

CEDAR CANYON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOME OF THE FALCONS



OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 4	Book Fair Ends
October 7	NACS on a 2 Hour Delay Schedule. 9:45 - 2:30pm
October 7	Picture Retake Day 9:45 - 11:15am - In Person Students 11:15 - 1:15pm - Remote Students (Enter through door #1)
October 9	End of 1 st 9-Weeks
October 14	Report Cards Sent Home in Bookbags
October 16	No Student Attendance. Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 17	Fall Break - School Closed
October 30	Fall Parties

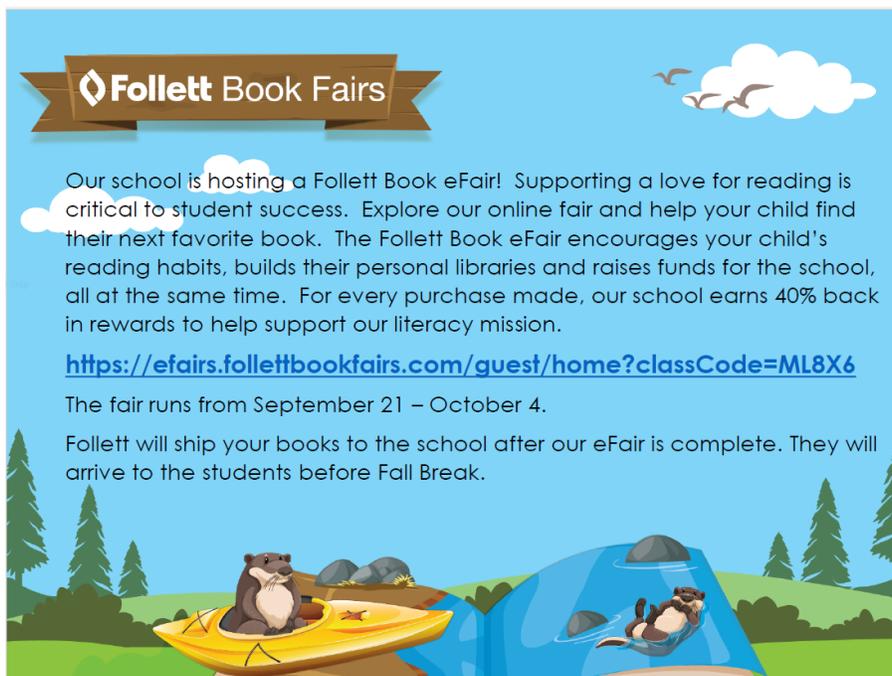
Follett Book Fairs

Our school is hosting a Follett Book eFair! Supporting a love for reading is critical to student success. Explore our online fair and help your child find their next favorite book. The Follett Book eFair encourages your child's reading habits, builds their personal libraries and raises funds for the school, all at the same time. For every purchase made, our school earns 40% back in rewards to help support our literacy mission.

<https://efairs.follettbookfairs.com/guest/home?classCode=ML8X6>

The fair runs from September 21 – October 4.

Follett will ship your books to the school after our eFair is complete. They will arrive to the students before Fall Break.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Cedar Canyon Families,

It is hard to believe that it is October already! The leaves are beginning to turn colors and the crisp, cool autumn mornings are coming. School is in full swing, and we are almost to the end of the first quarter. I love to see the children bound off the busses each morning, full of smiles and hugs, and ready to learn. Thank you for sharing them with us each day!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be on Friday, October 16th. The teachers will discuss report cards and NWEA reports with you on that day. Although the students won't attend school, we are looking forward to meeting with each one of you. Teachers should have sent home information to you on Friday regarding signing up for a Google Meet for conferences through a sign-up genius. If you would like to meet with the art, music, or PE teacher, please use their sign-up genius to schedule a conference. Working together is crucial to the success of all students.

Lifeskill Focus

In continuing with our school wide focus of "A Healthy You" students were introduced to our next Lifeskill focus during our Falcon Factor on Wednesday. During the month of October, Cedar Canyon will be focusing on the Lifeskill of Fairness. I introduced the students to the idea of making sure that students play by the rules and that they don't switch in the midst of an activity. Within the newsletter, I have provided the fairness poster for you and a calendar of things that students can do during the month of October to practice fairness at home. In addition to this, teachers will talk with students about how to be fair within the classroom. We will finish off this month with a Falcon Factor on October 30th. Please take some time to talk to your child/ren about fairness and what this could look like at home.

Digital Citizenship

Safety is an important aspect of our schools. We focus on multiple types of drills to help ensure students know how to keep themselves safe. We discuss ways to keep them safe in our environment. In addition to this, we feel that it is important to provide the students with education on how to keep themselves safe while using their device. During the week of October 14th, teachers will be going over important lessons revolving around digital citizenship. Please talk with your student regarding topics that they are discussing in class. It is always good to be on the same page with your student.

Weather Changes

Fall is here and the weather changes quickly. As the cooler temperatures roll in, please be sure that your child is dressed for the day's conditions. We go outside for recess most days, weather permitting, until the temperature drops below 10 degrees. Please consider sending a sweatshirt/jacket for the mornings, as it can be cool.

PTO Project

At the September PTO general meeting, the PTO voted to spend money on an exciting project for Cedar Canyon. This year we will be adding 8 swings to our playground. I am so thankful for the generosity of our PTO and Cedar Canyon families. We will see the swings installed during the month of October and November. I cannot wait to see the students smile as they swing at recess. If you have not joined the PTO, please consider joining this amazing organization!

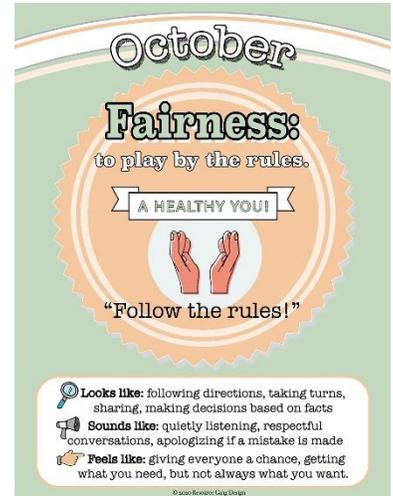
Fall Parties

Although Fall parties will look slightly different this year, students will have their celebration on October 30th. Teachers will be planning the parties but may reach out for donations. If you are willing to help with donations, please let your child's teacher know. Thanks in advance for your continued help!

I hope that you have a wonderful month and enjoy the beautiful fall weather and activities.

Partners in Education,

Courtney Bailey



Music Notes with Mrs. Weidner

Welcome back, Falcons! I am thrilled to begin my eighth year teaching music and my second year here at Cedar Canyon! We have been busy taking our pre-tests and reviewing material from last year.

I have four guidelines for the students that I believe will keep our music room a fun, safe, and educational place to be:

- 1- **Be Safe**- Walk, keep your body to yourself, be aware of those around you
- 2- **Be Respectful**- Listen while others are talking, use materials appropriately, be kind to yourself and others
- 3- **Be Responsible**- Try your hardest every day, put materials back where you got them, remember to bring materials to class (recorders, instruments, music, etc.)
- 4- **HAVE FUN!**

You will notice that each class students will receive a conduct grade in PowerSchool on a scale from 1-4. The grading scale is based on the NACS report card scores as listed in the elementary handbook. Additionally, I will give a student a **1/4** if the student refuses to participate or will not try the activity, even given modifications or accommodations I use to help make the student feel more at ease. My goal is always to help students feel comfortable taking risks and trying new things in music class. While they may not always love the activity or want to perform for others, performing for others is a state standard we assess and speaking in front of others is an important life skill to acquire.

If you have any questions, please contact me at jamie.weidner@nacs.k12.in.us. I am looking forward to a great year!

- Jamie Weidner

- Art Newsletter

- In the Art Room

- Students are still focusing on a variety of elements including textures and colors. Soon we will begin to display their wonderful creations outside of the art room. This is what classes are working on this week:

- 5th Grade – Expressive Self-Portraits
- 4th Grade – Textured Collages
- 3rd Grade – Warm and Cool Colored Textured Turtles
- 2nd Grade – Complimentary Colors and Patterned Socks
- 1st Grade – Textured Expressive Monsters
- K – Cut and Paste Collage Hamburgers

- Collections

- We are still collecting the following recyclable items for future projects: **egg cartons, toilet rolls, paper towel rolls, and paper bags**. Students may leave items outside the art room on the small desk. Thank you!

- FAME and Fusion

We are still planning to participate in FAME and Fusion as in the past although things may look a bit different. This year we are focusing on Earth and recycling. We may ask for new collections from time to time so that we can turn our recyclables into creative art!

Gym Shorts

with Mrs. Cobbs

Wow! What a difference a month makes. The days are much cooler and the morning are a bit chilly. Please make sure your student wears the proper clothes for the temperatures. We will be going outside, as much as possible, up until the end of October. Students are encouraged to dress in layers so they can stay warm but also shed a layer if they get hot.

All pretests have been completed and we're really starting to get into our units. We are just finishing our Spatial Awareness lessons with the Kindergarten through second grade classes and Football with the third through fifth grade classes. Next, we will be starting our striking unit which will include activities like batting off a tee, pickleball, and putt-putt golf. And don't forget the students' favorite HAUNTED HOUSE!

A couple friendly reminders!

~ALL students must have a pair of gym shoes they leave here at school

~ PLEASE send a note with your student if they become injured and cannot participate. A doctor's note is required for any casts (some doctors are ok with participation and others are not).

The Recess Running Club is in full swing! Students are currently running an average of 75 miles per day combined. I'm so excited to add a little fun to this program. The students will be selecting a destination to have their grade level run to. I will be tracking their miles and move their grade level school bus along the US map to show the students their progress towards their destination!

Mrs. Cobbs
Physical Education Teacher
Cedar Canyon Elementary

Student Learning Objectives:

- Students will demonstrate competency in motor skills and movement patterns needed to perform a variety of physical activities.
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of movement concepts, principles, strategies, and tactics as they apply to the learning and performance of physical activity.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Cedar Canyon Elementary

Mrs. Antos

Bullying Resources

October is Bullying awareness month! Mrs. Antos will provide a virtual lesson for each classroom and remote students to learn more about bullying. Students will learn about the following:

- What bullying is
- Different types of bullying
- How to stop bullying
- What to do if you witness bullying
- How to stand up to a bully
- Recognize if you are being a bully
- Recognize if you are being targeted by a bully
- Different tools and worksheets to work on to figure out if you are being bullied

Visit Mrs. Antos virtual office to see more resources and read books online! If you don't have access to my canvas page, please email cassie.antos@nacs.k12.in.us

There is an interactive, kid-friendly website that grades 2-5 will be encouraged to visit:
www.PACERkidsagainstbullying.org

Is It Bullying?

It is very important for kids to know the difference between being mean, rude, and bullying.

When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's **RUDE**.

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's **MEAN**.

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it-even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset, that's **BULLYING**.

October Guidance Lessons:

Bullying: grades K-5

