



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...

As you may know, throughout the year, our staff works diligently to refine and implement our School Improvement Plan. The plan (based on the results of past surveys, student achievement data, and other information) helps us stay focused in our efforts to make Cedarville Elementary School the best it can be!

As part of our School Improvement Plan, our staff members have worked diligently to develop over-arching statements for our school that reflect our vision, establish our mission, and identify the beliefs about our school that we hold in common.

Our Vision:

Cedarville Elementary shall be a place of excellence where children can achieve their full potential in their academic, creative, personal, physical, and character development. We are a school that allows students, faculty, parents, and school communities to work together toward a common goal.

Visualize the child as a future adult

Imagine a school that treats all students as accelerated, and builds upon their strengths

Strong academics intertwined with fundamental skills

Increase student opportunities to excel

Ongoing love of learning

Nourish students to a lifetime of success

At Cedarville Elementary School, we believe that:

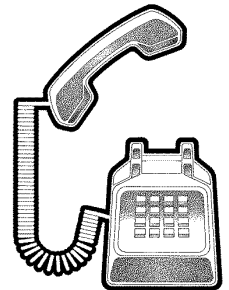
- all students are challenged to achieve the highest possible levels of knowledge and problem solving skills
- all students demonstrate compassion, respect, and cooperation
- all students feel successful, secure and happy
- all students, families, educators, and the community accept responsibilities in the learning process

Kindergarten Registration...

If you have a child entering kindergarten at Cedarville during the 2013-14 school year, you may register your child here at the school any time between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on **Thursday, March 14, 2013.**

Help Us Help You...

Occasionally, parents may find that there needs to be a change in transportation at the end of the day; for example, a child may need to be picked up who normally rides the bus, or a child who normally is a car rider with a parent may need to be picked up by someone else.



Should you find yourself in this or a similar situation, please send a written note with your child at the beginning of the school day or call the school until you reach a real person who can pass your message on to your child's teacher.

Please do not leave this information as a message on voice mail or as an email, especially if you call (or email) later in the day.

Thank you for your cooperation! The extra moments you may need to spend in contacting a real person may save a lot of time and avoid confusion or frustration.

School Choice Forms Available...

School Choice Transfer Forms for the 2013-14 school year are available upon request in the school office, as well as on the EACS website, from February 1 - March 15, 2012. Students must already be attending an EACS school, *and must have the form completed and turned in by the March 15th deadline.* All applications will be reviewed by the district office and a decision will be determined. Parents will be notified via US Postal Mail of the decision.

Leo-Cedarville Carnival 2013

A High Seas Adventure

The carnival is quickly approaching! On March 2nd, from 4 – 8 P.M., we will be setting sail for "A High Seas Adventure"!

Watch for more information to come your way about this exciting event.

Teacher Feature

**Spotlighting
Ms. Daniels,
Kindergarten Teacher...**

On my first day of kindergarten, my wonderful teacher (whose name just happened to be Mrs. Headley) said, "Kindergarten is the best place on earth!"...and she was right! I knew from that moment on that I wanted to be a teacher. Throughout high school I interned and tutored students to reassure myself that I wanted to teach. College only helped further develop my skills and desire to be an educator!

In December of 2010, I graduated from Indiana University (Fort Wayne) with a Bachelor's of Science in Educational Studies. I student taught at Blackhawk Christian in second grade and loved it! Upon completion of my degree program in December of 2010, I was immediately hired as the new "face" of technology, biblical study, and math curriculum for Blackhawk Christian Schools for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year. While I loved middle school and my students, I seemed to always be searching for something more; elementary!

I recently married my high school sweetheart, Nathan, on December 22, 2012. Together, we like to run and race each other, read and research the Bible, travel, and spend time with our families! We also love to root for the Chicago Cubs and Indiana Hoosiers!

This is my first year teaching here at Cedarville, and there are so many things I love about it (besides my 27 amazing students)! I love the amazing support system that is constantly surrounding me whether it is administration, fellow teachers, and/or parents! I love our technology and how excited my class gets to be able to use it. I also love how every student, teacher, and parent always seems to give 110% to a day's work!

Volunteers needed...

Art to Remember has started and students are working on that in classes now. The artwork will not be finished until the end of February and mailed on or around the 18th of March.



Ms. Maroney is in need of parent helpers to assist with stuffing folders for the **ATR** project. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact Ms. Maroney at jmaroney@eacs.k12.in.us.

EACS School Choice Fair...

WHEN: Sunday, Feb. 10th, 1 – 4 P.M.
WHERE: New Haven High School



Tip of the Week:

There is an important holiday that is celebrated every year in my husband's family that many of our neighbors may not even think about. In America, we have just come off the holiday season rush and are not really thinking about celebrating now. I am talking about the Chinese New Year. It's coming up this weekend and will be observed from February 9 (New Year's Eve) to February 24, 2013.

I told my husband that I often associate Chinese New Year with lanterns, dragons in parades and good homemade food. He agreed that all those things are a part of the celebration but there are three traditions that he grew up with in his family that are most important. Spending time with family, the giving of gifts, and a food fest.

So on February 9, we will be heading over to his parent's house to celebrate those three many things that are the essence of Chinese New Year.



The giving of gifts is traditionally between an elder/parent that is given to the child. It is a gift of money given in a red envelope, called the Hong Bao. He has fond memories of the red envelopes and we still have several around our home.

It is a custom to eat the Jiao Zi, or Chinese dumpling. This is his favorite Chinese food and his favorite food that his mother cooks. His family prefers the steamed, not fried, variety which makes them a much healthier choice. From our house to yours, Happy New Year!

For more information on Family Meals, visit www.FamilyTableOnline.org

Mark Your Calendar...

- Feb. 10: SCHOOL CHOICE FAIR 1:00 - 4:00 P.M. @ NEW HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL
- Feb. 11-15: Jump Rope for Heart
- Feb. 13: PTO Meeting @ LEEL 9:30 in cafeteria
- Feb. 13: Collaboration day
- Feb. 14: **Valentine's Day Parties**
- Feb. 15: Carnival Pre-Sale Raffle Sales Day
- Feb. 15: Carnival pre-sale Game Tickets go on sale and will run through Feb. 28.
- Feb. 18: Presidents Day (NO SCHOOL) – will be used as a make-up day if there are any school cancellations prior to this date
- Feb. 20: Collaboration day
- Feb. 22: BOX TOP\$ for Education contest ends; Popcorn/Pretzel Friday and SPIRIT DAY
- Feb. 22: Carnival Pre-Sale Raffle Sales Day
- Feb. 25: Rooms 109 and 113 to DeBrand's
- Feb. 27: Rooms 108 and 110 to DeBrand's
- Feb. 27: Collaboration day
- Feb. 28: Rooms 111 and 115 to DeBrand's
- Mar. 2: **Carnival @ LEHS**
- Mar. 6: Collaboration day
- Mar. 14: Kindergarten Registration Day

