



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...



Nothing is quite like the first days of school! The halls and classrooms are practically illuminated by the glow of anticipation on faces (students' faces, too). You can sense the energy and enthusiasm from members of our staff, and throughout, we are extraordinarily fortunate to have the support and cooperation of our FANTASTIC Cedarville parents!



As we provide learning opportunities for your child, we invite you to actively participate in the educational process both at school and at home. To keep you informed, staff will electronically send home/post on

Canvas a weekly classroom newsletters, and other information or flyers, as needed. As you read the newsletter and visit our website, you set a great example for your child, and let him/her know that you believe school is important.

I hope that you extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Cari Kaylor (grade 3), Mrs. Jennie Klug (PE), and Mrs. Amy Swartz (students' special needs) as they join the Cedarville teaching staff! Also, it is great to have Mrs. Amber Firestine back in grade 3 after taking a year away to raise her handsome son, Joseph.

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or the school office if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions. Together, we will continue Cedarville's tradition of excellence! I'm looking forward to an AWESOME 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.

Collaboration Wednesdays...

Through May 17, 2017, 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.

Background Checks and Having Lunch with Your Child...

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.

Checking In at the Office and 90-Minute Stop Sign...

Please remember that every effort is in place to make Cedarville Elementary a safe and secure environment. Individuals visiting the building must ALWAYS STOP IN THE OFFICE, sign-in, and receive a visitor's sticker before proceeding in the building. There is not to be any exception to this policy while students are in the building. 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!

Cedarville Student-Parent Handbook...

Have You Read the Cedarville Student-Parent Handbook? If you have not, it is time to start cracking the books. Consider this homework for parents if you wish.

Handbooks were sent home the first day of school. Most questions that you may have can be answered within the pages.

Volunteers' Photo IDs...

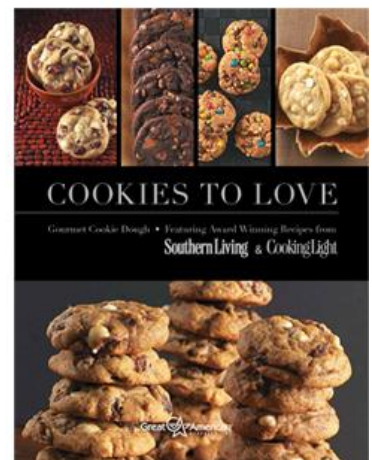
If you are a regular volunteer for Cedarville Elementary, please stop in the office between now and the end of September to have your picture taken for a photo ID badge. Badges may be hung in the office when you are not in the building. This procedure will make it easier for our staff members and students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



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

Just Look at All of the Choices...

Plenty has been sent home in the past week about our annual magazine fundraiser. During my decade 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 the Cedarville Elementary fundraiser offers so much more.



Pick a Magazine...Any Magazine

The offerings of magazines the Cedarville Fundraiser offers is nearly insane. There are over 200 choices of magazine favorites (I tried counting just exactly how

many but kept losing count. That just shows how much great reading from which there is to choose.) There are an additional 200 or so (I just can't count that high) magazines available on line at www.gaschoolstore.com.

Cookies to Love offers 15 varieties of cookie dough (because eating is everybody's thing...and eating yummy cookies is most everybody's).

Flavors:

- White Chunky Macadamia
- Cranberry Oatmeal
- Chocolate Sea Salt Caramel
- Pumpkin Spice
- Garfield Monster Cookies
- Perfect Peanut Butter
- Ultimate Chocolate Chip
- Cranberry White Chunky
- Deluxe Triple Chip
- Peanut Butter Chocolate Delight
- Honey Oatmeal Raisin
- Chocolate Pecan Treasures
- Classic Snickerdoodle
- Traditional Sugar Cookies
- Gluten Free Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip

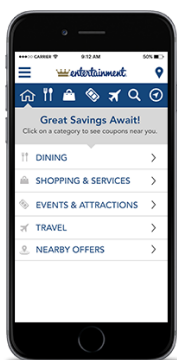
I Don't Really Like To Read or Eat Cookies

Well, I like to do both...at the same time. I tell my wife that I am multitasking. But, okay, let's just say that the first two options are not appealing. Don't forget about others that may like cookies and magazines. You can purchase as a gift if you can't think of any good reason to purchase for yourself. You can even come up with a great holiday as an excuse; such as "MY SLIGHTLY AWKWARD BFF DAY". They aren't that good of friends? That's fine. Just talk them into purchasing for themselves and save you \$.



Don't forget the other offerings within our fundraiser. We provide OOEY

GOOEY Cinnabon Cinnabites, unique and elegant jewelry products guaranteed for the life of the product, and Digital Entertainment Booklets (Yes, they are still around, but are no longer the bulky booklets. Instead, save **on Dining, Automotive, Shopping, Movies and More!** with an app on your phone.)



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 using **Cedarville's school # 2669687**.

If magazines, cookie dough, an

Entertainment Book App, jewelry, Cinnabon, 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.**



I made this same mistake last year when sending out information. 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 the 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 25 items: Pizza Hut + Limo Ride!**

There are two collection days remaining; Wednesday, August 31 and September 7. 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 to learn how selling \$100 can earn \$1000 in college tuition credit.

End of year accounts...



If there was money in your child's lunch account from the end of the school year, that amount rolled over for this school year at

Cedarville Elementary, or 4th grade at Leo Elementary School. Our cafeteria staff looks forward to serving your children nutritious meals they enjoy. As school resumes, please include your child's name and POS number on the deposit envelope and don't forget that payments may be placed on-line.

Look Who Stopped By...

Our superintendent has the most energy I have ever seen from a person his age. Did you know that he makes every effort to visit each of the EACS buildings at least once a week? I feel that I need a clone just to move around Cedarville Elementary. Within the first few days of school Dr. Folks not only stopped by to visit with students and staff, he made time to read to Mrs. Kiningham's class.



Weekly Wellness Tips: Mindful Eating...

On a typical busy day you might find yourself eating while working, watching TV, checking emails, texting or driving. Or perhaps you find yourself powering through an entire bag of chips because, it's there.

"Mindful Eating". It may sound a little out-there, but it boils down to paying attention. In one study, two groups of overweight people followed identical diet and exercise

regimens, but one group also practiced mindfulness medication, learning to develop awareness of their sensations, thoughts, and emotions.

The mindful group saw improvements in their weight and also in their blood sugar and cholesterol levels. Not so much for the other group.

During the day, and especially while you're eating, take a minute, slow down, and tune into your body and mind. Ask yourself, "Am I hungry?" During a meal or snack, ask yourself, "Have I had enough?" Asking yourself simple questions like these, and responding accordingly, can help to undo unhelpful patterns and build better ones.

Mark Your Calendar...



- Aug. 29: Grades K-2 DIBELS and TRC BOY testing window opens and runs through September 16th.
- Aug. 29: THE **NED SHOW**@ assembly in gym 2:00-2:45 p.m. PBIS Kick-off (ROAR) Assembly in the gym follows.
- Aug. 31: 2nd Fundraiser Collection Day
- Aug. 31: Collaboration Day – 3:10 dismissal
- Sept. 1: Character Counts September is "Responsibility Month"
- Sept. 1: United Way Day of Caring
- Sept. 5: **LABOR DAY – NO SCHOOL**
- Sept. 7: Salad Bar begins for staff and grade 3
- Sept. 7: Third and final Fundraiser Collection Day
- Sept. 7: Collaboration Day – 3:10 dismissal
- Sept. 10: **Grabill Country Fair Parade @ 10:00**
- Sept. 12: Weekly Progress Reports will be sent home every Tuesday morning automatically beginning on this date to families that have given the school their email addresses.
- Sept. 13: **System Wide Inservice - No School for Students**
- Sept. 14: Collaboration Day – 3:10 dismissal
- Sept. 15: CEEL Four Star School Celebration for (2014-2015) in gym 9:15-10:00
- Sept. 15: Picture Make-up Day...will start around 10:00
- Sept. 15: Midterms go home to those not receiving electronically
- Sept. 16: Grades K-2 DIBELS and TRC testing window closes.
- Sept. 21: Collaboration Day – 3:10 dismissal
- Sept. 28: Collaboration Day – 3:10 dismissal



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