



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...

Have you ever wondered about EACS School Board meetings, but didn't have the time in your schedule to attend? Now there's a way to gain this valuable insight. Simply visit the EACS web site at www.eacs.k12.in.us, click on School Board, Meeting Recordings, Meeting Recordings 2012 – 13. From there, you can choose a recording for any School Board meeting for the current school year.

For the most up-to-dated proceedings, be sure to check out the latest (and most recent meeting) on April 23.

Become better informed as a parent and patron of our district by listening to these important meetings at your convenience.



First in Math...

Top Teams of the Week 4-29-13: Kdg – Ms. Blosser, Gr 1 – Mr. R., Gr 2 – Mrs. Hively, Gr 3 – Mrs. Firestine

As a school, we remain #2 in the state for the year.

Grade K-1 continued to rank 2nd in the state by grade level. Grades K-1 ranked 50th in the nation by grade level, up from 51st, and up from 61st just a few short weeks ago!

Grade 2 is ranked 3rd in the state by grade level. Grade 2 ranked 25th in the nation by grade level, up from 33rd just a few weeks ago!

Grade 3 is ranked 1st in the state by grade level. Grade 3 ranked 39th in the nation by grade level

Grade 1 (for the year, in state):

- Ms. Loyd's class is in 1st place
- Mrs. Zech's class is in 2nd place
- Mr. R's class is in 3rd place
- Mrs. Marino's class is in 7th place
- Mrs. Paschka's class is in 15th place
- Mrs. Kinsey's class is in 24th place
- Mrs. Delagrangé's class is in 26th place

- Mrs. Rowan's class is in 28th place

Grade 2 (for the year, in state):

- Mrs. Hively's class remains in 1st place
- Mrs. Fipp's class remains in 2nd place
- Mrs. Walker's class is in 8th place
- Mrs. Berning's class is in 9th place
- Mrs. Jenkin's class is in 10th place
- Mrs. Roberts' class is in 11th place
- Mrs. Buroff's class is in 14th place
- Mrs. Rodenbeck's class is in 15th place

Grade 3 (for the year, in state):

- Mr. Linson's class remains in 1st place. Mr. Linson's class is #1 in the state for ALL GRADE LEVELS.
- Mrs. Firestine's class remains in 2nd place
- Mr. Kaylor's class remains in 3rd place
- Mrs. Kiningham's class is in 5th place, up from 6th
- Mr. Oliver's class is in 9th place
- Mrs. Christopher's class is in 11th place
- Ms. Augustine's class is in 13th place

Grade 1 (for the year, **nationally**):

- Ms. Loyd's class is in 40th place
- Mrs. Zech's class is in 43rd place
- Mr. R's class is in 79th place

Grade 2 (for the year, **nationally**):

- Mrs. Hively's class is in 31st place
- Mrs. Fipp's class is in 37th place

Grade 3 (for the year, **nationally**):

- Mr. Linson's class is in 19th place.

Congratulations!



Eating Healthy on a Budget...

Eating healthy doesn't have to cost more. Use these tips to help you make choices that are not only healthy but also economical:

- Try the 3 P's (plan, purchase and prepare)
- Try a 7 day menu
- Try preparing enough in meal one so that some can be used on meal two to help eliminate prep time.

Teacher Feature

Spotlighting Mrs. Smith, Special Education Teacher...

Unlike most my colleagues, I had a different take on "school" when I was young. I HATED it! Yes, I know, you don't hear that often coming from a teacher. However, that is the truth: School and I were not friends. I'm sure I'm not the only teacher to have felt this way when he or she was young. The reason school and I did not get along is because I really struggled with reading. I never went out of my way to read anything. I went out of my way to get *out* of reading *everything*. Reading was very hard for me. However, as I got old and found genres of books I enjoyed, I became a better reader. There was no miracle cure that helped me – trust me – my parents tried. I finally found books I wanted to read. The first couple of books were excruciating for me to get through, but I did it! Now I really enjoy reading. It's one of my favorite past times. I remember when I was little my Mom telling me that someday I would make a great teacher. My sisters, brother, and I would play "school" and I always wanted to be the teacher. As I grew older, I knew that teaching was the path I was meant to take. This job was meant for me, I love it!

I graduated from the University of Saint Francis in December of 2001. I started my teaching career at Columbia City High School teaching special education. I was hired at the end of January 2002. I then spent 5 years teaching at New Haven Middle School. Finally, I made the move here to Cedarville. This is my sixth year at this wonderful school.

My husband, Lucas, and I have been happily married for 10 years. He is my best friend. He is a teacher, and he also coaches high school football. My kids and I spend many Friday nights in the fall going to football games. I am a proud mom of 3 wonderful children. My oldest child, Isabella, is 9 years old and in third grade. My second little one is Josie. She is 6 years old and in Kindergarten. My third little one, Zane, is 2 years old. All three of them keep my husband and me busy. Between soccer, softball, dance, gymnastics, and swim lessons, our evenings are full. We also have a dog named Lilly, and a horse named Annie.



I grew-up loving sports. I love to watch football, especially to root on Notre Dame! Go IRISH! My real passion though has always been soccer. I love to play it! I love to coach it! I have been playing soccer since I was 5. I had the privilege of playing on travel teams

from age 9 until I graduated high school. I went to Bishop Dwenger where I was able to play at the varsity level all 4 years. I was fortunate enough to get a scholarship to play in college, and I still play today on an "old ladies league". I also love to read, but I can't seem to find much time for that except for over the summer.

I have loved working here at Cedarville. The parents, staff, and community are just great to work with. I especially love working with all the children. They are the reason I LOVE my job.



Relay for Life...

I don't want to HOUND you, but we'd like you to support the Relay for Life movement and donate to our fund raising goal.



Your donation helps the American Cancer Society LICK cancer and creates a world with more birthdays.

On Friday, May 17th, for a \$1 donation, students can wear a hat to school all day. Students can donate more than \$1 if they would like. The two classrooms with the most collections at the end of the day will get an ice cream party the next week.



Mark Your Calendar...

- May 3: Kindergarten to Hadley Farm 9:15-12:15
- May 6: Grade 2 to FW Children's Zoo 9:10-2:30
- May 8: PTO meeting @ CEEL 9:30 a.m.; Collaboration day
- May 10: Rooms 110 and 111 to Safety Village 9:20-12:30, Rooms 108 and 113 to Safety Village 11:20-2:30
- May 10: FUN DAY: 2nd and 3rd 9:30-11:45, K and 1st 12:45-3:00
- May 13: Rooms 109 and 115 to Safety Village 11:20-2:30
- May 15: Rooms 118, 120, and 129B to Metea 9:15-11:50; Collaboration day
- May 16: Rooms 117, 123, 124, and 129A to Metea 9:15-11:50
- May 17: Relay for Life HAT DAY
- May 22: Last Collaboration day of the school year
- May 22: Talent Show Try-outs after school
- May 23: Kindergarten to FW Children's Zoo 9:05-2:30
- May 23: Grade 3 to Crazy Pinz 9:05-12:30
- May 24: Popcorn/Pretzel Friday and SPIRIT DAY
- May 27: **MEMORIAL DAY – NO SCHOOL**
- May 31: **Last day of school for students and staff**

