

Eagle News



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A Joint Newsletter of Cedar Way Elementary and the Parent Teacher Organization.

Principal's Corner — Dear Cedar Way Families and Friends



Many of our kids are struggling with math facts, and we need your help.

Facts about Math Facts

Fact: Kids who fail algebra rarely go to college.

Fact: Kids who do not grasp fractions, decimals and percents, will struggle with algebra.

Fact: Kids who do not understand concepts of place value and the properties of numbers will struggle to learn fractions, decimals and percent's.

Fact: Kids who don't know their math facts will have a hard time with more complex problems and concepts.

Fact: Students at Cedar Way need to practice memorizing their facts at home if they are going to know them with automaticity – instant recall. Here's where they need to be: **By the end of Second Grade:** kids should know all addition facts of two one digit numbers (like $7 + 9 = \dots$) and

their related subtraction facts (like $18 - 7 = \dots$) by heart, with no hesitation.

By the end of Third Grade:

Kids should know all multiplication facts of two one digit numbers (like $7 \times 9 = \dots$) and all related division facts (Like $63 \div 9 = \dots$) by heart, with no hesitation as well as all their addition and subtraction facts.

Cedar Way, and every other school in the Edmonds School District uses "Expressions" math materials K-5th grade, and "Connected with Mathematics" for 6th and 7th grade.

These materials are great at helping to build the foundational understanding each kid needs to be successful in algebra, but learning the math facts – knowing them cold, requires practice at home. We need your help!!!

ALL PARENTS: On top of their regular homework – Every student 2nd through 6th grade should be reading *and* practicing their facts EVERY night for at least ten *focused* minutes, *until they know them all instantly, with no hesitation.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We need volunteers to come in once a week to make copies of math fact quizzes, help score quizzes, chart progress, and even work with kids to help them become fluent.

If you can spare an hour a week, you could help LOTS of kids achieve at higher levels in math.

Please call Mr. Cramer if you can help (425)431-7868

Thank you all for your help!
Hawk Cramer, Principal

Call for Volunteers

Help students improve in math with a little time at school! You don't have to be a math whiz! Just call:
425-431-7868

"Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children."
—Sitting Bull

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Despite the Bad, Let's Celebrate the Good

It was very saddening to hear that there was vandalism to one of the spinning toys (the Dynamo) using gas and fire, as well as graffiti on the rock wall, one weekend in November. It's a sad time when the best thing for someone to do for fun is to torch kids play toys and I feel sorry for those folks. We're lucky that insurance will cover the cost to repair this very fun playground toy.

But this one bad event pales compared to the good that comes with our great parent/family/staff community!

Our latest news: we had a great time at our PTO Parents Night Out at Ringer's meeting new people and enjoying some time without the kids.

Don't forget the See's Candy Sale! Orders due (and eligible for prizes) on Friday, 12/2
Last chance orders due on 12/5

In other news, all families are encouraged to send in items to include in Giving Baskets which will be donated to needy families

in our CWE community. This giving tradition has helped many families over the years.

Last, we are set to have a wonderful Festival of Lights which will bring CWE families together to celebrate winter holidays from around the world—holidays that focus on peace, love and light at the darkest time of year.

We look forward to seeing you on December 9th at 6pm!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 See's Candy Orders Due	3
4	5	6 Eagle Singers @ 3:10pm	7 Superintendents Roundtable @ 12:00pm	8	9 Festival of Lights Holiday Scrip orders due	10
11	12 PTO meeting @ 6:30pm	13 Eagle Singers @ 3:10pm School Board Mtg @ 6:30pm	14 EAACH Mtg @ 6:30pm	15	16 Spirit Day—Pajama/Teddy Bear Day	17
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See's Candy pick-ups happen on 12/13-12/15 from 8:00-8:40am and 2:45-3:30pm and 12/14 from 5:30-6:30pm

Schedule of Events

- 12/2 See's Candy Orders due. Turn in forms with your student.
- 12/6 Eagles Singers Rehearsal—3:10pm; also on 12/13
- 12/7 Superintendent's Roundtable — 12 to 1pm at Edmonds School Center (ESC)
- 12/9 Festival of Lights — 6:00 to 8:00pm at the Eagle's Nest
- 12/9 Holiday SCRIP orders due
- 12/12 PTO meeting—6:30 to 8:00pm in the Library. Child care provided for kids 4+
- 12/13 See's Candy Pick Up — 8:00 to 8:40am and 2:45 to 3:30pm in room 110
- 12/13 School Board Meeting—6:30pm at Edmonds School Center (ESC)
- 12/14 See's Candy Pick Up — 8:00 to 8:40am and 2:45 to 3:30pm. An extra evening pick up at 5:30 to 6:30pm in room 110
- 12/14 Equity Alliance for Achievement (EAACH)—6:30—8:00pm at ESC. 11/17
- 12/15 See's Candy Pick Up — 8:00 to 8:40am and 2:45 to 3:30pm in room 110
- 12/16 Spirit Day—Pajama/Teddy Bear Day. Wear your school/weather appropriate jammies and bring your favourite teddy bear
- 12/19 No school—Winter Holiday through January 2nd

Internet Safety and More

Did you miss the great presentation by Stephanie Thomas, from the Seattle Police Department? Ms. Thomas went over a lot of very good information about the vulnerabilities in ours' (and our children's) use of Facebook and social media, the legal challenges that face adults, as well as minors, in the misuse of cell phones and more.

Ms. Thomas' presentation and links to resources can be found on the PTO website: <http://CedarWayPTO.org>. If you would like to view one of Ms. Thomas' presentations, please contact Molly Luna (at molly@cedarwaypto.org) to get a copy.

Scrip Contest

The class who brings in the most Scrip orders by Friday, December 9th will win a pizza party! Scrip is just another way to say "gift card" — and the holidays are a great time to get gift cards for friends, family, and others who deserve thanks this season. Or even for you to use as you purchase holiday items.

A few of the favorite stores & restaurants:

- Albertson's, QFC, Fred Meyer, Rite Aid;
- Toys R Us, Target, Barnes and Noble, Old Navy, Gap, Claire's;
- Macaroni Grill, Red Robin, Jamba Juice, KFC, Chuck E. Cheese, Qdoba, PF Chang's, Starbucks;
- And many more.

There are 500 different merchant Scrip gift cards that can be ordered through our PTO order form, which means the PTO receives a small rebate for each card purchased and with no fee to you. Rebates range from 2-15% and the money goes to fund PTO activities.

Scrip can be ordered at school on Wednesdays 2:45-3:20 and Fridays 8:15-8:45 in the front of the school. Order forms are available in the school main office or on the PTO website: www.CedarWayPTO.org

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Celebrate holidays from around the world at our Festival of Lights on Friday, December 9th starting at 6:00pm and running until 8:00pm.

This will be a community potluck and festival hosted by the PTO. Please bring a regional, ethnic or dish that represents your nationality to share with others.

If you would like to share decorations or information about your holiday heritage, please contact Michelle Clark at gmgiaclark@gmail.com.

We'd love your feedback on the school yearbook. Take a minute and take a quick survey:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/G2HVV6V>