



Cedar Heights Elementary School

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Cedar Heights families,

The summer is rolling by quickly and we are getting ready for another great year at Cedar Heights. I hope that you had an opportunity to share some good times with your family and friends. As we prepare for the start of the year I want to share some important dates and information with you. Enjoy the remainder of your summer and we will see you very soon.

Registration for ALL Students Tuesday, August 2 9:00-1:00 or 4:00-7:00

At registration you will have the opportunity to:

- **Turn in your updated family enrollment form received in District mailing.
- If your address has changed you will need to provide proof of your new address. Proof can come in the form of a current utility bill or rental agreement.
- Pay school fees (\$43 per student).
- Pay lunch fees (see prices below).
- If your family qualifies provide a free/reduced lunch application and/or school insurance application. If you were eligible last year you must still complete a new form.
- **Provide transportation form. Visit the link provided to print off a form and bring it with you to registration.
- **Provide a 2016-2017 Health Form (required for each student). Visit the link provided to print off a form; complete and bring with you to registration.
- Learn about the Cedar Heights PTA.

*****To move you through the registration process as quickly as possible we ask that you complete the forms mailed to you by the district and provided on the Cedar Heights website and bring them with you to registration.***

2016-17 Meal Prices (Elementary)

Breakfast	\$2.15
Reduced breakfast	\$.30
Lunch	\$2.90
Reduced lunch	\$.40
Extra milk	\$.50

The snack milk option for kindergarten-3rd grade students will no longer be available.

If you are unable to attend registration on August 2, we ask that you contact the office in advance. Alternative dates and times for registration are listed below. We would also ask that if your child is not returning to Cedar Heights that you contact the office. It is very important that we have an accurate picture of who will be attending so we can make decisions regarding personnel and student rosters. Classroom assignments will not be available at registration this year. Enrollment changes daily and revisions are made to rosters frequently allowing for equitable distribution of students between classes. Classroom assignments will be available once online scheduling opens for input conferences and will also be available at Meet the Teacher Night.

ALTERNATE REGISTRATION DATES: August 9 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm and August 16 from 8:00am – 3:30pm. Please call the office @ 319 553-2894 if you have any questions.

Meet the Teacher
Tuesday, August 23 5:00-6:30

Cedar Heights' annual Meet the Teacher night is an opportunity for families to meet their child's teacher and drop off school supplies. Students will also be able to find their seats and lockers.

Input Conferences
Monday, August 29, & Tuesday, August 30

Input conferences allow families an opportunity to share their child's strengths and any other information they feel will help their child's teacher throughout the school year. Sign up for these conferences will be done using the Online Scheduler. By signing up online you will also have the opportunity to learn who your child's teacher is prior to "Meet the Teacher" Night. Online sign up will begin on August 12 and will close on August 22. Instructions on using the Online Scheduler will soon be available on the Cedar Heights website and also sent via email prior to August 12.

Starting the School Year

First Day of School

The first day of school is Thursday, August 25. Dismissal will be at 1:50 for the first five days: August 25, 26, 29, 30, and 31. The first full day of school (8:50-3:45) will be on September 1. We will continue the tradition of raising the flag to kick off our year at 9:15 on the first day.

Drop Off & Pick Up

For families that drive their children to school you may drop them off on Hawthorne Avenue or the east parking lot. Students should not arrive any sooner than 8:30 unless they are eating breakfast at school. Students eating breakfast may arrive at 8:20. From 8:30 to 8:40 students should report to the playground. Kindergarten and 1st grade students are on the playground on the southwest side of the building. 2nd and 3rd grade students report to the playground between Kindergarten/1st grade and the basketball court. 4th-6th grade students should go to the basketball court. If your child arrives after 8:40 he/she may go directly to their classroom. Classes begin at 8:45. Students arriving after that time must check in at the office. During the first few days of school we know that many parents want to help their child get acclimated and be sure that they get to their room. For the first 5 days families will be allowed to do this. Beginning September 1 we ask all parents or other family members to check in at the office if you need to visit a classroom after 8:30 a.m.

Dismissal time can be a little chaotic as 500 or more students depart the building. It not only creates congested hallways but also a congested parking lot. We do ask that at the end of the day families wait outside for students. If you do need to visit a room, we ask that you check in at the office. Students that ride buses will be dismissed from their rooms first. Shortly after they have been dismissed we will dismiss the students that walk or are picked up. Students are expected to leave the school grounds after dismissal unless accompanied by an adult and may not return until after 4:15. I would also ask that if you are picking up your child you please do

not park along the curb in the east parking lot. It makes it very difficult for others to maneuver their way through the lot. Please use the parking spaces.

A couple of final things related to drop off and pick up. Pets should not be on the school grounds immediately before or after school or during the school day. If you have children that are not yet of school age we would ask that in the morning you please keep them along side you until all of our students have entered the building. You are welcome to stay and play once we have made our way inside.

Visiting the Building

All visitors are required to check in at the office. Please make sure that you bring your ID with you the first time you visit so we can get you into our system.

New Website

We begin our new year with a new website. It is much easier for us to share information and much easier for you to navigate. There will be lots of information on our site this year. Please visit us at:

<http://www.cfschools.org/schools/cedar-heights>

Parent Teacher Association

We are blessed at Cedar Heights to have a tremendously supportive PTA. They support us through volunteers and additional funds to help us provide the highest quality education possible. If you are new to the school or have not participated in the past we encourage you to get involved. PTA meetings are generally held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. Our first meeting of the year is scheduled for September 27. We hope to see you there.

Important Dates

August 2	Registration	9:00-1:00 and 4:00-7:00
August 23	Meet the Teacher	5:00-6:30
August 25	First day of school	
August 29 & 30	Input conferences	2:15-6:15
September 5	No school	
September 6	Picture day	
September 16	No school	
September 17	Cedar Heights Fun Run	
September 27	PTA meeting	7:00

Sincerely,



Mr. Brian Ortman, Principal