PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Cedarmere Families,

With the end of the first quarter and student report cards being sent home last week, I hope you had time to review your students grades and meet with your child’s teacher. If you were not able to meet on conference day, I encourage you to make an appointment at another time. Parents remember we have an online grading system which allows you to review your child’s grades regularly. If you have not signed up through BCPS One, please take the time to do so. We are not only working hard to enrich your students academically, but we are also adding new features to our school to ensure they have a pleasant learning environment. We have recently installed a new banner in our entry way and a television which displays daily student reminders and information for our families. Great things are happening at CES!

Remember our students are most successful when we have a strong partnership between home and school. This is how we can achieve greatness together!

In addition, I want to wish you and your family a safe and very Happy Thanksgiving.

Yours in Service,
Regina Matthews
**Early Dismissal Procedure**

In order to maintain a safe and orderly environment here at our school, early dismissal will end at 2:45 pm each day. If your child needs to leave early, please send a note with your child’s teacher or call the office no later than 2:30 pm. Parents who arrive after 2:45 pm will have to wait until 3:15 to enter the building and obtain their child.

**EXPECTED CHANGES IN SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

Please use the resources below for up to date information about closings, delays, cancellations and postponements.

Information about school operations is announced publicly as soon as possible on local radio and television stations and other media including the Internet.

- BCPS Now for Android and iOS
- BCPS Web Home Page links to page displaying emergency announcements
- BCPS TV, Comcast Cable Channel 73 & Verizon Fios Channel 34
- BCPS Telephone Information 443-809-5555
- Local radio and television stations
- Schools-out.com

On early closing days, there will be **no after school activities**.

On early dismissal days, children will be dismissed according to their regular dismissal plan (bus rider, car rider, walker). Van Riders, please contact your van company for their policy on early dismissal days for Baltimore County Public Schools (in case you need to make other dismissal arrangements). YMCA will not be open on days with delays and early dismissal days. Please make other arrangements and notify the office **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** of the dismissal plan.

If you need to change the regular dismissal plan on an early closure day, please call the office **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**, after the early closing has been announced. The schedule for delays and early closings is listed below:

If school is 1 hour late – Doors open at 9:15 am, class begins at 9:30 am
If school is 2 hours late -Doors open at 10:15 am, class begins as 10:30 am (No AM Pre K classes)

If school closes 1 hour early – Dismissal will begin at 2:00 pm
If school closes 2 hours early – Dismissal will begin at 1:00 pm (No PM Pre K classes, No AM Pre K Bus)
If school closes 3 hours early – Dismissal will begin at 12:00 pm (No PM Pre K Classes, No AM Pre K Bus)
CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE

We frequently find that we no longer have accurate emergency contact information for students. This becomes a safety issue when we are unable to reach you during the school day. Frequently the home and/or work numbers have been changed or disconnected with no forwarding phone numbers. For the safety of your child, we ask that you review, and if necessary, update your child’s emergency contact information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We acknowledge birthdays every day at Cedarmere on the morning announcements. Every child receives a birthday sticker. In order to support a healthy lifestyle and avoid food allergy issues, we ask that you refrain from sending in any food for any celebrations. In order to celebrate your child’s birthday or any celebration, please consider “goodies” like pencils, erasers, or stickers. You may also consider donating a book to the classroom library in your child’s honor. Perhaps a board game or puzzle to be played during indoor recess would help the celebration continue throughout the year. Thank you for understanding how important a healthy lifestyle is for our students.

MATH HOMEWORK HELPERS

ATTENTION STUDENTS: Get ready to join the fun, call in – 410-494-1459, and win a prize! Math Homework Helpers is a BCPS *LIVE* call in show, hosted by two math teachers and a crazy, fun-loving puppet to help our BCPS friends with math homework. Students are encouraged to watch Math Homework Helpers live every Wednesday, then call in! The call-in number for the show is 410-494-1459. **Prizes are awarded to ALL callers**

Why should I watch? Because it’s so much fun, AND you finish your math homework, AND you win a prize!

What Day? Every Wednesday beginning 10/2
What Time? 4:30 – 5:30 pm
How do I Watch? Comcast 73 and Verizon 34
How do I win a prize? Call in, 410-494-1459 during the show
When will I get my prize? If you call in, your prize will be mailed to your school

This LIVE call in show has been airing and helping the students of BCPS with their math homework, for over two decades.
CLASS DOJO

What a great way for you to track your child’s behavior in school! It’s a very user-friendly app that you can download on your phone and get instant notifications about your child. Students earn points for modeling good behavior and giving their Cedarmere best. They can use their points to purchase prizes each quarter. You can also message teachers through the app as well as view class stories. You can visit https://www.classdojo.com/resources/#parents and ask your child’s teacher for more information.

PTA CORNER

Hello Cedarmere Family,

The PTA has been hard at work putting upcoming events together. Holiday Shop is around the corner. Information and envelopes will be sent home soon for you to fill out for your children to use. The Book Fair was a huge success! We made more than we have in the past three years. Thanks to all the families who came out and supported the book fair. The kids had a great time getting new books. It was great seeing all the excitement. Planning for the Snow Ball is underway for January. We want to give a big shout out to all the volunteers who have been helping make our events a success. We could not do it without you.

Thank you for all your support.

The Cedarmere PTA Board

COUNSELOR’S CORNER

For the month of December, the theme for the School Counseling lessons will be about personal safety. A separate letter will come home about these lessons. In January we will focus on developing character traits necessary to be a successful student. Kindergarten and first grade students will be learning about whole body listening skills. Second grade will be practicing personal space skills and how to avoid being a space invader. Third grade students will read a book that will help them to develop the courage to be an inspiration to others. Fourth grade will be
talking about how to avoid gossip and rumors. Our fifth graders will be discussing what it takes to build a positive reputation.

February is Black History Month and to celebrate all the diversity we have in Baltimore County we are going to focus on celebrating differences. Kindergarten, first, and second grade will focus on positive characteristics in order to list ways they are unique and special. Third grade students will discuss cliques and including others. Fourth grade students will read a book related to segregation and including others. Fifth grade students will further their learning regarding equity and equality using classroom examples.

Chris Millirons
School Counselor
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**STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

I am excited to announce the Officers and Members-at-Large for the 2019-2020 school year. These students gave wonderful speeches at our recent assembly and will play an important role in our school this year. I look forward to working with them.

Congratulations to all our candidates!

**Officers:**
- President – Josue D.
- Vice President – Josephine C.
- Secretary – Yoldosh B.
- Treasurer – Morgan T.
- Parliamentarian – Eliseo D.

**Members – At-Large**
- Grace B.
- Corri C.
- Lily K.
- Hiro F.
- Aaron R.
- Pilar V.

Student Government Advisor: Mrs. Millirons, School Counselor
CLAIRE’S FUNDRAISER

Cedarmere parents and students rock! A big “paws up” to all who participated in the Claire’s fundraiser. It was a big success thanks to you. We sold approximately $4,000 worth of products. This is wonderful. Our profit is approximately $1,100. This money will be used to support our Trading Post. **Thank you for helping to make this such a great fundraiser!** We appreciate your support, dedication, and hard work. This was really a worthwhile activity and the students will truly benefit.

The following students were able to sell Claire’s products and raise money for the prizes for our Trading Post. Thank you.

| Makayla A. | Spencer R. |
| Bryce B. | Cody R. |
| Ysabel B. | Pavel S. |
| Zerachia C. | Nigel S. |
| Kayla D. | Kayden S. |
| Benjamin E. | Averie T. |
| Jet K. | Macie W. |
| Jonn M. | Ruby W. |
| Julia M. | Faraoh W. |
| Layla M. | Hailey W. |

Thank you to all parents and students for your patience during pick-up. It was important to us to check over your order with you and assist you in loading your car as much as possible. We certainly appreciate you and your time.

Thank you once again for making this fundraiser such a huge success. We hope that you enjoy your Claire’s Gourmet products.

*Our top seller this year was Faraoh W. in Ms. Rudich’s kindergarten class. Congratulations Faraoh! He won the $50 cash prize.*

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NOTES FROM THE NURSE

Hearing and Vision screenings
Baltimore County Public Health Department will begin screenings on January 23rd thru 27th. Please make sure your child wears their glasses or hearing assistive devices every day and especially for the screening. Results of the screening will be sent home with your child.

Clothing reminder:
Please make sure your child, no matter what their age, has a complete change of clothing to keep for school, including shoes if possible. This is especially important as we head into the messy winter season

VISITORS

All parents and other visitors entering the school must report to the office to sign in, inform the office of the purpose of their visit, and their destination. Once the visitor has been screened, he/she will be allowed to go to the area of the building designated. Should a visitor want to change the destination or purpose of his/her visit, the visitor should report to the office where the office staff will seek approval for the change from the appropriate staff member. All visitors must return to the office to check out before they leave the building.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

All volunteer training now takes place online, at your own discretion. Every person who plans on attending a school field trip or event must be an approved volunteer. Once you complete the online training you must print your volunteer application and the certificate of completion and bring it in to the main office to Mrs. Millirons. The training only takes about 15 minutes to complete and must be completed every year. The directions for training are attached at the end of this newsletter.
THE LOST AND FOUND CORNER

The Lost and Found is located outside of the cafeteria. Please check this area if your child is missing a jacket, sweatshirt, gloves, etc. There are many nice articles of clothing, as well as other items. Every quarter we donate the articles, so soon all the items will be gone.
**SPOT**

**FROSTBITE**
A victim is often unaware of frostbite because frozen tissue is numb.

**HYPOTHERMIA**
Hypothermia often occurs at very cold temperatures, but can occur at cool temperatures (above 40°F), if a person is wet (from rain, sweat or cold water) and becomes chilled.

**Signs & Symptoms**
- Redness or pain in any skin area may be the first sign of frostbite.

**Other signs include:**
- a white or grayish-yellow skin area
- skin that feels unusually firm or waxy
- numbness

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**Signs & Symptoms**
- Shivering
- Exhaustion
- Confusion
- Fumbling hands
- Memory loss
- Slurred speech
- Drowsiness

**Infants:**
- Bright red, cold skin
- Very low energy

If a person's temperature is below 95° get medical attention immediately.
VOLUNTEER ONLINE TRAINING

***PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION ALL YEAR. We must have printed copies of your application and certificate to keep on file.

In order to work with students in the school setting or on field trips, you must take the volunteer training every year. Volunteer training information is also on the Cedarmere website. *Please plan ahead and allow two weeks for your application and certificate to be reviewed by school staff.

* To complete the volunteer training:
- Log onto the official Baltimore County Public Schools website.
- Locate the "COMMUNITY" tab. Open the "COMMUNITY" tab and scroll down to "Volunteer with BCPS". Click to open.
- Follow the directions under "VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTIONS".
- You must complete the volunteer application, participate in the online orientation, read the handbook, and take the quiz which will then enable you to print your volunteer certificate. TWO documents- volunteer application and certificate- must be submitted at the same time to Cedarmere Elementary in order for the information to be accepted and reviewed by the school staff.
- When you have completed the application you may want to save it to your computer or flash drive. It will not be saved on the Baltimore County website.
- Both documents (application and certificate) will be kept on file at each school in which you volunteer.
- Paper copies of the volunteer application are available at Cedarmere Elementary. Requests can be made to Chris Milliron, School Counselor. (cmilliron@bcps.org)
- Please plan ahead and allow two weeks for your application and certificate to be reviewed by school staff.
- Once the training is completed, each volunteer must print and submit a copy of the volunteer application and the certificate (2 documents each year) to Cedarmere Elementary or any other school where they will be volunteering.
- The certificate and application (2 documents) should be sent to school attention Chris Milliron, School Counselor.
- Once the application and certificate have been reviewed, a letter will be sent home with your child to verify that the training is complete.
- Keep a copy of your information (application and certificate) to submit to other schools in which you may want to volunteer.
- Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the online volunteer training. Thank you for your interest in being a Cedarmere volunteer. We appreciate your time and effort.

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