

Cedarwood Elementary School

775 Bartfield Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43207

Dear Parents and Guardians,

October and November have been busy months. We hosted a Vocabulary Parade in October for PreK-5 around the building, complete with marching music and a celebration of words! Parent-Teacher conferences in November gave us a chance to talk about student progress and connect with families. The PTO held a Family Dance in early November with the Candyland theme. It was a lot of fun with games, prizes, food and silly photos! We had great turnouts for these events. Be sure to look for additional events through flyers, teacher and family newsletters, PTO communication, and on our website <https://www.ccsch.us/CedarwoodES>.

A Very Happy Holiday to All!

Principal Leigh

Bundle Up for Winter Weather



Brrrrrr! It's Cold Outside!

Remember to bundle up your children! Please be sure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather. Students go outside for recess if it is 25

degrees and above. Please let the office know if a student needs a coat, hat or mittens - we also have several coats donated from our partners to help our families! We will be holding our own mitten drive for those who are able to donate!



Upcoming Dates

*Wednesday, December 11th - *Early Release*@2:00

*Tuesday, December 17th
PreK-2 winter concert @2:00 pm;
Instrumental & Choir concert @6:00 pm

*December 23 – January 3
No School (Winter Break)

**December 20-early dismissal @ 3:00



*Wednesday, January 8th
Early Release @ 2:00 pm

*January 14, 2020
End of Second Quarter

*January 14, 2020
Family Math & Science Night! 5:00-7:30pm

*Wednesday, January 15
No School (Records Day)

*Monday, January 20th *No School* (Martin Luther King Jr Day)

SPRIT WEEK

The week of December 16 – 20 we are getting into the spirit at Cedarwood! We have many fun activities planned during this week.

12/16 Monday – Ugly Sweater day!

12/17 Tuesday – Festive Holiday Best!

12/18 Wednesday – Favorite holiday socks

12/19 Thursday – Red and Green day/Santa&Elf

12/20 Friday – Pajama Day! Early dismissal at 3:00pm



Student 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. This month, we are taking the MAP assessment.

What is MAP?

MAP is a computer adaptive test that kids take three times per school year. The results provide teachers with information to help them deliver appropriate content for each student and determine each student's academic growth over time.

What does it mean to be computer adaptive?

Computer adaptive tests adjust to each student's learning level, providing a unique set of test questions based on their responses to previous questions. As the student responds to questions, the test responds to the student, adjusting up or down in difficulty.

What does MAP Growth measure?

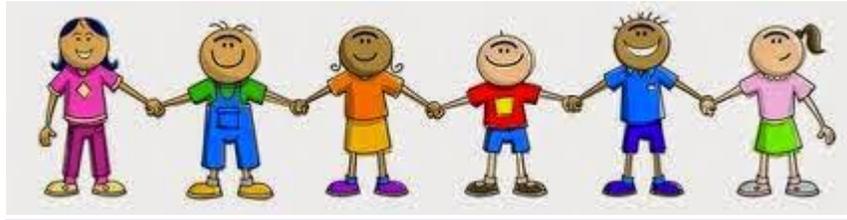
MAP Growth measures what students know, regardless of their grade level. It also measures growth over time, allowing you to track your student's progress throughout the school year and across multiple years.

How do schools and teachers use MAP Growth scores?

Teachers can use the score to inform instruction, personalize learning, and monitor the growth of individual students. Principals and administrators can use the scores to see the performance and progress of a grade level, school, or the entire district.

PBIS (Positive Behavior and Intervention Supports) at Cedarwood

At Cedarwood, students are taking on the *Project Adventure Pride* challenge. All students are asked to give a smile, hold the door, help someone in need, solve a problem, explain their thinking, take on a challenge, cooperate - small acts that show our best selves. Students who show positive leadership are presented with *Project Adventure Pride* tickets. Students win prizes and are invited to a celebration at the end of the month. We have had an ice cream sundae bar, a movie with popcorn and a holiday craft party! Encourage your child to show Project Adventure Pride every day.



Meet our School Counselor

My name is Alkebu Parks and I am so excited to join the Cedarwood Elementary School Family! As your School Counselor, I am here to help ALL students be successful socially, emotionally, and behaviorally so they may access their education without barriers.

<p><u>Here's what I do at our school:</u> Classroom Lessons – I visit all grades to teach social-emotional skills such as feelings, communication, problem-solving, diversity, respect, etc.</p>	<p><u>Small Group Counseling</u> I facilitate small groups for students who need a little extra support in a certain area.</p>	<p><u>Individual Counseling</u> – I meet with students short-term to work through problems affecting them at school.</p>	<p><u>Consultation with Staff/Parents</u> – I am available to meet/talk with teachers and parents to help support students and provide resources and education about issues affecting children.</p>
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More about me:

I am ONE part of the team that works to help your child succeed. I like to get to know ALL students so they may feel connected and safe while they're with us. I respect your right and your child's right to privacy. Confidentiality is a big part of my job. I love it when parents reach out to me for questions, concerns, and to share positive things about your child. I love the work that I do and feel very passionate about helping children reach their full potential and become respectful and responsible citizens!



Wishing you and yours...



From Your Cedarwood Family