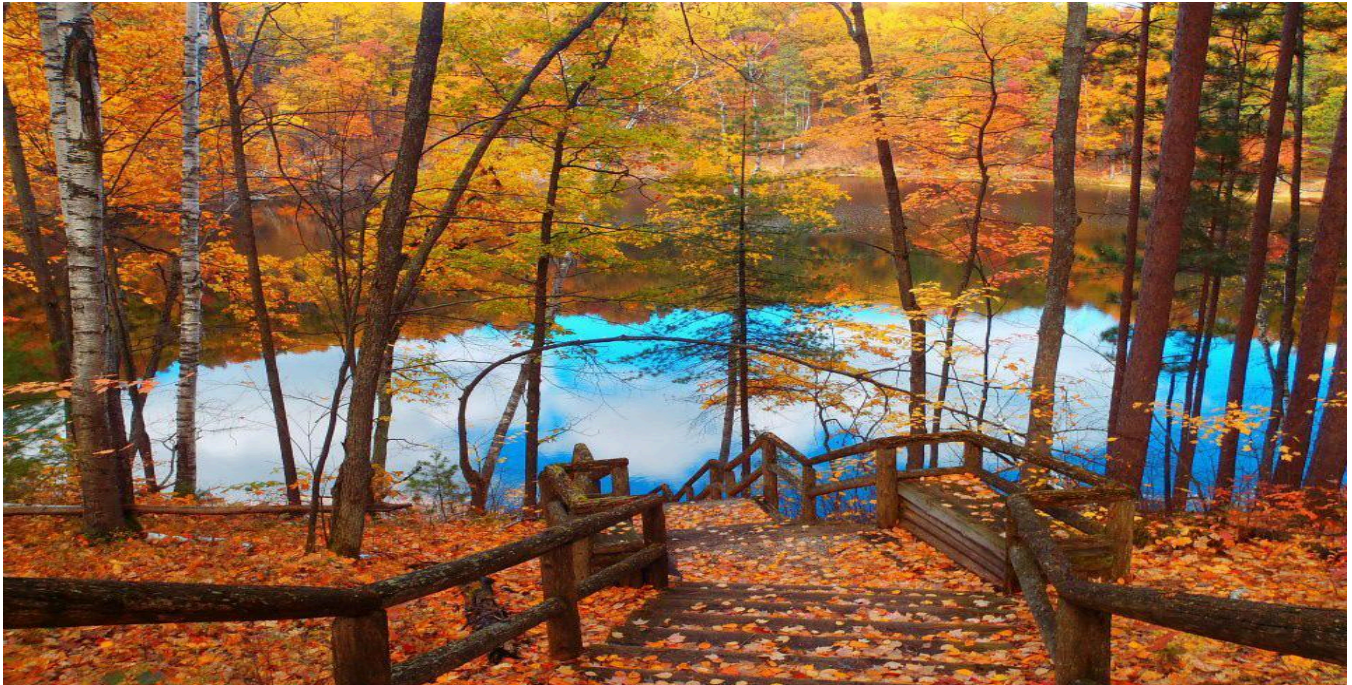


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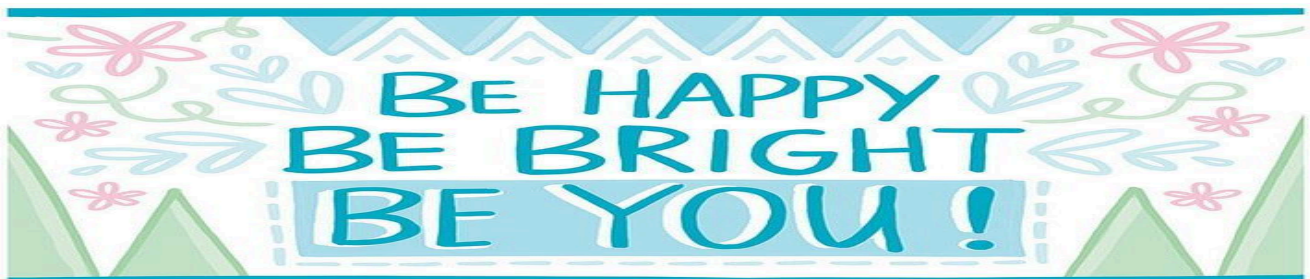
The Cedarwood Chronicle

October 2024 Edition

Rodney Johnson, Principal



August and September are now a distant memory. With that, our academic focus is on full display. We are continuing to build on the positive momentum we have garnered thus far to ensure our students are ready for success. We are more than halfway through the first quarter and we are seeing tremendous effort from our students. Thank you parents for doing your part to help make sure our students are properly prepared.



Project Adventure Fees

Your Project Adventure Fees are now posted in your Parent Portal. The fees are as follows: (K-4 = 40.00 and 5th = 45.00). These fees allow us to maintain our equipment and provide low cost programming to all Cedarwood students. Please login to your Parent Portal and try to have this fee paid by next week. Thank you!

School Pictures

Picture day is Monday, October 14th. This year, we are going with a new company, Jostens. Therefore, if you are receiving messages from Lifetouch, please disregard them. As in the past, you will pay for your picture package once you are satisfied with your child's photograph. [Click Here for Ordering Information](#)

Open House/Curriculum Night

Thank you to all the parents who came out to this year's Curriculum Night held at the end of September. The information shared was a great starting point for so many families. Our set-up is very different from what many of you are accustomed to, but the Cedarwood staff has gone to great lengths to ensure that the information provided is useful to parents. With that said, we were hoping for a much larger turnout. Therefore, after careful consideration and dialogue with many of our key stakeholders, next year, we will go back to the traditional Open House model but will also provide grade level meeting times prior to the event. More details to come.



PTO...PTO...PTO

We are still seeking parents who want to get active in our school's PTO. If you are interested in joining, please email our Family Ambassador, Olivia Doggett:

Odoggett@columbus.k12.oh.us

Book Fair

Reminder, there are only two more days left to purchase books and/or other items(October 7th - October 11th). Students will be able to browse and shop during their designated library time. If you have any questions, please email Lisa Buchholtz, our school's librarian.

lbuchholtz@columbus.k12.oh.us

Counselor's Corner

From the desk of Ms. Parks, our school counselor, comes her monthly newsletter. Please [click here](#) for the October Counselor's Corner newsletter.

Communication

At Cedarwood, we typically utilize three primary forms of communication. We, as a building, use Class Dojo. You will receive both class and building originated messages. You will also receive Monthly Electronic Newsletters. Lastly, you will receive weekly phone dialers on Sunday evenings between the hours of 5 -7:30pm. Please make sure your contact information is up to date in the Parent Portal.

Woodchuck Wellness

Please [click here](#) for the October SEL Newsletter: Woodchuck Wellness from Mrs. Drain (School Psychologist) and Ms. Parks (School Counselor).

Vocabulary Parade

At the end of the month, we are promoting the acquisition of vocabulary for each of our students. If you have not already, you will be receiving information from your child's teacher. Although participation is optional, we highly encourage everyone to participate in the fun! More details to come!

Attendance:

The month of September kicked off our Attendance Challenge for grades 3-5. The winner of our contest for the month of September was 5th grade. Each 5th grade homeroom will receive a Game Room Pass. Great job and congratulations 5th grade. All grade levels will be competing for the month of October. Parents, please try to do your part in making sure your child is at school each day. I can't wait to see the results at the end of the month. Thank you, in advance, for your help!

Mark Your Calendar:

Upcoming Dates for the First Semester:

- Oct. 7-11 Book Fair
- Oct. 14 Picture Day
- Oct. 18 Professional Development Day (Students Not in Attendance)
- Oct. 22 End of Quarter 1
- Oct. 22 Project Adventure Night
- Oct. 23 Records Day (Students Not in Attendance)
- Oct. 25 PBIS Quarterly Event
- Oct. 31 Vocabulary Parade
- Nov. 05 Election Day (No school for students)
- Nov. 12 Parent/Teacher Conference Night (4-7pm)
- Nov. 13 Parent/Teacher Conference Night (4-7pm)



Housekeeping Items

Friendly Reminders: Please refrain from gathering in the front of the building during dismissal. We ask that you remain behind the large pine tree so that our students' lines are not being obstructed. Also, please do not park in the Handicap parking spots unless you have a sticker.

Upcoming Fundraiser

Our PTO will be spearheading our school's upcoming fundraiser. We will be selling Anthony Thomas Candy Bars for 1.00 each. All proceeds will go toward lowering the overall cost of camp for all participating students. The bags of candy bars will be Pre-Pay only, and they will contain 20 bars. The fundraiser will start on October 22nd.

Reading Is Fundamental

Please make sure your child is reading each night for at least 20 minutes. Please take a photo of your child in action and send it to the Cedarwood Email: Cedarwoodes@columbus.k12.oh.us We will be creating a Cedarwood "Reading in Action" Montage. We would love to have a photo of you as well reading with or to your child.

