

# Cedar Island Elementary

## Newsletter

February 2019

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Dear Cedar Island Families:

February is “I Love To Read” month. Our Media Center is going to celebrate by having a “warm up to a good book” theme. During the month of February, children will have hot chocolate when they visit the Media Center. Our Library Media Specialist has also scheduled guest readers throughout the month.

We are in the middle of our second round of conferences for the school year and this is a good time to evaluate how the year has gone so far and plan for a successful finish of the year with your child. Conferences are planned for January 29, 31, and February 6. Everyone should have signed up for conferences using our web system. If you haven't signed up for conferences yet, please contact the school for a date and time. Child care will be provided by our PTO during conferences (small donation requested).

This round of conferences is our last scheduled conferences for the school year so it's important that we make the most of this time. Conferences are an opportunity to discuss your child's academic, behavioral and social well being at school. Like anything, preparation will help make the most of the time with your child's teacher. I recommend that you prepare for conferences by doing the following:

- Ask your child if there is anything you should discuss with the teacher. I always asked my own children to tell me what they like about school and what they find stressful or difficult.

- Make a list of questions for the teacher. I always asked the teacher if my child participates in class. I also made sure I found out what kind of social skills and social relationships my child demonstrated in school.
- Out of respect for other families and our tight schedule, please be ready to begin your conference at the allotted time and make sure your conference doesn't go beyond the scheduled time.



- Be open to teacher suggestions. The teacher has your child's best interest in mind.
- Take notes during the conference so that you can discuss the relevant issues with your child.
- Share the conference information with your child and discuss your hopes and dreams for them.

- Stop by the Scholastic Book Fair.

I look forward to seeing all of our families at Conferences!

Daniel Wald,  
Principal

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY



- February 4 No School (Staff Workshop)
- February 6 Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:30-8:30pm)
- February 6 Book Fair
- February 7 2nd Grade Field Trip to Stages Theatre
- February 7 PTO Meeting (6:30-8:00pm) Media Center
- February 14 Valentine Parties
- February 15 No School (Conference Release Day)
- February 18 No School (President's Day)
- February 20 5th Grade Field Trip to Institute of Arts



### VACATION DAYS

February 4  
(Staff Workshop)

February 15  
(Conference Release Day)

February 18  
(Presidents' Day)

March 8  
(Mark Reporting)

March 25 - 29  
(Spring Break)

April 19  
(Conference Release Day)

April 29  
(Staff Workshop)

May 27  
(Memorial Day)

**HEALTH OFFICE: Madonna Novak, LPN**

Remember that here at Cedar Island we are **no longer keeping outside things for your children to borrow**. Sending them with the proper outdoor apparel is very important. Boots, snow pants, hat, gloves/mittens. Please help to make their outdoor play time fun and enjoyable.

Please send back any clothing your child has borrowed in a timely manner so that other children may have them to use.

Please make sure that if you want your child to have any medication of any kind at school that they need to have a medication consent form filled out before I can administer the medication. The medication needs to be in a current properly labeled bottle with the child's name on it. If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to call me at (763) 315-7682.

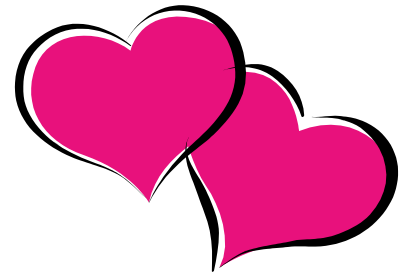
With the flu season in full swing, please keep ill students with a temp of greater than 100 degrees, vomiting, or diarrhea home. All children must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.

Nurse Madonna

**Happy Valentine's Day!**

**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

- ♥ There is no school for students on Monday, Feb. 4th. It is a Staff Workshop Day.
- ♥ There is no school for students on Friday, Feb. 15th. It is a Conference Release Day.
- ♥ There is no school for students and staff on Monday, Feb. 18th, in observance of Presidents' Day.



**CI PTO NEWS**

February slows down a bit for Cedar Island PTO as we're gearing up for the Bobcat Bash on March 1. The Bash is a fun family event for our school as well as a fundraiser through the silent auction. I hope your family is able to join the festivities!

January was a hectic month with the Aladdin play, conferences, and Art Adventure. Thank you to Brandy Gerth for being a voice to bring in the BEAT productions to have the after school play an option at Cedar Island. The play was a success and all kids looked to have a great time. Thank you to Beth Burggraft and all the families who brought in food for the teachers during conferences and Jen Brink who organized the Book Fair.

Be sure to ask your child about Art Adventure- this year's theme was "Egypt: Sunken Cities" and some of the artwork can be seen in the hallways at school. Ask your child what they learned about the artworks as well as Egypt. Art Adventure is a program through the Minneapolis Institute of Art but is sponsored by PTO. If you are interested in helping next year (no art knowledge needed) please let me know!

If you have questions about events, ideas about events we should do, or comments- let us know! You can attend one of our monthly meetings or just email us at [cedarilandpto@gmail.com](mailto:cedarilandpto@gmail.com)

The next PTO meeting is February 7 and childcare will be provided by Osseo Sr. High School NHS.

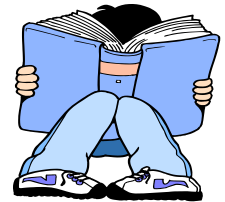
Stay warm!  
Taryn Kuebelbeck  
2018-2019 PTO President

## MEDIA CENTER NEWS: Cindy Stoa, Library Media Specialist

On January 29<sup>th</sup> the 2019 Caldecott and Newbery Medal Award books were announced. The Caldecott Medal, awarded by the Association for Library Service to Children, is awarded to honor the work of an illustrator of a picture book for children. The Newbery Medal, also awarded by the Association for Library Service to Children, is awarded to honor the work of a children's book author. Check out the ALSC website for this year's winners and to get a list of previous years' winners (at the time this article was written winners were not yet announced). On this site you will also find other book awards and their winners.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/caldecottmedal.cfm> . This would be a good place to look for a list of quality literature for your children.

February is a special and busy month in the media center. February is Black History Month and it is also I Love to Read Month. During the month of February our Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will enjoy our annual "hot chocolate and a great book" event. Other fun reading events are being planned as well. Encourage your child to read and find a great book for yourself this month during I Love to Read month!



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

As the temperature gets colder 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.

In February we will be doing fitness testing and tumbling. We fitness test 3 times a year with push-ups, curl-ups, sit-n-reach and either the mile run/walk or the pacer test



## Notes from the Kitchen

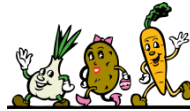


### Breakfast Served Daily at Cedar Island

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

### Now Offering SECONDS 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 its "okay" to take seconds!



### Bottled Water Available for \$.50



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

### Brunch Menu for February 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2019

Maple Pancakes  
Turkey Sausage Links  
Tri -Tator Hash brown

**THANKS A BUNCH FOR EATIN' OUR LUNCH!!!**



**VOLUNTEER NEWS: Barb Lindsay, Volunteer Coordinator**



*Be happy for this moment. This moment is your life. - Omar Khayyam*

On any given school day, there are volunteers in classrooms, hallways, the media center; working with children. Many of you may never know the impact of your work with these children. Trust me - it's huge! Thank you!

And, special thanks this month to:

- ♥ Taryn Kuebelbeck and all of the Picture People who brought art into our classrooms as part of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts "Art Adventures" program.
- ♥ Kari Jansen, and Sara Krueger and their AWESOME team for their work in planning the upcoming Carnival.
- ♥ Classroom helpers, Work Bees, Wednesday envelope stuffers, popcorn poppers, book shelvers, field trip chaperones -- you all make life easier at Cedar Island!

As you might suspect, we are busy, busy, busy here at school. A peak at the weeks to come:

**PTO meeting** - February 7, 6:30, Media Center. Of the three 'thank you' bullet points above, two are sponsored by PTO - we need involvement/leadership to make these wonderful, enriching things happen! Come to PTO and find out what it's all about.

**Valentine's Day Parties** - February 14. If you signed up, we expect to see you on party day - thank you! Reminder - do not park in the bus area on party day.

**Bobcat Bash** (carnival) - March 1. You don't want to miss this fantastically fun family event! If you haven't volunteered to help yet, but could work a shift or two - let me know and we will get you signed up.

**Field Trips** - As we approach Spring, various field trips will be planned. Chaperones must have a current volunteer application on file - if you want to be considered as a chaperone and have not gotten your application in yet, LET ME KNOW - I can send you the form (or find it on the Cedar Island web page).



Questions or concerns about volunteering at Cedar Island? Let me know!

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