

Cedarwood Elementary School

775 Bartfield Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43207

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the new school year! We kicked off our school year with an ice cream social which gave us a chance to greet our students and families before the first day of school. We have enjoyed seeing all the familiar faces and welcoming new students and parents. Our Kindergarten students started this week and preschool will begin on Thursday!

On behalf of the staff at Cedarwood, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the many blessings that we have available to us each and every day. We are appreciative of your efforts in working in partnership with us as we continue the growth of the Cedarwood community.

Principal Leigh

Student Attendance

It is extremely important that students regularly attend school. It is difficult for students to be successful in school when they are regularly absent and tardy from school.

Did you know?

- Attendance is now calculated in hours! If your child is late for school or goes home early, (even if it is at 3:00pm), it is impacting their attendance. Students are required to attend school 910 hours per school year.
 - Make sure you are doing your part to positively impact attendance and help your child be in school, prepared, and ready for learning!
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Upcoming Events

September 11

Early Release
(2:00 pm Dismissal)

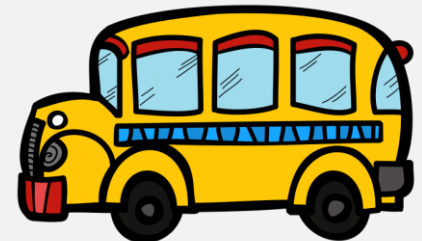
September 19

Cedarwood 6th Annual
Walkathon@10:00 am

September 24

Open House
5:30 – 7:00 pm

Bus Bulletin



*****PARENTS of BUS RIDERS PLEASE NOTE.....**

The CCS Transportation Department is launching "CCS Bus Bulletin," to send immediate notifications to parents, students, and school administrators about changes in bus pick-up or drop-off times. Go to the link on our CCS website to register!

<https://app.busbulletin.com/register.php>

More Important News

Student Safety and Dismissal Procedures

It is imperative that all drivers **move slowly** throughout the drive in front of the school and on the streets near the school to ensure safety for all. The pedestrians must be safe at all times. We also ask that you stand on the grass behind the flagpole or on the sides if you are picking up your child. Do not ask your child to run to you without the teacher seeing and acknowledging you as the receiving parent. We are working to make our dismissal as safe as possible and appreciate your understanding. It is so important for students to follow all procedures, including safe exit from the building, safe car entry and safe crossing. Thank you for doing your part to keep each student safe during drop off and dismissal.

Likewise, to keep all students safe, it is imperative that you sign into the office and have a visitor's pass if you wish to have access to the school building.

Students will not be called out of their classroom after 3:00 pm unless it is an emergency. This situation is very disruptive to the teacher and students as they are trying to end their day.

Parents Right to Know

Cedarwood Elementary is a Title I school. Parents may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers, including the following:

- Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas taught;
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or provisional status through which State qualifications or licensing criteria are waived;
- Whether the teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and
- Whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.



6th Annual Walkathon

Thursday, September 19th, 2019

Cedarwood Alternative Elementary School will hold our annual walkathon on **Thursday, September 19th at 10:00 am!**



Please come out to cheer us on as we celebrate our Project Adventure mission!

If you have a business who would like to donate and need a letter of request, please email Mrs. Morey at tmorey@columbus.k12.oh.us.

Let's make this year our best yet!

In addition, parents may request:

- information on the level of achievement and academic growth of their child on each of the state academic assessments required; and
- timely notice that the student has been assigned or has been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet applicable State certifications or licensure requirements as the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned.

Goal Setting

We are working as a school to become **Cedarwood Woodchuck Leaders** and goal setting is an important component. Your child should be able to tell you what his/her academic and behavioral goals are in the classroom.

Our school goal is **improved academic achievement for all students**. Our focus is on helping students master the state standards through small group instruction, blended learning and formative assessment.

Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee



Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee (3GRG) directs schools to identify which students in kindergarten through grade three are having trouble reading and give students extra reading help to get students caught up in reading as soon as possible. Studies show that children behind in reading at the end of grade three will have a hard time in all subjects in fourth grade and beyond. After that, it can be hard for a child to ever catch up in school.

Under 3GRG, Cedarwood Elementary School will determine the reading needs for each child in kindergarten through grade three at the start of the year. We will then create an improvement plan for each child who is not on track. Teachers will monitor your child's reading and provide intervention throughout the school year. Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plans (RIMP) will be sent home to students who are not on track.

Please note that third grade students who do not meet the assessment requirements for the Third Grade Reading Guarantee will be retained and will NOT be promoted to fourth grade.

There are special rules about the guarantee that can help children who are still learning English and children who have disabilities. Read more about the Third Grade Reading Guarantee at education.ohio.gov, or talk with your child's teacher.

Project Adventure at Cedarwood Alternative

Cedarwood is a *Project Adventure* school. We teach and promote life skills through Project Adventure activities each week for every student. These include trust, challenge, risk, cooperation, and problem-solving. Ask your students often about how they have developed trust, taken on a challenge, took an appropriate risk, cooperated with someone and used their problem-solving skills. By experiencing these in Project Adventure, our students can apply these skills in daily life. After all, *life is an adventure!*

This year you are able to pay your Project adventure fees online at:

<https://www.locallevelvents.com/events/details/7613>

The fee is Pre-k – 4th is \$30.00 and 5th is \$35.00. You can always send your payment in to Mrs. Morey in the office. If you have any questions, please either call Mrs. Morey at 614-365-5421 or email at tmorey@columbus.k12.oh.us.

If you have not already done so, please consider taking the time to link your Kroger rewards card to support Cedarwood. The link is below:

<https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/>

Also you can sign up for Giant Eagle “Apples for Students” - visit the “My School Programs” page and enter the Cedarwood school code of 5048.

We encourage anyone connected to Columbus City Schools to “See Something, Say Something” by calling or texting our anonymous hotline 844-SAFER-OH if you are aware of a potential danger to one of our students or our schools.

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!

How Can I Help My Child Be Successful in School?

- * Read EVERYDAY! You can read to your child or have your child read to you...either way...READ!
- * Create a consistent after-school routine. Help your child study and complete their homework.
- * Be POSITIVE! Always speak positively about school, learning, and your child's teacher.
- * Encourage! Give your child the opportunity to excel in all areas of their academics.
- * Be sure that your child is getting plenty of rest each night and is ready for school each day.
- * Teach your child to be responsible for their actions and to take pride in all they do!
- * Stay INVOLVED! Make it a point to ask your child about their day.
- * Communicate...Please know you can contact us with any questions or concerns.

We are Partners in Education!