



# 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...

The Fort Wayne Mad Ants basketball team is challenging elementary school students to be more active through its "Mad Ants Get Fit Challenge".



On October 1<sup>st</sup>, members of the Mad Ants visited Cedarville Elementary to kick off the challenge. "We are challenging elementary schools kids to be active for 30 minutes a day for 30 days outside of school, and if they complete the program we reward them with a Mad Ants ticket," according to the Fort Wayne Mad Ants' representative.

As an added bonus, **the school that has the most students participating in this event will get \$1000 for their school's P.E. program.** What a great way to get fit AND support our school!



## Gem and Mineral Show...

Families are invited to take advantage of a wonderful opportunity to learn more about geology, rocks, minerals, fossils, and Indian artifacts at the Gem and Mineral Show on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Allen County Fairgrounds, 2726 Carroll Road. Admission is \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for senior citizens, \$1.00 for high school students, and free for children 12 and under when accompanied by an adult.

In addition to vendors selling rocks, fossils, and gems, there will be hands-on exhibits, working displays, and a fluorescent mineral room. Door prizes will be awarded hourly after 4 p.m. on Friday. You and your child will want to see the special MOON ROCK DISPLAY on loan from NASA, which fits the theme of **ROCKS FROM SPACE**. This can be a great "family" field trip!



Your child (when accompanied by a parent) will receive a free rock from the "Dino Wheel" area at the show if he/she presents the coupon below any time AFTER 4 p.m. on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>:

**THREE RIVERS GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY**  
presents its 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Show at the  
**ALLEN COUNTY Fairgrounds (2726 Carroll Rd)**  
[4-H & Home Loan Bldgs]

### ROCKS FROM SPACE

Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am – 7:00 pm  
Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am – 7:00 pm  
Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> – 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Adults \$3 / Seniors \$2 / High School Students \$1  
When accompanied by an adult, children under 12 free

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This coupon is good for one free rock (kids only) from the Dino Wheel starting AFTER 4 p.m. Friday until Sunday 5 p.m.

# Teacher Feature

Spotlighting  
Mr. Oliver,  
Third Grade Teacher...

## Before the "Now"

If there's a linear path to becoming an educator, no one ever showed it to me. In fact, becoming a teacher was probably the furthest thing from my mind growing up. I think this concept would have seemed just as foreign to any of my many teachers at Leo back in the mid-1980s. I don't have any regrets about that though because the road I traveled prior to deciding to teach gave me the experience I needed to inspire the students I have today.

## Paths Unknown

After plodding through college for what seemed like an eternity to my parents, I ended up with a large number of credits, a bunch of student loans, and no degree. Upon the advice of my mother, whose suggestions usually fell on deaf ears, I decided to find ways to work with children. I guess she noticed, more than myself, that I thoroughly enjoyed working with children and often found ways to involve myself with them. I also seemed to have additional patience in this area in spite of the lack of it in other areas of my life. To make a long story short, I quickly finished up a degree in Elementary Education at IPFW. I was obviously thrilled to finally finish a degree program, so thrilled in fact that I decided to add a Master's Degree in Educational Computing and Instructional Design from Purdue in the following school year. It was a great compliment to another hobby and passion of mine, computers and education. Upon returning home from Purdue, I immediately found a position teaching third grade in FWCS in 1996. I'd found my passion!

## Past Meets Future

From that point forward, my life has had direction and meaning. I've now been teaching for 15 years in various grades and schools...mostly in EACS. Eventually, I was able to land a wife, start a family, and transfer from Woodburn Elementary to Cedarville in 2010. Lyla, now 21 months old, is our only child, with another daughter due in mid-October. My wife is a former school counselor and now owns her own private practice in family counseling. We moved to Leo a couple of years ago where I introduced my wife to my old stomping grounds here in the area. Leo has changed in many ways since my childhood here, but the small, rural town feel and giving community are still what I remember them to be. I'm proud to serve in a community that inspired me to become what I am today.



## Leo "Roar of the Lions" Band...

The Leo High School Band is selling Krispy Kreme Donuts! The \$7/dozen *fresh* (made that morning in Mishawaka) original glazed donuts will be available on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, from 3:10 – 6:00 p.m., at Leo High School. Please consider treating your family and friends! Thanks for your support of the Leo Band!

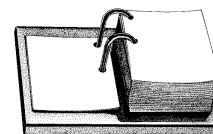
## 2012 Groundbreaking Ceremony...



**Heritage Project**  
Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>  
at 10:00 a.m.

## Please Join Us!

## Mark Your Calendar...



- Oct. 10: PTO Meeting @ CEEL @ 9:30 a.m.;
- Oct. 10: Collaboration Day-Dismiss @ 3:10
- Oct. 10: After School Dance Program Begins for grades K-3 with Lindsey Tague 3:10-4:00
- Oct. 11: Rooms 125 and 126 to Art Museum 9:15-11:30
- Oct. 12: Rooms 112 and 114 to Art Museum 9:15-11:30
- Oct. 15: Rooms 103 and 106 to Kurtz Pumpkin Patch 10:30-12:30
- Oct. 15: Rooms 104 and 107 to Kurtz Pumpkin Patch 12:00-2:00
- Oct. 16: Rooms 101 and 105 to Kurtz Pumpkin Patch 10:30-12:30
- Oct. 17: Collaboration Day-Dismiss @ 3:10
- Oct. 18: Grade 2 to FFA Fall Wabash-Erie Day @ Woodlan High.
- Oct. 19: Rooms 118, 120, 124, 129A to Allen County Fair Grounds to study rocks and minerals 9:15-12:00
- Oct. 19: Rooms 117, 123, 129B to Allen County Fair Grounds to study rocks and minerals 10:00-12:45
- Oct. 19: Rooms 102 to Kurtz Pumpkin Patch 10:30-12:30
- Oct. 22: **Character Counts and Red Ribbon Week**
- Oct. 24: Collaboration Day-Dismiss @ 3:10
- Oct. 25: Parent-Teacher Conference Day 4:00-7:45
- Oct. 26: Box Tops Competition ends
- Oct. 26: **Popcorn/Pretzel Friday and SPIRIT DAY - wear purple and/or white**
- Oct. 26: Fall Parties
- Oct. 30: Parent-Teacher Conference Day 4:00-7:45
- Oct. 31: Collaboration Day-Dismiss @ 3:10
- Nov. 5: Mad Ants "Get Fit" forms due no later than this date
- Nov. 7: Collaboration Day-Dismiss @ 3:10