



# The Cedar Creek News

*We all shine with our own small light but TOGETHER we blaze like the sun!*

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## A Message from Mrs. Ranuska & Mrs. Donohue:

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Dear Parents, Grandparents, and Friends,

The calendar page marking the month of September has been turned and fall days are upon us! October is officially here!

Not a parking space was available in our parking lot the evening of Back to School Night. Your enthusiasm matched that of your children on their first day with us! We are so pleased with your commitment to our school community as a whole and to your child's teacher in particular. We are off to a great start!

SAFETY is the buzz word that begins in September, is highlighted in October and continues as a part of our on-going discussions during the remainder of our school year. We are pleased to welcome Lacey Township Class III Police Officer, Robert Johnson. He will be a permanent fixture between the Cedar Creek and Mill Pond Schools. We have completed our Emergency Evacuation drill and have had our first fire drill already. In addition, all visitors must continue to identify themselves upon entering the school building and badges are to be worn by everyone who has business being in the school building. Our security cameras are on and we appreciate your concern, support, and input on this important topic.

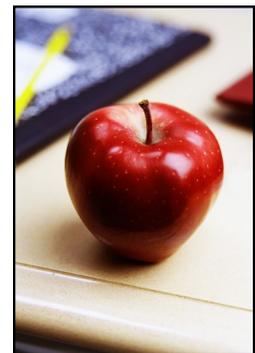
Fire safety will be the topic of our first October assembly. We are grateful to the Lanoka Harbor Fire Department for their involvement and to our Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Borel for facilitating many lessons on respect and safety.

Our staff is looking forward to Professional Day on October 8, 2018. Our commitment to our profession enables us to view ourselves as lifelong learners. This opportunity is energizing as we work with our colleagues to learn new ideas to be used in the classrooms. Enjoy these fall days with us!



Should you need to contact a staff member, please call the main office at 971-5850 and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Our school day ends at 3:15. We ask that you do not pick up your child prior to dismissal as the interruption of instruction is difficult for our staff and students.





### ALL VISITORS

For **security reasons**, no one is permitted on the recess field during recess unless you are an approved employee of the Lacey School District. In addition, if you need to **drop off any items** to the school; cupcakes, lunch, snack, sneakers, etc...you may leave it with the security aide at the **Greeter Desk**. You no longer will need to bring it into the main office.

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## October Dates to Remember

1	The Week of Respect– Kindness Day! Wear as many colors as you can, throw kindness like confetti!
3	Hurtful words can't be taken back...wear your clothes backwards day!
5	Kindness is classy...Dress to Impress, wear your Sunday best!
8	SCHOOL CLOSED—Columbus Day/Teacher Work Day
10	PTA Meeting—7:30 PM
11	Fire Safety Assembly and Fire Trucks
15	School Violence Awareness Week– Wear School Colors for Peace; Board of Education Meeting– 7:00 PM High School
15-18	PTA Book Fair Week
16	PTA Book Fair Family Night, 5:00-7:00 PM and Anthony's Pizza Fundraiser
17	Stomp out Bullying– Wear your favorite Boots!
18	Grade 4 Paint Party 6:15-8:15 MP room
19	Put Bullying to Rest—Pajama Day! No slippers please Franklin Institute Assembly—Thank PTA!
22	Red Ribbon Week—We are Drug Free! Math Show Assembly—Thank you PTA!
23	Grade 1 Field Trip– Cape May Zoo
24	Team up Against Drugs—Team Jersey Day!
26	Wear RED to celebrate being Drug Free!
31	Happy Halloween!!

## Up and Coming in November

7	End Marking Period 1
8-9	SCHOOL CLOSED– Teacher's Convention
14	PTA Meeting—7:30 PM

## Kindergarten News



## First Grade News



First Grade has been very busy! We are enjoying the season of fall and are having fun learning about Columbus, fire safety, and Halloween. We are all excited about beginning Ready Gen! The children seem to really enjoy the stories and are doing a great job writing narratives! In math, we are currently working on writing addition and subtraction sentences and introducing new vocabulary, such as "part", "whole", and "join". In Science, we have been discussing the season of fall and we are about to start a unit on light and sound waves. Please encourage your children read at least 15 minutes each night and be sure to have them record it on their monthly reading log. The children are growing as readers and writers every day!



## September Students of the Month

## Second Grade News

*Welcome Back! We have been very busy in Second Grade. We are thrilled to have some cooler weather and excited to start learning about fire safety, Columbus and Halloween!*

*In math we are reviewing different strategies to help with our addition and subtraction facts up to 20. Please remember to practice facts nightly at home.*

*In reading we are beginning to identify character traits and find the main idea of a passage. In writing we are writing complete sentences, focusing on capitalization and punctuation.*

*We are looking forward to a wonderful second grade year!*



## Third Grade News

Welcome back! We are excited about starting the school year! In reading, we are understanding how the actions and motivations of characters affect the events in a story. In writing, we are composing a narrative that includes developed characters, a clear sequence of events, and a conclusion. In math, we are using arrays to multiply and divide, as well as using patterns to build fact fluency. In social studies, we have been discussing the Constitution and the effects of 9/11. We are excited to start our science unit on "Force and Motion." We are looking forward to a wonderful year in third grade!



**Art:**  
Rorie Morris  
Joseph Johnsen

**Music:**  
Carson Brash  
Rachel Heins

**Physical Education:**  
Hailey Adams  
Luke Gaguski



## Fourth Grade News

Welcome back! The fourth graders have been busy settling into their new routines and roles as kindergarten helpers, sign holders, and most importantly, role models for our younger students. We are all excited for Fall weather, and the fun things that come with it. In reading, we will be learning about different types of scientists. We will finish up our first story, Porpoises in Peril, and will begin our second, Mary Anning. We will also discuss the components of a biography, and begin drafting one too. In Math, We will be re-viewing multi-digit addition and subtraction and then will begin our study of multi-digit multiplication. It is very important that our fourth graders are comfortable with their basic multiplication facts. Please practice these facts each night. Looking forward to a fun filled start to Fall!



### Mrs. Maslen's Class

Welcome back! We are happy to be back at school! We are doing a great job learning and following the new expectations in first grade! We are looking forward to doing fall activities throughout the next month!

## Gifted and Talented

Welcome back to Mrs. Hutler's classroom. I have a very exciting year planned for all of my students. The fourth grade gifted and talented students will apply the steps involved in making an invention or innovation in today's market place. They will create and invention or innovation, document all activities in a journal, create a presentation board, and prepare an oral presentation. The third grade gifted and talented students will be introduced to the geographical, historical and cultural aspects of Ancient Greece. They will discover how this ancient culture has influenced society today.



### Mrs. Freiday & VanNortwick's Class

Welcome back! We are excited to be back and settling into our classroom routines this year. We have been learning about apples and creating apple crafts in class. We will attempt to make our own applesauce. We are looking forward to the fall season and all the fun activities that go along with this time of the year!

## RECYCLE RALLY!!

**Thank you to all who are participating in our Recycle Rally efforts!**

**Last year we won \$9,000.00 in a national competition! We have purchased another piece of playground equipment for our students to enjoy as well as more chrome books for student use!**

**We are competing again, please send in your #1 and # 2 plastics! We also have two drop off bins behind the school, alongside the recess field, near our garbage dumpsters. Thank you!!**

### Mrs. Peck's Class

Welcome Back! We are beginning our new workshop in reading about Ancient Egypt. We will be studying King Tut, mummies and how they built those unique pyramids many years ago. We are working on our comprehension and fluency throughout this workshop. I look forward to a wonderful year!

### Mrs. Zito's Class

Welcome back! We have hit the ground running in our classroom! We are excited about our new workshop Secrets of the Mummy's Tomb. We started our Read 180/System 44 rotations and have learned how to write our name in hieroglyphics. This workshop has a lot of great stories to read and fun group discussions to share.

### Technology News

Happy Fall! Our students are finishing up the NWEA testing in the lab and all students in grades 1-4 will be starting Technology Class. Our focus for the first several weeks will be Digital Citizenship and how to be kind when using technology. Technology club for 4th grade will be starting toward the end of October. Students will be notified of their group and club times soon!

### Physical Education and Health News

We are off to a great start. All of the boys and girls have been weighed and measured for Nurse Weaver. Now comes the fun stuff. The kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade Classes are exploring ways to move in general space and self space. Safety comes first! The third grade classes will be discussing conflict in Health while hitting the course in P.E. That's golf of course.

We are very excited to be starting a fitness unit in 4th grade Health and P.E. The students will develop a warm-up routine for their peers that incorporates all aspects of fitness for their bodies. In Health Class we will be discussing the advantages fitness plays in getting, being and staying healthy.

Looking forward to another "moving" year. Remember...sneakers with laces or Velcro (no slip-ons) and comfortable attire.

### Mrs. Leonard's Class

Welcome back! We have been busy meeting our new friends and learning classroom rules and routines. The children are excited to participate in all of their learning centers! Please remember to practice their sight words at home and send them back to school each day! Thank you for all you do!

### News from the Counselor-Mrs. Borel

Welcome back to another exciting year! The guidance office will be incorporating all good character traits through school wide activities and specific classroom lessons. The focus for this school year is "Kindness: Paying It Forward". All lessons will be modeling strategies to promote better positivity and responsibility in the areas of academics, social relationships and community involvement.

October begins with highlighting character themes, such as; Respect, Bullying, and Drug-Free Awareness. Students will be engaging in fun educational activities for each theme.

**"Together we can change the world, just one random act of kindness at a time." - Ron Hall (author of *Same Kind of Different as Me*)**