



Message from Mr. Cordes Principal of Cedarwood School

Dear Cedarwood Family,

Thank you for your help in making the start of the 2018-2019 academic year a true success. As you have probably seen via our social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram, each day there are many special moments that take place for our students. Thank you to our teachers and parents for going above and beyond during these first weeks of school. Thank you to our Social Media Coordinator (Jennifer Fletcher) for ensuring our online presence is consistently updated.



It would be impossible for me to include every unique learning experiences our students have experienced since school started, however, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you a small sample of the many contributions made by our teachers, parents, and students. I know you join me in believing that we are all blessed to be part of the Cedarwood Family.

Brian

N.A.S.A. 3rd Grade is Ready to Launch

On August 24th, our 3rd Graders were given another reason to love being in Ms. Swift's class. Soon after the first day of school, Ms. Swift realized that her students had a passion for science. Ms. Swift arranged for her husband Jonathan Swift, to come to school and create a day-long, hands-on experience for her students. Jonathan Swift is the Manufacturing Lead Engineer at Lockheed Martin. With numerous activities to participate in, the students were challenged throughout the day. From learning how rockets are manufactured and how they operate, to designing their own age-appropriate paper designed rocket, the students enjoyed every minute of their learning experience. ...especially when they had the opportunity to go to our athletic field and compete in a contest to see which of their man-made paper rockets would fly the farthest.



Initiative and Creativity Motors On in 2nd Grade

What a wonderful surprise when 2nd Grader Ollya Erwin came to campus on September 14th with her latest invention: a robotic trashcan.

Ollya and her classmates had recently completed the story *Pearl and Wagner: Two Good Friends* by Katie McMullan. Ollya enjoyed the story and was motivated to take create one of the key elements of the story.

On Friday morning, as I was walking to the main building upon the completion of our morning car line, I could hear Ms. Gazeley (Ollya's 2nd Grade Teacher) calling out to me: "Mr. Cordes, would you like to see something really awesome?" Without hesitation, I turned around and arrived at the 2nd Grade classroom. As Ms. Gazeley explained the plot of the short story, Ollya walked over to her invention, turned it on, and soon the classroom had a self-propelled vacuum cleaner with an attached garbage can moving throughout the room allowing for students to dispose of their unwanted items.

Thank you to Ollya for sharing her creative side with her fellow classmates. Also, thank you to Ms. Gazeley for instilling a love of reading and creativity in each of her students.



Elementary School Continues to Do Sweet Things for their Preschool Buddies

At the beginning of each school year, the Elementary Homerooms select a Preschool "Buddy Class". Throughout the year, the Elementary class visits their preschool buddies or invites their buddies to come visit in their elementary classroom. The two classes then participate in fun activities and friendships begin to form at the earliest of ages.

Here is an example: The 4 year olds were invited to have a morning snack with their buddies. Is there a better morning treat than the New Orleans style legendary beignets from Café du Monde?



Coast to Coast, 4th Grade is Designed for Success

Cedarwood School offers one of the most comprehensive, impressive Social Studies curriculums in our state. Pictured to the right is Sasha Ingle proudly displaying her homemade topographical rendition of the United States of America. The 4th Grade Social Studies curriculum focuses on the Regions of the United States from landforms to cultural diffusion, our students leave 4th Grade appreciating the rich culture that has made America the melting pot of Western Civilization.



The Tradition Continues; Ms. Saltaformaggio Keeps Learning Interesting and Tasteful through the beloved Food Friday

Every student who has attended Cedarwood School for 1st Grade is sure to share one special memory: Food Fridays. Over her nearly two-decades of service to our Cedarwood families, Ms. Saltaformaggio has touched the hearts and souls of so many of our students. Ms. "Salty" has proven that learning travels through the mind and into the stomach. Recently, the 1st Graders completed a lesson on apples. The students learned how apples grow, how they are common, and how they are transformed into wonderful treats. At the end of the week, Ms. Salty created a buffet of delicious apple treats for her "babies".



7th Grade Lends a Helping Hand to Our Future Leaders

It brings a smile to my face each time one of our older classes reaches out and spends time with one of the younger classes. On September 7th, our 7th Graders visited with the 3rd Grade class and collaboratively completed two assignments. In one of the assignments, the 3rd Graders traveled to the 7th Grade classroom to participate in a discussion about the Midnight Ride of Paul Revere. In the second assignment, the 7th Graders traveled to the 3rd Grade classroom and assisted in the labeling of maps and landforms.



Mosquitoes Beware: SKEETERWOOD

Ms. Ford has done it again. Following the successful homemade soap sales, her elective class is hard at work researching the precise formula for effective mosquito prevention wipes. These wipes were recently tested and approved. They will soon be on sale to the public!

