



Cedar Valley
Community School
Lynnwood, WA

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Principal's Message from Mrs. Beyer

Dear Cedar Valley Families,

I hope all of you are well. We went through a period in February with many staff and students were out due to illness. We want our students to be here as much as possible, but if your child has a fever or showing signs of illness, please keep her/him at home.

The 3rd-6th grade classes have begun practicing for the Measurement of Student Progress (MSP) tests which will be given at the end of April to mid-May. While they have been learning all year the content of what they will be assessed on, the practice sessions entail using released practice test items. This gives the students the opportunity to respond to "test questions" and see how they would be scored. The teachers use this practice to help students be familiar with the test format and how answers are scored. This assessment is important, but we do not want our students to be stressed about it.

Cedar Valley Expectations: The expectation for March is "We Keep our School Safe and Beautiful". The character trait that goes with this expectation is "responsibility". Please help to reinforce this trait at home by recognizing when your child does his/her chores without reminders, independently helps others or does homework without being told to do so. Thank you for helping to teach responsibility at home.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!! - Since the beginning of school, we have had two evening events to inform parents/guardians about what we do for literacy and math. At these meetings we gave helpful tips for you to helping your children at home, provided some games to play, and information about the MSP testing in the upper grades. While we appreciate the families that have attended these events, we want to increase the number of families attending events like these in the future and we need your help. We truly want our evening events to be meaningful to you. This information is important for our future planning! Please complete the questions below and return to your child's teacher or the office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your response! I hope March is a good month for all of you.

Sincerely
Charlotte



What are the barriers that prevent you from attending evening instructional events?

_____ work schedule _____ time of event _____ other family activities
_____ topics irrelevant to you other _____

What are the best times for you to attend a school instructional event?

_____ week night evenings _____ shortly after school _____ Friday evenings
other times _____

What topics would you want teachers to address at a parent/guardian event so you would attend?

_____ math _____ reading/writing _____ homework other _____

What suggestions do you have for us to increase attendance at future parent/guardian instructional events?

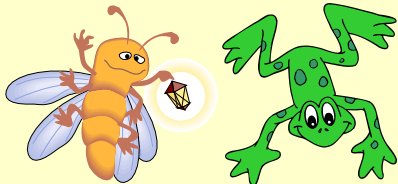
**Middle School Parent Night for
Current 6th grade Parents**

March 28th 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm: Sixth Grade Parent Night at Alderwood Middle School.

Or the Spanish Night

April 25, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm:

Hispanic/Latino Sixth Grade Parent Night at Alderwood Middle School. Presentation will be spoken in Spanish. Childcare will be available.



You are invited to hear Rooms 6, 9,
10 and 11 perform their
Bees, Bugs and Frogs Concert

on

Thursday, March 21st

2:30 PM

and again at

6:30PM

in the Cedar Valley Café. It will be a fun 30 minutes of songs, movement and puppets for all ages.

To Celebrate READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY and Dr. SEUSS'S Birthday the Cedar Valley Students and staff have decorated their doors with cute and colorful Dr. Seuss inspired art. We welcome you to see these when you visit the school.



Cell Phone Policy

We request that cell phones be left at home. If your student needs to call home during the day we have telephones available at school.

Many parents provide cell phones for students for safety as well as convenience. However, cell phone use during school is potentially disruptive. We want our learning environment free from these distractions.

Therefore, the following policy is:

All cell phones carried by students must be turned completely off and stored in backpacks during school hours (8:10 – 3:10) and may not be used on school grounds. Use of cell phones is defined as calling, text messaging, photography and any and all other phone functions.

If a student is found to have a cell phone on or in use during the school day, the phone will be confiscated.

1st offense:

Phone will be held in the main office until the end of the school day when the student may reclaim it.

2nd offense Phone will be held in the main office until the end of the school year when a parent may pick up.

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Before School Procedures

All students and parents who arrive before 8:05 and are not going into breakfast are asked to have a seat on the bench in the foyer and wait quietly until the gym opens at 8:15.

At 8:15 all students in the foyer need to go into the gym. For safety and supervision concerns no students will be allowed in the foyer after 8:15. If a parent wishes to stay with their student, please accompany them into the gym.

Thank you for your assistance keeping our students safe!

CEDAR VALLEY CARNIVAL



Save the date!!!

Cedar Valley Carnival

Sponsored by Cedar Valley Natural
Leaders and PSO

In celebration of Children's Day

When: Saturday, April 27

Time: To be announced

Buckle Up - It's the law

In Washington State it is the law to have all occupants in a vehicle wearing a seatbelt.

Parents please buckle all passengers in vehicle and yourself before pulling away from the curb. This is very important. The Lynnwood Police Department has provided us with information helpful in determining what type of seat is appropriate for your child.

Did you know that children up to the age of 13 should only ride in the backseat?

Children age 8 or 4'9" tall must ride in a booster seat with a lap and shoulder belt.



Upcoming Events

Assembly

Friday, March 1st 9:00 AM

Parent Meeting re: Uniform dress code

Tuesday March 5th 2:15 PM

Kazu Kibuishi Assembly 9:00 & 10:15

Wednesday March 6th

Grades 3-6

Middle School Registration Due

Wednesday, March 6th

Natural Leaders Meeting

Thursday, March 7th 1:30 PM-3:00 PM

Thursday, March 21st 1:30 PM-3:00 PM

LATE START

Monday, March 11th 9:40 AM

Monday, March 25th 9:40 AM

PSO Meeting

Monday, March 11th 6:00 PM

Community Forum Principal Selection

Thursday March 14th 6:30-8:30

Library

Early Dismissal

Thursday March 14th 11:40 AM

Friday, March 15th 11:40 AM

Grade 2 and 2/3 concert

Thursday, March 21st 2:30 PM

Cedar Valley Café 6:30 PM

Cedar Valley Expectations

- ◆ We help each other.
- ◆ We respect each other.
- ◆ We work hard to learn.
- ◆ We say positive things to each other.
- ◆ We keep our school safe and beautiful.



Cedar Valley Community School Monthly Calendar

March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Assembly 9:00AM	2 READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY
3	4	5 Parent Meeting: 2:15 Commons	6 Middle School Registration due Kazu Kibuishi Assembly	7 Natural Leaders 1:30	8 NO SCHOOL Professional Development	9
10 Daylight Savings Begins Spring Ahead	11 Late Start 9:40 PSO Meeting 6:00 PM	12	13	14 Early Release 11:40 Parent Conferences Community Forum 6:30PM	15 Early Release 11:40 Parent Conferences	16
17 St. Patrick's Day 	18	19	20	21 Coffee, Cookies & Conversation with the Principal 8:45 AM Natural Leaders 1:30 2nd grade & 2/3 Concert 6:30-7:00 Class Pictures	22	23
24	25 Late Start 9:40 PSO Fundraiser Due	26	27	28	29	30
31	APRIL 1 S B	APRIL 2 P R	APRIL 3 I E	APRIL 4 N A	APRIL 5 G K	APRIL 6