



Cedarland School

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From The Principal's Office

Welcome Back! I am very excited about the upcoming year as Principal of Cedarland and the learning opportunities that await our students. We will continue to strengthen our skills in literacy and numeracy and foster our character attributes. I had the pleasure of teaching at Cedarland a few years ago and walking the halls for the first time this school year felt like I had come back home. Please know that my door is always open. I look forward to our new adventure together. (H. Knill)

Cedarland Staff – 2016-2017

Staffing decisions require a great deal of thought. We take every effort possible to make decisions that will provide an optimal learning environment for our students.

K.P. Teachers – Katherine Newsome and Liz Greasley

K.P. DECE's – Kelsey Bellisle and Shanna Burns

Grade One – Brian Mateljan

Grade Two – Jenn Cherewka

Grade Two/Three – Emilie Holmes for Amanda Stubbert Martin

Grade Three/Four – Cathy Money

Grade Four/Five – Danielle Skokun

Grade Five/Six – Kristen Mackay

Grade Six/Seven – Valerie Harrison

Upcoming Events

September 12

Parent Council Meeting

September 15

Meet the Teacher Barbeque

September 16

Professional Activity Day

September 23

Colour House Assembly

September 30

Recognition Assembly

Pizza Days are every Friday

“\$2.00 a slice”

Bell Times

Entry: 9:00

1st Block: 9:00 – 11:00

Nutrition Break: 11:00 – 11:40

Middle Block: 11:40 – 1:00

Nutrition Break: 1:00 – 1:40

Third Block: 1:40 – 3:20

Dismissal: 3:20

Grade Seven/Eight – Lauren Lockhart

Grade Eight – Terry Budgell

DD – Heidi Schleifer for Jenn Pizzey

French – Lisa Hadall

Library/Prep – Joanne Vamos and Prep – Jodi Krietner

Learning Resource Teachers – Monica Torma and Jessica King

E.A.'s – Shelby McCullough-Clark, Debbie Pollock, Paula Grinton

Melissa Eelkema, Susan Homick-Gillen, Lisa Coleman

Custodians – Chris Beiwinkler for Kerri Atwell

Secretary – Michelle Bell

Principal – Holly Knill

Cedarland Assemblies

Assemblies happen twice a month. The Recognition assembly is at the end of each month. Two students from each class are recognized for academics and citizenship. The second assembly takes place the week before. This assembly is our Colour House Assembly. Students are involved in team building and tribe activities.

Cedarland Parent Council

The Cedarland Parent Council, under the leadership of Leslie Clementi and Angela Fazekas is a vibrant group providing support to programs and initiatives that benefit all of our children. Some of the wonderful opportunities they support are: Food Trucks, Movie Nights, Christmas Bazaar, and Treats for special occasions, to name a few. The group's role also includes building parent engagement and understanding to better allow parents to be involved in their child's educational experience. If you wish to get involved by joining the Parent Council, the first meeting of the year will be on Monday, September 12th, at 6:00 p.m. in the staff room. Our meetings always end by 7:30 p.m. at the latest. Babysitting will be available for those parents who need it. Students will be supervised on the computers in the computer lab. We look forward to welcoming all parents.

Meet the Teacher Barbeque

Our Meet the Teacher Barbeque event will take place on Thursday, September 15th. Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be served from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Drinks and chips will also be available. Pre-order forms will be sent home on Monday, September 6th. Please return the food order form and money by Friday, September 10th. Teachers will meet parents in their classrooms from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. Your child will show you where he/she sits and you will have a chance to see some of your child's work completed to date. Tickets to the Hamilton Tiger-cat game will also be on sale. We value our connections with parents and families. Teachers will continue to meet with parents when appropriate. Parents can also contact teachers directly to arrange an appointment if they feel the need to do so. A big thank-you to our parent council members for organizing this event!

Pizza Days

Pizza Days will happen every Friday! That's right – **EVERY FRIDAY AT 2ND NUTRITION BREAK!** No permission slips are necessary. Simply bring two dollars for a slice of pizza. Teachers will record the number of slices on their class envelope and students will drop the money in the envelope. Primary students may want to bring their money in a zip lock bag and place it in the front of their back pack or in their lunch bag. Order as many slices as you want. **Just \$2 each per slice.** When the Friday is a P.D. Day or a holiday, pizza will take place on the Thursday of that week.

Hamilton Tiger-Cats Fund Raiser

The parent council organized a fundraising activity connected to the Hamilton Tiger-cat football team. Tickets are for the game on Friday, October 1st at 7:30 p.m. The cost per ticket is \$45.00. Tickets are on the Silver Level. With each ticket purchased comes a ballot for a draw to win 2 Tiger-Cat Tickets, 2 Pre-Game Sideline Passes, 2 Tiger-Cats Hats or a personalized Tiger-Cats home jersey. Tickets are available at the office. There will be a table set up at our Meet the Teacher Barbeque for families to purchase tickets. This proves to be an amazing school / community event while raising a bit of money for our school.

Communication

Two way communication between school and home is important. Please look through the package that has come home with this newsletter. There is some very important information included in the package (School Year Calendar, Your Guide to Brant) ,as well as some very important forms that must be returned (**Nutrition Break Permission, Computer Use Agreement, and Insurance Forms.**) Students from K.P. to grade four use agendas to record information and organize themselves. Successful time management is a skill for life! The staff at Cedarland works very hard to build and maintain successful relationships with parents and guardians. Relevant and meaningful information needs to be shared between the school and home in order for this to occur. The school and your child's teacher will communicate monthly, detailing up-coming activities. Please contact the school to discuss all questions and concerns with your child's teacher and/or the principal.

Police Checks

All parents that wish to volunteer in the school or accompany their child on a class trip must have a valid police check from Cedarland School. These forms are available at the office and must be taken to the police station for validation.

Lunch Room Supervisors

We are always looking for parents to serve as lunchroom supervisors. If you are interested in serving as a substitute lunch room supervisor when our regular supervisors cannot make it, please call the office. This is a paid position.

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

We understand that student cellphones can be used for safety reasons. While at school, however, cellphones are not to be used unless directly supervised by a teacher. **Cell phones are not to be used during nutrition breaks and recess time.** If students are found using a cellphone at school, it will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. Cell phones are placed in the students' lockers and remain in the students' lockers until they are needed in the classroom under the teacher's supervision. Other electronic devices such as digital cameras, IPODS and hand-held devices, are not to be used at school as well, unless authorized by a teacher for a particular purpose. Please help us with our cell phone protocol by not texting or calling your child during the school day. We appreciate your support as we utilize the school day for optimal learning. Students that need to communicate with home, must report to the office to use the office phone.

Please note that if a cell phone is brought to school, they are the sole responsibility of the student. Staff at Cedarland are not responsible for any electronic devices that are brought to school. In the event that they are damaged, lost or stolen.

Cedarland Food Days

Every Friday we offer pizza at second nutrition break - \$2 a slice.

Healthy Breakfast Snacks starting the 2nd week of school.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please call the office. I am looking forward to a great year!

Ms. Holly Knill

(Proud Principal of Cedarland School)