

**Cedar Cliff Local Schools
Superintendent's Newsletter
April 2021**



It is the mission of Cedarville Schools to “Provide students with the best well-rounded education that teaches, challenges and develops the mind, body and character and prepares responsible graduates who contribute within society.”

It's the Little Things!

This year, the Kindergarten students were showing an interest in birds so the teachers have been doing a bird study. While learning about birds, the class also took the time to place a small bird feeder on the window outside the classroom. As you can see from the pictures below, the birds have found the food and according to Mrs. Elam, “They come to the feeder each day at the same time every morning.” She also stated the students look forward to their visitors and the entire class smiles every time they arrive.

Just imagine that! Imagine starting every day with a smile—during a year in which the district is navigating a pandemic. Not only am I proud for the work of the Kindergarten teacher(s) in making events like this happen and come to life, I am also happy that, at this early age, students are learning the life lesson of smiling and being happy as you begin your work.

I encourage all of you—find the moment of joy each day when you rise—*actively* look for it! Think of our Kindergarten students and their new “friends” when you understand how fortunate we are all here in Cedar Cliff. Our district has celebrated face-to-face full-instruction, successful sports seasons, a wonderful school play, and Spring is finally here with sunshine on the horizon. Sometimes the littlest of our students teach us the biggest lessons; sometimes the littlest of things bring the biggest enjoyment.



May you all find a little enjoyment each day--

Best regards,



Chad Mason, Superintendent

Cedarville Middle School Student Wins Ohio Regional Spelling Bee!

Recently, Cedarville Middle School's seventh grade student, Sophia Lopez, won the Ohio Regional Spelling Bee contest. This is the third time Sophia has progressed this far in the competition, although COVID protocols have altered the last two years' events.

Sophia, daughter of Mary and Manuel Lopez, first qualified in 2019 and participated in the National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. In 2020, the event was cancelled due to the COVID pandemic. This year, only 10 students will be invited to attend a national competition in Orlando, Florida. Sophia will need to compete, yet again, to participate in the finals competition.

When asked about the experience, Sophia indicated, "It is pretty amazing. I have been doing spelling for a long time and it is great to get this far." When she was asked if she is nervous at the thought of competing, Sophia said, "Sure, when you get this far, you are in front of a lot of people so I get a little nervous."

Middle School principal, Mr. Chad Haemmerle added, "We are so incredibly proud of Sophia and it is nice to see all of her hard work come to fruition." Mr. Chad Mason, Superintendent of Schools echoed that sentiment stating, "We love it when any of our students are successful and I am always happy to take time out to celebrate with our students—we are so very proud of her!"



Mr. Chad Mason, Superintendent of Cedar Cliff Local School District, congratulates Sophia Lopez, a seventh grade student at Cedarville Middle School for winning the Ohio Regional Spelling Bee.

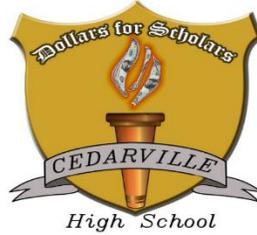
Celebrating 100 Days!

During the week of March 15-19, The Cedar Cliff Local School District celebrated 100 days of full instruction. That means, there were 100 days of full face-to-face instruction for teachers and students.

To celebrate the event, the Cedar Cliff PTO sponsored Kona Ice coming to the school for every child to enjoy a treat on the last day before Spring Break. According to Mr. Mason, “Especially in the time of COVID, we believe it is important to celebrate moments like this. It means a great deal to anyone when they accomplish something and through the year, we have had to change instructional models, so to see 100 days of face-to-face, that just feels great for the district.”



Please Consider Donating!



The Cedar Cliff Educational Endowment Program

Over the years, many talented and hard-working Cedarville High School graduates have furthered their education and gone on to accomplish great things. Additionally, many of those students were fortunate to receive financial assistance or scholarships to offset the cost of a college education and achieve their future goals.

Typically, financial assistance is provided either to families whose income is insufficient to supply resources for a graduate's continuing education *or* to those students achieving exemplary grades and a standardized test (ACT/SAT) score. We are often asked, "What about those students whose parents earn just enough to prohibit needs assistance or the graduate who did well in school academically, but just below the cut-off for academic awards?" In essence, what about the student who earns a 3.0 or better GPA whose middle-income family works hard struggling to provide the help for the dream of a college education?

Thus, the idea of the Cedar Cliff Educational Endowment was formed. The administration and Board of Education saw the need and expressed the desire to help *ALL* graduates earning a 3.0 or higher regardless of need and/or final academic standing. Quite frankly, the desire was to assist any student, regardless of their background or testing results, who simply meets one criteria—that of a 3.0 GPA. It is our goal to provide financial assistance with a check issued to any graduate who provides proof of college enrollment who meets the GPA requirement.

This endowment program cannot achieve its goal without your support! Endowment programs such as this exist only with donations and support from community members and donors. It is our goal to "grow" these funds so the original principal remains and the interest earned is distributed to those qualifying graduates. It is our hope by publicizing this program, donors and community members will remember the Cedar Cliff Endowment Program when searching for altruistic and charitable locations for wills, estates, and tax purposes. All donations are tax deductible as the program is recognized under the *Greene Giving Community Foundation*.

For additional questions see Mrs. Joy Kitzmiller, Treasurer Cedar Cliff Local School District.

Some Good News to Pass Along!

Even though the Virus outbreak put a damper on many of our activities this year, there were still some great achievements by our athletes and teams for the winter season—as well as special recognition for one of our coaches—see below!

Congratulations, Winter Athletes

Cedarville High School winter athletes were presented with All-Conference and All-District honors recently. We would like to send along a sincere congratulations to the following basketball players for their post-season honors:

Boys' Basketball:

Trent Koning - OHC *Player of the Year*, OHC 1st Team, District 9 All-Coaches' Team, 1st Team All-Southwest District, Greene County *Player of the Year*, All-Greene County 1st Team

Isaiah Ramey - OHC 2nd Team, District 9 All-Coaches' Team, 2nd Team All-Southwest District, All-Greene County 2nd Team

Payton Herron - OHC Honorable Mention

Caleb McKinion - OHC Honorable Mention

Head Coach Ryan Godlove – All-Greene County *Coach of the Year!*

The CHS Student Section - Greene County Student Section of the Year!

Girls' Basketball:

Luisa Christian -- OHC 1st team, 3rd Team All-Southwest District, All-Greene County 1st Team

Elly Coe -- OHC 2nd Team, All-Southwest District Honorable Mention, All-Greene County 2nd Team

Ciara Horney – OHC Honorable Mention, All-Southwest District Honorable Mention, All-Greene County 2nd Team



Upcoming Events

Friday, April 2

Teacher In Service Day No Students
5:00pm—HS Baseball (H) vs. Greenon

Saturday, April 3

11:00am—HS JV Baseball (H) vs. Yellow Springs (Double Header (11+1))

Monday, April 5

Spring Break Begins
Athletic Booster (7:00)
4:30pm—HS Tennis (A) vs. West Jefferson High School
5:00pm—HS Baseball (A) vs. Madison-Plains High School
5:00pm—HS track @ Mechanicsburg High School (OHC Preview)

Tuesday, April 6

Spring Break
4:30pm--MS Track @ West Liberty Salem MS/HS (OHC Preview)
5:00pm—HS Baseball (H) vs. Greeneview

Wednesday, April 7

Spring Break
4:30pm—HS Tennis @ Greeneview HS
4:30pm—HS Track @ Southeastern HS (QUAD meet)
5:00pm—HS JV Baseball (A) vs. Bellbrook HS

Thursday, April 8

Spring Break

Friday, April 9

Spring Break
5:00pm—HS Baseball (H) vs. West Liberty Salem MS/HS

Saturday, April 10

9:00am--MS Track @ Northwestern HS/MS (Springfield) (Invitational)
11:00am—HS Baseball (H) vs. Northridge High School (Double Header (11+1))
2:00pm—HS Track @ Northwestern HS/MS (Springfield)

Monday, April 12

Music Booster Mtg. (7:00)
School resumes after break
4:30pm—HS Tennis (H) vs. Greenon High School
5:00pm—HS Baseball (A) vs. Triad High School
5:00pm—HS Track @ Greeneview HS (OHC South Division)

Tuesday, April 13

MS/HS Science/Social Studies/Government Testing
5:00pm—HS Baseball (H) vs. Fairbanks High School

Wednesday, April 14

MS/HS Science/Social Studies/Government Testing
Science Testing Grade 5th
4:30pm--MS Track @ Greeneview (OHC South Division)
4:30pm—HS Tennis (A) vs. Northwestern MS

Thursday, April 15

Science Testing Grade 5th
5:00pm—HS JV Baseball (A) vs. Graham
5:00pm—HS Baseball (A) vs. West Jefferson High School

Friday, April 16

5:00pm—HS JV Baseball (H) vs. Thurgood Marshall HS

Saturday, April 17

9:00am—HS Track (H) (Impson Invitational)
12:00pm—HS Baseball (A) vs. Blanchester HS (Double Header (12+2))

Monday, April 19

Elementary Book Fair
Regular Board Meeting (7:00)
4:30pm--MS Track @ Northeastern High School (QUAD meet)
4:30pm—HS Tennis (A) vs. Yellow Springs
5:00pm—HS Baseball (H) vs. Mechanicsburg High School

Tuesday, April 20

Elementary Book Fair
Math Testing Grades 3rd-12th
4:30pm—HS Tennis (H) vs. Northeastern High School
5:00pm—HS Baseball (A) vs. Northeastern High School
5:00pm—HS Track @ Northeastern High School (QUAD meet)

Wednesday, April 21

Elementary Book Fair
Math Testing Grades 3rd-12th
FFA Banquet (6:30)
4:30pm--MS Track @ Washington Court House (QUAD meet)
5:00pm—HS Baseball (H) vs. Yellow Springs

Thursday, April 22

Elementary Book Fair
US History Testing
4:30pm—HS Tennis (H) vs. West Jefferson High School
5:00pm—HS Baseball (A) vs. Miami East High School
5:00pm—HS Track @ Beavercreek HS (Greene County Invitational)

Friday, April 23

Elementary Book Fair
US History Testing
5:00pm—HS Baseball (H) vs. Southeastern HS

Saturday, April 24

Prom

11:00am—HS JV Baseball (H) vs. Ponitz Career Technology Center (Double Header (11+1))

Monday, April 26

Elementary Book Fair

4:30pm—HS Tennis (H) vs. Greeneview HS

5:00pm—HS Baseball (A) vs. Catholic Central High School-Springfield

Tuesday, April 27

Elementary Book Fair

5:00pm—HS Baseball (A) vs. Greenon High School

Wednesday, April 28

Elementary Book Fair

4:30pm—HS Tennis (A) vs. Greenon

5:00pm—HS JV Baseball (H) vs. Miami East High School

5:00pm—HS Track @ Greeneview HS (Invitational)

Thursday, April 29

Elementary Book Fair

Kindergarten Parent Meeting in Cafeteria (7:00)

4:30pm--MS Track @ Northeastern High School (Invitational)

5:00pm—HS JV Baseball (A) vs. Carroll High School

Friday, April 30

Elementary Book Fair

Middle School Theater Performance

NHS Inductions

5:00pm—HS Baseball (H) vs. Madison-Plains High School

Saturday, May 1

Middle School Theater Performance

11:00am—HS JV Baseball (A) vs. Walter E. Stebbins High School (Double Header (11+1))