



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...

Thanks to each of you who took time from your busy schedule to talk with your child's teacher during Parent – Teacher Conferences! As we move ahead, our staff will continue to make every effort to make sure that every child benefits from the interactions between parents and teachers.

It can be very helpful, too, for parents to talk about conferences (and other topics) with their children. It is most effective if we, as parents, approach these topics in as positive a manner as possible. Although you may already be familiar with them, it never hurts to review these tips for communicating with your child:

- **Listen to what you are saying.** Listen to your words, the tone of your voice, and think about the look on your face.
- **When possible, explain why certain behavior or action is desired.** This not only provides your child with a guideline for the moment, but also gives him/her the tools to evaluate situations for future behavior.
- **Do not use terms that belittle, humiliate, or embarrass your child.** Negative words have a negative impact. A child may, after being told enough times, begin to *believe* he/she is a “dummy” or “stupid”.
- **Get to the point.** Long lectures can confuse your child and cover far more issues than the one at hand.
- **Be perfectly clear.** Use words that your child understands, and make sure your child knows what behavior was desirable or undesirable.
- **Don't compare.** Make allowances for differences in talents, capabilities, and personalities.
- **Set an example.**
- **Be honest with your child.** Share your feelings. A child can understand worry, fear, and concern.
- **Admit your own mistakes.** Your child will appreciate knowing you're not perfect.
- **Make sure rules and expectations are understood.** Sometimes criticism comes from misunderstanding of rules, expected behaviors, and the consequences of misconduct.

- **Let your child have a part in making decisions about things affecting him/her.** By helping decide rules and consequences, children better understand the things that affect them.
- **Be a good listener.** Let you child know you care about his/her feelings and are willing to work problems out together.
- **MOST IMPORTANTLY:** Try to put everything in a positive perspective so that criticism is CONSTRUCTIVE and not destructive.

Please feel free to contact with your child's teacher whenever you have questions or concerns. As we all continue to work together, we build the best possible learning environment for our students.

Allen County Public Library

AUTHOR FAIR

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 3, 2012
12:00 NOON-4:00 PM
MAIN LIBRARY
900 LIBRARY PLAZA
FORT WAYNE, IN 46802



- MEET MORE THAN 40 AUTHORS.
- PANEL DISCUSSIONS ON CHILDREN'S BOOKS, WRITING FOR TEENS, WRITING AND PUBLISHING TIPS, AND THE E-BOOK PHENOMENON.
- FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CAROL NAHRWOLD OR BESSIE MAKRIS IN THE READERS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT (260) 421-1235.

Teacher Feature

Spotlighting Mrs. Hively, Second Grade Teacher...

This is my 20th year with EACS as a full time educator! I actually began my EACS journey a few years earlier when IPFW paired me with Mr. Dan Sell at New Haven

Elementary in the third grade. My passion for teaching, work ethic, and love of children had taken root long before, but Mr. Sell absolutely raised the bar for me on academic excellence. To this day, I am able to take what he taught and modeled before me into my classroom. I completed my student teaching in EACS at Meadowbrook Elementary and landed my first job there as well with 18 delightful first graders. Now that was a honeymoon!



I have also taught children in 3rd and 5th grades. For 8 years, I taught Reading Recovery, both at Southwick Elementary and Cedarville. There is no greater delight than to watch a child light up when he or she has learned to read. The saying that a book is a good friend is so very true in the life of a young child.

Prior to becoming an educator, I worked in advertising and marketing and later was a stay-at-home mom where I honed many teaching skills. I miss the days of taking a carload of my daughter's friends to the zoo, lake, pool, or Fox Island, and spending the day exploring in a care-free manner. Children could be buckled-up in the front or back seat as car seats were only for infants and toddlers. Gasoline was less than \$1.00 a gallon.

Long walks with my husband, hiking in state parks, reading, and cooking up a storm with my daughter are what I enjoy most away from school.

Becoming better acquainted with my I-PAD is a professional goal of mine this year. Technology will never replace passion-driven teaching or building a trusted relationship; however, it is one tool to enhance learning and create a measure of independence for a child. At this time, my favorite app is Science 360. I believe it may inspire a love of learning in science for many children.

Sub RNs Needed...

If you are a Registered Nurse or know a Registered Nurse that would like to be a Sub RN for EACS, please call Wendy Walker at 446-0100, extension 3321 for more information.



Fire Safety Day...

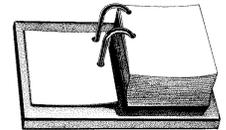
On October 25th, representatives from the Northeast Fire Department and EMS visited Cedarville Elementary School to share with students information about fire safety. During their presentation, they addressed topics such as:

- What to do if your clothes catch on fire;
- Don't play with matches or lighters;
- Check smoke detectors;
- Plan home fire escape drills;
- Don't play with firearms.

They also provided take-home materials for each student.



Mark Your Calendar...



- Nov. 5: Mad Ants "Get Fit" forms due no later than this date
- Nov. 6: **ELECTION DAY**
- Nov. 7: Collaboration Day
- Nov. 12: National Bullying Awareness Week
- Nov. 13: PTO Meeting @ LEEL 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 14: Collaboration Day
- Nov. 15: Ronald McDonald "Friendship Adventure Show" Assembly in gym @ 9:30
- Nov. 21: Collaboration Day
- Nov. 22 – 23: Thanksgiving Break – **NO SCHOOL**
- Nov. 28: Collaboration Day
- Nov. 30: Popcorn/Pretzel Friday and **SPIRIT DAY**
- Dec. 5: Collaboration day
- Dec. 6: Grade 1 to Nutcracker Performance 11:30-2:15
- Dec. 12: Collaboration Day

