 in gift cards and \$28 cash.

As far as presents go???...a total of 192 gifts!!!!

**Thank you for your generosity!!
Cedarville Staff**



Food for Thought...

As you make your way into the New Year and create those resolutions that will have less than 100% follow through, I thought that I would add these **30 Ideas for the New Year** by Frank Sonnenberg as points of reflection.

1. It's better to bite your tongue than eat your words.
2. Some people grow old before they age.
3. Weighing yourself often doesn't make you lose weight.
4. A great reputation is earned every day.
5. When kids are ready to talk, be ready to listen.
6. For many people, tomorrow is the busiest day of the week.
7. Throw away the bad experience, but save the lesson.
8. Learn how to take a five-minute vacation.
9. A promise should be as binding as a contract.
10. You may not have the control to lengthen your life, but you can do much to deepen it.
11. It's better to wear out than rust out.
12. Instead of complaining there's no wind, get out your oars and row.
13. Don't expect people to look up to you if you look down on them.
14. The two greatest time savers are saying, "I don't know" and "I was wrong."
15. Shop for value not price.
16. The best way to know where your kids are is to invite their friends over.
17. One man's vacation spot is another man's home.
18. Never stop courting your spouse.
19. Closing your eyes to problems doesn't make them disappear.
20. Don't worry about things that you can't do anything about.
21. Poor planning on your part shouldn't constitute an emergency for others.
22. The race isn't over till everyone crosses the finish line.

23. If at first you don't succeed, you're running about average.
24. One win doesn't constitute a winning streak.
25. A gravesite is the last place you should tell someone how much you care.
26. When you compete with yourself, you both win.
27. Where you've come from is less important than where you're going.
28. Question the person who has answers for everything.
29. Behind every good kid are parents who understand the importance of raising him or her that way.
30. Life is filled with "up's and down's," so make the most of the "in between's."



Appreciating Our Bus Drivers...

Although the "official" start of winter is less than two weeks old, we already experienced the snow and cold that we normally associate with winter in Indiana. As we all know, the snow and ice can result in slippery road conditions, and the cold can cause even well-maintained vehicles to have mechanical problems. Fortunately, by allowing some extra travel time and exercising extra care on the road, we can improve our odds of arrive safely at our destinations. So it is with our school bus drivers. As temperatures fall, our drivers allow time for the bus engines to "warm up". As roads become (or remain) slippery or snow-covered, our bus drivers adjust their speeds accordingly.

Occasionally, weather conditions may extend the amount of time it takes to safely transport students from home to school, as well as from school to home. We appreciate your patience and understanding in the event that your child's bus is delayed, but we also understand the concern that you feel if your child's bus does not arrive at the expected time.



Bus drivers maintain contact with the EACS Transportation Department, so if a bus is experiencing a delay, the Transportation Department is the best source of information about such a delay. If your child's bus is running late in bringing your child home from school, please call the EACS Transportation Department at 260-446-0100, extension 2024, for the latest information.

Thanks to our Cedarville bus drivers for their daily efforts to keep our students safe!

A Very Big "Thank You" to Area Businesses...

Cedarville Elementary would like to say thank you to Doug at Nolt's Marketplace for donating some delicious treats for our fall semester prizes for our Golden Cubs. We love Nolt's being a part of our community and encourage you to stop by their store!



**CRAZY
PINZ**
ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

We would also like to say thank you to Crazy Pinz for donating some wonderful activity prizes to our winners in the Golden Cub drawings. We've appreciated their support and work with our school in recent years! If you're looking for a great place to have fun with your family, try Crazy Pinz!



Lowe's on Coliseum Blvd. also made some recent donations to our school. We can't say

thank you enough to Steve Sharp for putting us in contact with Gina Lesh who made the donations possible! We appreciate the generosity of our local businesses.



Family Fun Hoopsters Night...

K105FM
Fort Wayne's #1 Country Station

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

Come and join the fun as staff from Cedarville and Leo Elementary Schools face off against K105 FM Country Radio personalities in **THE basketball event of the season!**

WHEN: Wednesday, February 8, 2017
WHERE: Leo High School Gymnasium
TIME: Doors open at 6:15 p.m.; Game begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m.

TICKETS: Buy tickets **NOW!**
Pre-Sale ticket prices: \$4.00 for Adults & \$2.00 for children.

Tickets at the door: \$5.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for children. Please return the bottom of the form accompanying this newsletter with payment to your child's classroom teacher by **February 3rd** to receive the discounted price.



**The classroom with the most pre-sale orders will get to participate in the principal Pie in the Face Contest!

Don't forget to order your T-shirt or Sweatshirt!



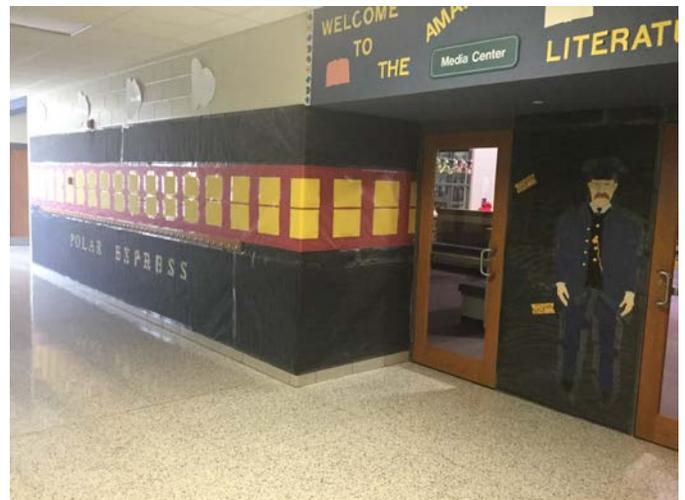
All proceeds going directly to the PTO for use in our schools. As we are closer to the event check out the K105 website at k105fm.com.



Polar Express Shoppe...



I don't know if it is possible to heap enough praise to show my gratitude toward and enjoyment of the PTO **Polar Express Shoppe** for our students. It was by far the event that put me in the Christmas spirit this year. The objective was to provide students with an easy and affordable opportunity



to shop for their family independently. I didn't notice, but there may have been, items over \$5. It was just crazy how the ladies running the event had to go out each night to replenish supplies. Their aim was to keep the majority of the costs under \$2 an item and nearly everything was sold at cost rounded to the nearest half-dollar or dollar. For a first time assembling inventory, without using an outside company, the week went very smoothly. Students seemed to take a great deal of joy out of the experience, and the responses I heard from parents were all very positive. (My father would always share that age old adage, "If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all." So, either others heard this from their parents or the Polar Express Shoppe really was well received.)

I am bound to omit all of the help that made this such a great event, but many thanks to Ann Tkacz, Seleena Brita, and Amy Jordan for their efforts and late nights. Also, a tremendous shout out to Heather Elliott. Along with working the event, she did the best ever facsimile of the Polar Express itself.



Schaper Strong...



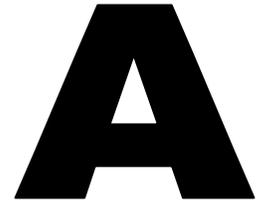
Schaper

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Mrs. Diane Schaper. Mrs. Schaper was Cedarville Elementary's PE teacher from the 2004/2005 school year through 2015/2016. She had been winning her battle with cancer for nearly three years, but on Wednesday, Dec. 21st, she passed away. Our staff will miss her in so many ways. Activities such as Jump Rope for Heart, Fun Day, and Sport Stacking were just a few of the reasons she was such a valuable member and cherished person with our staff.



Cedarville Elementary Awarded A Rating by IDOE...

In 1999, the General Assembly passed Public Law 221-1999, which created a performance-based accountability system. In response to this legislation, the State Board, Department and Education Roundtable collaborated over the next two years to establish the administrative rules outlining the accountability system. Schools were labeled as either "exemplary progress", "commendable progress", "academic progress", "academic watch", or "academic probation" under this accountability system. Schools were placed in one of these categories for the first time for the 2004/05 school year.



In 2010 the State Board adopted a rule to overhaul the accountability system and assign categories based on an A-F grading system based on student performance from the terms Exemplary, Commendable, Academic Progress, Academic Watch and Academic Probation to letter grades (A, B, C, D and F).

The following school year, 2011, the State Board of Education began the new methodology. This latest A-F model holds schools and corporations to higher standards and provides a more accurate picture of their performance by incorporating student academic growth and graduation rates (where applicable), as well as college and career readiness, as measures of success.



Rachel Von | The Journal Gazette

On December 13, 2016, the Indiana Department of Education released the most recent school ratings. Cedarville Elementary School once again earned an "A" rating from the State Board of Education, as it has each year since the A – F accountability initiative. If you look over the past eleven years, Cedarville Elementary has been either A rated or an Exemplary school each and every year.

Congratulations to our staff, parents, community members, and students whose combined efforts have made this outstanding achievement possible!

American Red Cross Blood Drive...



When: Monday, January 30, 2017
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: 30 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 tool that allows blood donors to help save lives in less time. The blood donors at our 1/30/2017 blood drive can take advantage of this 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 2017-18 school year, you may enroll your child here at the school any time between 8:15 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on **Thursday, March 9, 2017.**

Kindergarten Eligibility: A child may be enrolled if he/she is five years old on or before August 1, 2017

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 Week...

Be sure to have your child check out the **BOOK FAIR** in the Media Center from January 23rd through January 26th! The **BOOK FAIR** will be open during regular school hours each day, with special extended hours (until 6:30 p.m.) on January 23rd and 24th.



Mark Your Calendar...

Jan. 9: Report Cards sent home for the 2nd grading period



Jan. 10: Philharmonic String Quartet will be performing in the a.m.



Jan. 11: Salad Bar resumes
Jan. 11: **Every Wednesday in January 2017 - Walk Through Wednesday for community, potential families**

Jan. 11: Ronald McDonald "Everyday Leader Show" @ 2:00 in gym



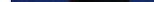
Jan. 11: Collaboration Day - school dismissal @ 3:10

Jan. 16: **Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance - NO SCHOOL**

Jan. 17: Pint-Size Heroes presentations in cafeteria

Jan. 18: **Walk Through Wednesday**

Jan. 18: Collaboration Day - school dismissal @ 3:10



Jan. 19: **100th Day**

Jan. 19: Real Men Read Round 3 for grades 2 & 3

Jan. 23: **BOOK FAIR 9:00-6:30**

Jan. 24: **BOOK FAIR 9:00-6:30**

Jan. 25: **BOOK FAIR 9:00-3:30**

Jan. 25: **Walk Through Wednesday**

Jan. 25: Collaboration Day - school dismissal @ 3:10

Jan. 26: **BOOK FAIR 9:00-3:30**