

MAY/JUNE

# Eagle's Nest



Cedar Lane Elementary Newsletter 2012

## A Message from our Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians of Cedar Lane Families:

This is the last newsletter you will receive for the 2011-12 school year from Cedar Lane. For this reason, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the officers of our PTA and the many volunteers that have made our year so much fun and so successful. Please be sure to express your thanks to our PTA officers for their hard work and dedication during this past school year.

**Co-Presidents:** Beth Rasin and Maureen Frail

**Treasurer:** Lori Gordon

**Teacher Representatives:** Amy Graff and Danielle Brown

Besides many of the fun activities (Family Yoga Night, Harvest Dance, Hip-Hop Walkathon and Dance, etc.), the PTA has also offered tremendous financial assistance with various projects, for example: providing start-up grants and enrichment grants for our teachers to support activities they are doing in their classrooms on a daily basis with your children; helping to fund some of our field trips, donating money toward the purchase of the homework agenda books; and the list could go on and on.

Another special person to thank is **Maureen Frail** for the excellent job she has done publishing the *Eagle's Nest* newsletter each month and as our out-going P.T.A. President. Maureen has done a tremendous job as the editor and co-leader. Thanks again, Maureen, for a job well done!

### 2012-13 PTA Officers:

**President:** Beth Rasin

**Treasurer:** Lori Gordon

We are still in need of a Vice President and a Secretary. If you are interested, please contact us.

**April 30-May**-CLE's EmPOWERment (against bullying) Week

**May 7-11** Staff Appreciation Week

**May 8** – School Board Meeting at 7:00

**May 9**-School Nurse's Day

**May 11**- School Color Day

**May 12** – Education Fair at Middletown High School

**May 14**- PTA meeting 6:00 pm

**May 14-18** Bookfair-Book Sale afterschool on May 15 from 4:00-7:00

**May 18** – Activity Day for all grades, Raindate May 26

**May 23**-Band and Strings concert at 6:30

**May 25**- NO SCHOOL-Teacher Inservice Day

**May 28** – NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day observance

**May 29**- Last day of 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period

**June 5**- Volunteer Breakfast at 9:00

**June 5**-5<sup>th</sup> grade Talent Show at 10:00 & 2:00-Parents welcome

**June 6** – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Ceremony – 2:00 p.m. @ A.G. Waters Middle Auditorium

**June 7** – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – Full Day

Many thanks to all our parent volunteers here at school and at home. Your support is one of the main reasons Cedar Lane is such a successful school. I certainly look forward to working with many of you again next year. We will hold a special Volunteer Recognition Breakfast on June 5, 2012 at 9:00.

Now, some news that will be important for you as you are planning your summer vacations. **The last official day for elementary students is June 7. This day will be a full day. The last official teacher day is June 8 - should you need to contact your child's teacher; please do so by that date. Meet the Teacher Night is on August 23. The first day of school for the 2012-13 school year is Monday, August 27.**

I would like to extend my wishes for a happy, healthy, and relaxing summer. Thank you to everyone for your continued support and assistance. To our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students moving on to the middle school, best of luck! Keep up the great work! Have a wonderful summer everyone!!!

Best Wishes,  
Donna Kolakowski, Principal

**PS - Students, don't forget your Summer Reading Projects!**



# PTA News

## 2011-2012 CEDAR LANE PTA BOARD MEMBERS

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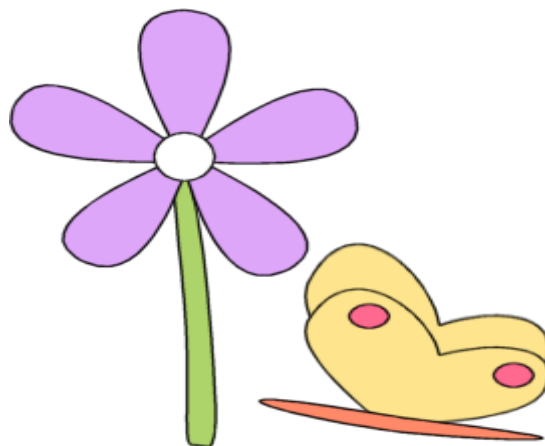
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Thank you everyone who helped at the walk-a-thon during the day and at the dance that night! I hope everyone had a great time! I would also like to thank Walgreens for coming out too. We are coming to the end of another great school year! Our last PTA meeting will be held on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. Once again thanks for all the help this year!!!

Please don't forget about the fundraisers which run throughout the year like **Box Tops for Education**, **Campbell's Labels for Education**, **Tyson Project A+ Labels**, **Giant A+ Program** and the **Target Take Charge of Education Program**. Keep saving over the summer and bring them all back to school when we open in August. More information on these programs is on the PTA section of the school's website and you can also email the PTA with any questions. The money raised helps to fund projects such as purchasing playground equipment, lowering the cost of field trips, and supporting school events/activities. Reminder: The collection pop-tab station collection station is in the cafeteria for the Delaware Ronald McDonald House. We will collect the pop tabs all year and turn them in to the Ronald McDonald House each time we fill the container.



## Cedar Lane's Relay for Life

Our Cedar Lane Elementary Relay for Life team's fundraising is well under way this spring. The timeline of the events is listed below.

### In May:

- ❖ **Bruster's Pie Fundraiser:** Order by May 25<sup>th</sup> for \$15.00 each
- ❖ **Tastefully Simple Fundraiser:** Catalog and ordering is available online by typing in Lynn Guise as Hostess. Webpage address: [www.tastefullysimple.com/web/gmachamer](http://www.tastefullysimple.com/web/gmachamer).
- ❖ **Relay for Life Footprint** May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup> for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.
- ❖ **Throw a Pie in a Teacher's Face:** May 18<sup>th</sup> during the Activity Day events for \$1.00 each or 7 for \$5.00.

All proceeds are donated to the American Cancer Society on June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Middletown Relay for Life event. Thank you for your support!

## Cafeteria Corner **IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!!!!**

The last day we are accepting checks as prepayment on cafeteria accounts for this year is Friday, May 4. After this date we will only accept cash at the registers, either as prepayment or on a daily basis. Accounts can also be prepaid online using the PAYPAM system. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me here at CLES cafeteria.

Wendi Smith

Cedar Lane Elementary Cafeteria

Last Day for Checks!

# Mrs. Simmon's First Grade Class

## Fantastic First Grade

By Mrs. Simmons class

WOW! The morning passes quickly as the students read and write. The day begins with reading. Tyler, Joey and Sean like to read non-fiction books. Reading Zoobooks or National Geographic for Kids is Eli's favorite way to spend time after completing his assignments. Ella, Samantha and Loren prefer fiction books. Rebecca likes to write long stories. Maya, Kailon and Brooke like to practice new sight words by playing center games. Learning new vocabulary words by playing Concentration is challenging for all of us.

The class is enjoying books written by David Shannon and Mo Willem as they learn about author's purpose. The students love being entertained and persuaded by these writers. They would **never** let the pigeon drive the bus!

In math everyone enjoys using the Smart board when learning new math concepts. We are learning about place value- tens and ones and digits. Playing Fly Swatter makes these new concepts fun to practice. James, Alex and Sam like IXL.com. Fast Math is Connor, Matthew, Darius and Jake's favorite activity. Some students are already on subtraction! Counting coins during calendar is fun for Marilyn.

In science the class is learning about Organisms. The students are observing life in the woodland terrariums and aquariums daily. We can't wait to visit the Brandywine Zoo to learn about even more organisms! Every day is an adventure. Cedar Lane is a great place to be in first grade.



# Mr. Wyatt's Second Grade Class

## Math

We have learned so much in math this year. This month we have been working on measuring time and length. Students have learned to tell time to the nearest five minutes. They have learned how to tell time using analog and digital clocks. We have also been working on measuring length. Students are learning how to measure using different units and the importance of standard units of measurement.

## Exciting Writing!

In writing we completed a unit on poetry. Students have written several different types of poems including Haikus and shape poems. We are also working on persuasive writing. Students are learning how to choose topics, gather information, and organize a persuasive writing piece using their opinion.

## Science

In Science we have been investigating soil. We have learned that different types of soil have different characteristics. We have conducted numerous investigations with soil to explore the different characteristics. Some of the investigations involved how different soils settle in water, what happens to soil when it gets wet, and how seeds grow in different soil types.

## Reading

In Reading we recently finished our poetry unit. We learned how to identify a piece of text as poetry by recognizing lines, rhyme, beat, alliteration, and repeated lines. We are currently working on author's purpose and main idea. We have been using different types of graphic organizers to better identify the author's purpose in each paragraph of text.



# Ms. O'Doherty's Third Grade Class

This week in Ms.O's class we have practiced fractions a lot! We reviewed fractions and that they are part of a whole. We have decided which fractions are bigger or smaller. We have put fractions on number lines to see which fraction is bigger.

Example:  $\frac{1}{3} < \frac{2}{3}$

In reading we have practiced writing somebody's point of view. Point of View means telling a story in the eyes of someone else. This is part of what they see, feel and experience. For Example: I did not want to leave my house. I'm being that person and saying what they feel. That's why I'm saying "I "instead of "him or her". We are working on researching the Pioneers and deciding how and why they went out west. We made pop up character descriptions about our pioneer, and wrote a paragraph from their point of view. I have learned that you always have to put the title and write the author's name when you use books to research! This is so I don't plagiarize.

In science we started a new unit about The Human Body! It explains your tissues and some of your bones.

Example: Skull, Ribs, Spine, Shoulder, Hip.

In social studies we have been learning about regions and boundaries. We made school map and a house map that showed different kinds of regions. One type of region in school is the noisy region. The cafeteria, gym and music room are part of the noisy region. A boundary in school is the wall between our classroom and Mrs. Lloyds classroom.

This is what we do in our class!

Learning is so much fun!

By Nina Williams

Charlotte Morris

And

Avery Wolverton



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