

# CEDARMERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Panther Paw Parent Newsletter

“Achieving Greatness Together”

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### IMPORTANT DATES

**October**  
**14(W) – Live Instruction**

**16(F) – MSDE**  
Professional  
Development Day  
**NO SCHOOL FOR  
STUDENTS**

**21(W) No Live  
Instruction**  
Log in to Schoology

**28(W) No Live  
Instruction**



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Cedarmere Families,

Welcome back to our 2020-2021 School Year Families! I hope by now your families have developed a routine for our new way of instruction. I will be honest, I truly am heartbroken that we were not able to start our school year physically together with our students. I missed the opportunity to welcome new families and students to our school community and say hello to the ones that have been a part of our school for a few years now. Nevertheless, we will continue to rise to the occasion and do all we can to deliver the best instruction possible through remote learning. This year we will continue our theme of, “Achieving Greatness Together!” – “Great Minds, Great Thinkers, High Achievers.” Our School Progress Plan can be located on our school website at <https://cedarmerees.bcps.org>. Our new Mission statement can be found on the website as well. We are a **T.E.A.M.**, of educators and our focus is to teach, equip, accelerate and mobilize our students. We

will continue to build our students up during remote learning and continue to deliver the best possible instruction. Our teachers will continue to inspire a spirit of excellence for our students regardless of the environment. I am thankful for your support and diligence during this time, and we continue to hope you and your family stay safe and healthy.

Yours in Service,  
Principal  
Regina Matthews

### Virtual Learning Tips and Reminders



- Please make sure your child is present each day for class, and that includes Special Area. Attendance is taken each day, and it is recorded, please help us, help your child.
- Please email or send a message through Schoology, if you would like to talk with your child's teacher. Please respect the learning time for **all** our students, and remember when you interrupt the learning, it impacts all our students.
- Cameras on, means "cameras on." We know online learning is a bit intrusive, but families please remember that your child's camera has a wide range and we want to make sure that students are only viewing what is appropriate.



We frequently find that we no longer have accurate emergency contact information for students. During our time of remote learning it is very important that we have correct phone numbers and email addresses. In addition, please make sure you are connected to **BCPS One**, so you will not miss emails and pertinent announcements that are sent out from the school. Please go to [www.bcps.org](http://www.bcps.org) and click --- Parents ---- My BCPS Account <https://mybcps.bcps.org/>. You must have an account to view student grades, and log into Schoology.



- **Do you want to help bridge the gap with the community and the school?**
- **Do you think it's important for families to have a voice and support Cedarmere?**

**Please consider joining our CES PTA!! Our PTA needs board members so we can continue to have a functioning PTA. Please, please, please if you are interested, please email Ms. Taltoan @ <[nowfaith90@hotmail.com](mailto:nowfaith90@hotmail.com)>**

## Magnet Information



Two magnet application information meetings have been scheduled to better serve multilingual families. A virtual meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. will include Spanish interpreters. Interpreters for Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, French, Russian, Urdu, Uzbek, Vietnamese, and other languages will be available during a virtual meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 6:00 pm. Online registration is open for both meetings. Throughout October, Baltimore County schools will share videos and present live virtual events to showcase their magnet programs to all prospective applicants and families. (Any updates to the following list can be found on the magnet programs website.) Click here for complete event list Magnet brochures describing program offerings for the 2021-2022 school year are available online. Applications for magnet programs must be postmarked by Friday, Nov. 6, 2020 (certified mailing recommended), or submitted online by 1 p.m. that day. Admission decisions for elementary and middle school magnet programs will be announced on Friday, Feb. 5, 2021. Decisions about high school magnet admissions will be announced on Friday, Mar. 5, 2021. For more information, please visit the BCPS Magnet Programs' website or call 443-809-4127.

### New to CES this year... Let us Welcome



**Katie Sauter: Intermediate CLS Teacher:**

My name is Katie Sauter and I am the new intermediate CLS teacher at CES. This will be my 3<sup>rd</sup> year teaching CLS. I am very excited to be a part of the Cedarmere team. I taught formerly at Johnnycake Elementary as an intermediate CLS teacher. For those of you who may not know, Ms. Matthews was the amazing assistant principal there my first year of teaching.

I was born and raised in Baltimore Maryland. I graduated from Towson University with a degree in Special Education/ Elementary Education. My whole life I have loved and adored the field of Special Education. Although I teach, I also coached a Special Olympics basketball team and hope this year I will be able to do that again. I have worked as an in home-aide as well for teenagers with Autism working of life skills. Outside of school I have many hobbies. During the summer I live at my beach house, so I spend a lot of time there enjoying the sand and sunshine. I have a 4-year-old chocolate lab, who quite honestly, I am a little obsessed with. I am so honored and excited to start this year as a part of this amazing school!



## **Charles Gagliano: Special Educator**

My name is Charles Gagliano and I am excited to be part of the Cedarmere team! Being new to the school and community, I'd like to share a little about myself. This will be my 24<sup>th</sup> year of teaching, all with BCPS. For the past six years, I've been the Professional Development Teacher at Gunpowder ES. I've taught a variety of grades and subjects, including kindergarten (my very first assignment), 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>. I've also taught 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Advanced Academics and was a technology integration teacher for several years. I was a GT Catalyst teacher and an Instructional Coach when the county had those positions. I received a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education Degree from Towson University and a Master of Leadership in Teaching Degree from the University of Notre Dame. I am certified in Special Education and hold an Administrator I certificate.

I grew up in Harford County, Maryland. My family lived in Jarrettsville for twelve years, then we moved to Bel Air. My mother and father currently live in Naples, Florida, with Bella, the family dog. My older sister also lives in Naples as well; she has triplets (two boys and a girl), who will turn 16 in September (I'm a very proud uncle). My younger brother lives in Chicago.

I consider myself to be outgoing with a good sense of humor. While helping students learn and grow is my passion, I also enjoy being outdoors, jogging, reading, and watching the Orioles. I love to travel and have a bucket list of places around the world that I'd like to visit; so far, I've crossed off the Grand Canyon, Hawaii, and Aztec and Mayan ruins in Mexico. I'm looking forward to my next trip, although I haven't chosen the location from my list!



## **Brooke Corbett – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

Hello! My name is Brooke Corbett and I am so excited to be a part of the Cedarmere Team! I graduated from Stevenson University in May, after completing my full-time internship at Cedarmere in a Kindergarten Class - it's a dream to be back as an employee!

I've lived in Carroll County my whole life and love it. I enjoy being outdoors, I love animals and spending time with my friends and family. I began working with kids when my parents became foster parents when I was young. Ever since then my passion for working with kids has continued to grow and I can't wait to have a class of my own! I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know all my new coworkers and having a great year together!

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**Jessica Schill – Special Education**

Hello CES families and staff. My name is Jessica Schill and I am on year 7 with BCPS. I was a special educator at Woodlawn High School for my first 3 years and taught fifth grade at Lyons Mill the last 3 years. I am super excited to join the CES family and get back to special education. I am a mother to 3 amazing children (John 30 (stepson) Jordan 20 and Jesalyn 18). I will be celebrating my 23rd anniversary on Sept. 6th. I have lived in Reisterstown my entire life. Fun Fact: I began my teaching career with BCPS as an AA in Kristy Scilipote's class and later perused my passion for teaching and received my Master's in Common Core Curriculum and Instruction. I am excited to meet all of you and join the CES family!

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**“When you learn teach, when you get give”**

**---- Maya Angelou**



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