

Cedar Island Elementary

Newsletter

April 2019

Cedar Island Elementary
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Dear Cedar Island Families:

Spring is just around the corner. We are always working hard this time of year to finish one school year but also preparing for a new year (2019-20).

I thank all of the parents who supported their children during the Pennies for Patients campaign. This service project is conducted by our 5th grade "Bobcat Council" each year. Our hope is always that children give of their own money or parents allow them to do some chores to earn money for donations so that children have some investment in the campaign. This upcoming Thursday, March 21, we will be again making "tie blankets" for "Second Hand Hounds" and "The Animal Humane Society". We were able to get the materials for this project through a 279 Foundation grant. This is part of an overall focus on service at Cedar Island the last couple of years. Other service projects we've completed this year include making "grab bags" for cancer patients at Hope House in St. Paul and we collected books for Hospitality House in Minneapolis.

Every year our staff nominates a student and an adult to receive recognition from the 279 Foundation for their "Educational Shareholder Award". This year Sariyah Johnson, a 4th grader, received the award for her hard work and dedication to her studies. Police Officer Adam Marinello, our DARE officer, received the award for the passion and commitment he shows to our students every day he is here. His caring attitude and respect for children is infectious!



The Wednesday folder on April 3 will contain a "Parent Placement Input Form". This is an optional tool for you to give some input as to your child's placement. We do not allow parents to "hand pick" their child's teacher but we do allow parents to provide some input. Examples of reasons that parents may want to provide input include letting us know if a child should be separated from another child or if he/she has special needs that should be considered. We also ask you to inform us if your child doesn't plan to return to Cedar Island this upcoming school year.

We begin important standardized testing during the months of March thru May. Our 3rd-5th graders will take the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) beginning on March 20. Our 2nd-5th grade students will take the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) beginning on April 24th. Parents can support our young test takers by making sure they get plenty of sleep the night before and have a healthy and high protein breakfast during testing days. The testing calendar can be found on the Cedar Island website.

Friday, May 17 is our Vocabulary Parade.

This is one of the highlights of the school year for many children, parents, and staff. For new families to Cedar Island, we have had a high percentage of parents attend—over 90% typically attend. Bring you lawn chair as we'll hold the parade outside. **Please note that the parade may be cancelled for parent/community viewing if we have inclement weather.**

Daniel Wald,
Principal



We will practice a tornado drill on April 11th.

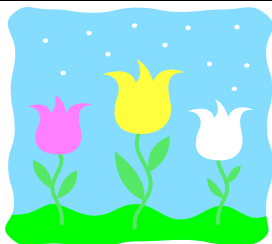


"It's About You" and Classroom Pictures will be Thursday, April 25.

VACATION DAYS

April 19
(Staff Workshop Day)

May 27
(Memorial Day)



OSSEO AREA SCHOOLS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL

- April 3 5th Grade Field Trip to MN Institute of Arts (9:50-12:15)
- April 5 Kindergarten Field Trip to Eastman Nature Center (Mrs. Kjeldahl & Mrs. McGough)
- April 8 Indian Education (10:00-10:45am)
- April 8 Author Brandon Vreeman Visits 1st & 2nd Grades
- April 10 Animal Humane Society Visits 1st Grade
- April 11 Kindergarten Field Trip to Eastman Nature Center (Mrs. Rahne)
- April 16 Kindergarten Music Performance (9:45-10:15) McGough
- April 17 Kindergarten Music Performance (9:45-10:15) Kjeldahl
- April 17 5th Grade Orchestra Rehearsal (4:30pm) Oak View Elem.
- April 18 Kindergarten Music Performance (9:45-10:15) Rahne
- April 19 No School (Staff Workshop Day)
- April 25 It's All About You & Classroom Pictures
- April 25 5th Grade Band Rehearsal (4:40pm) Oak View Elem.
- April 30 5th Grade Band Concert (8:00pm) Osseo Middle School



MUSIC: Rachel Veenker

Kindergarten students are preparing a presentation of "Stone Soup – A Rock Opera." Each class will be ready to share their classroom performance on these dates:

Tuesday, April 16 McGough's class at 9:45-10:15
Wednesday, April 17 Kjeldahl's class at 9:45-10:15
Thursday, April 18 Rahne's Class at 9:45-10:15

Parents and grandparents are encouraged to attend their child's class performance if possible. The performance should last 20 minutes.

HEALTH OFFICE: Madonna Novak, LPN

We will soon be wading through ankle deep water here on our playground. I have no clothing here to offer the children should they venture knowingly into the newly created ponds or accidentally fall into one. If you have been loaned clothing in the past, please promptly return it. I would like to recommend sending extra socks and some extra pants; especially those of you that have very active children. I would even go a step further for those of you that have rubber boots at home now is the time to get those out of storage.

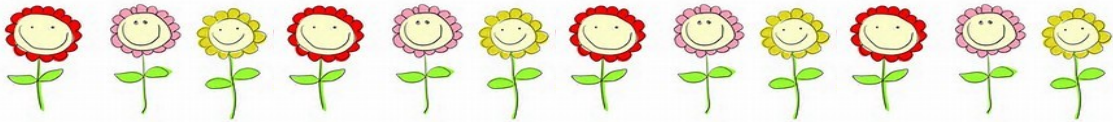
Nurse Madonna

OFFICE OPERATIONS: Denise Shatto, Secretary

KINDERGARTEN FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

If you have a child who will be turning 5 years old on or before 9/1/2019 and have not received a call from the school office, please call Denise Shatto, School Secretary, at (763) 425-5855.

VOLUNTEER NEWS: Barb Lindsay, Volunteer Coordinator



"We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do". – Mother Teresa

Looking back, I wanted to give a shout-out to Kari Jansen, Sara Krueger and many others for the huge amount of work that went into planning and running our annual Bobcat Bash carnival. We had a tremendous response from volunteers for the night of the event - thanks to all who helped!

Looking forward, a reminder that all field trip volunteers must have a current-year volunteer application on file. If you wish to be considered as a chaperone and are unsure if you have an app on file, contact me and I will let you know. Thanks!

As always, if you have questions or concerns about volunteering at Cedar Island, let me know!

Barb Lindsay, (763)315-7681 (direct line), lindsayb@district279.org



PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

As the temperature gets warmer we will need everyone's help to help the children remember to have tennis shoes to wear during Phy.Ed. class. If anyone has gently used shoes that no longer fit, they can be donated to our shoe bank of shoes for students to borrow if they forget. We are in need of sizes 2-5. You can just send them with your child and they can drop them off in the gym.

This spring we will be doing propelling and receiving activities and fitness testing. If we get enough nice weather we will be trying to get some tennis in also for the upper grades. We will also be working on getting ready for the mile run test coming up in May.

Notes from the Kitchen ~ April 2019



Breakfast Served Daily at Cedar Island

The cost of breakfast is \$1.55 for students, but remember, ALL **Kindergarten students may eat for FREE!!!**

SECONDS offered to Grades 4 & 5!!

Does your child have a favorite lunch he/she wants MORE of? Students in GRADES 4 & 5 have the option to purchase "seconds" on the main entrée. The cost is an additional \$1.75. ***Students MUST HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS IN THEIR ACCOUNT in order to get seconds*** Please discuss this option w/ your child, so they know it's "okay" to take seconds!



Bottled Water Available for \$.50

Small bottles of water are available for purchase at lunch for \$.50.

Brunch Menu for Tuesday, April 9th & Tuesday, April 23rd

4/9 ~ Maple Pancakes

4/23 ~ Maple Pancakes

Also: Turkey Sausage Links, and
Tri-Tator Hash brown Potatoes

THANKS A BUNCH FOR EATIN' OUR LUNCH!!!



TAG News

Grades 3-5: Pull-out Seminar Information April through May

Participation in these seminars is based upon CogAT and MAP assessments, classroom observations and teacher recommendations.

Grade 3: Quantitative - Math Patterns and Geometry

Grade 4: Quantitative - Math Investigations One

Grade 5: Quantitative - Math Investigations Two

Grades KDG, 1 and 2: Collaborative Enrichment

During these sessions, the TAG teacher goes into each classroom to teach enrichment lessons. The focus for these lessons includes: thinking skills, Growth Mindset and creativity.



PTO NEWS

Hello from the PTO!

I hope everyone who could attend the Bobcat Bash had a wonderful time. Thank you to Kari Jansen and all of her team who made the event so enjoyable! This includes all the volunteers before the event gathering the auction items and making the silent auction baskets, the volunteers running around during the event with walkie talkies to make things smooth and all those who helped run the games, sell tickets, and sell food! I even want to thank those parents who didn't know their other half was bidding on the same silent auction items so that the price went up! :)

Elections for next year's board are coming next month- are you interested in helping out or learning more about PTO? If so, let us know! You can contact PTO at cedarislandpto@gmail.com for any questions you may have.

The April meeting is on April 11 from 6:30-7:30 and childcare will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Taryn Kuebelbeck
PTO President 2018-2019