



## Looking Ahead

- Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> Labor Day – Schools Closed  
 Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> Back to School Night  
 6:30 P.M. General PTA Meeting  
 7– 9:00 P.M. Back to School Night Activities  
 Volunteer Training  
 4:00, 5:00, and 6:00 P.M.  
 Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> SIT – 3:00 P.M.  
 Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> Family Dinner Night –  
 Fuddruckers – 5:30 P.M. –  
 8:30 P.M.  
 Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> Yom Kippur – Schools Closed

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## Arrival/Dismissal

Our school year is off to a great start. Kudos to those students who remembered how to enter the building! Here are just a few reminders of arrival and dismissal procedures.

- Students are to enter the building through their assigned doors.
  - Cafeteria hall – Grades K and 1
  - Main doors – Grades 2 and 5
  - Gym Hall – PreK, Grades 3 and 4
- **ALL Visitors** must enter the building through the front doors, **sign-in, and secure a visitor's badge.** (Even if you are taking your child to class.)
- If you are picking your child up at dismissal, you must come to the office and sign them out. If someone other than the parent is coming, please be sure they are on the **emergency card and have photo identification.**
- Please send a note to school if your child will have alternate dismissal plans. In the case of emergencies please **phone the office, do not email the teacher,** they may not get the message in time.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



## Volunteer Training

The next volunteer training will be held on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> (Back to School Night). If you wish to volunteer at school or go on field trips you must attend a volunteer training session each year. Three sessions will be offered for your convenience. The times are 4:00, 5:00, and 6:00. Trainings will begin promptly and last approximately 30 minutes. Please be on time. We can not admit anyone to the training once it has started. You will need to attend the entire session. Thank you.

If you have any questions, please call or email Chris Millirons, School counselor. (410-887-6944/ [cmillirons@bcps.org](mailto:cmillirons@bcps.org))



## PANTHER'S PAW



### A Monthly Newsletter for the Cedarmere Elementary School Community

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*"Learning With and From Each Other"*

September 2, 2009



Dear Families of Cedarmere,

I'd like to thank everyone for their enthusiasm and support as we opened our doors to the community for the first day of school for the 38<sup>th</sup> year this past Monday. There is nothing like the positive emotion and spirit of the first day of school. It's in our hands together to seize the opportunity to capture that energy and sustain it throughout the year. As it looks, I'd have to say we're off to great start.

If you are new to Cedarmere, I extend a warm welcome to you. For those returning to Cedarmere for another wonderful year, welcome back. If I haven't had the chance to meet you in person yet, my name is Steve Coco. I have the distinct honor of beginning my third year as the principal of our amazing school. Cedarmere, without question, is an exceptional learning environment. Our school has achieved this through the expectation of collaboration among all school partners – students, staff, and families working together to help children help themselves be the best they can be.

I trust that everyone has had a great couple of days as we lay the foundation for countless successes for the 2009-2010 school year. As always, you can count on your "subscription" to our monthly newsletter, *THE PANTHER PAW*, to keep you up to date on the happenings in and around our great school. You can expect "home delivery" by your little panther on the first Wednesday of each month.

Hopefully, you had the opportunity to join us for our 6th annual First Day Celebration. This event is part of the *First Day of School America Campaign*, a national grassroots movement dedicated to increasing parental and community involvement in education. Planning for this event begins in February of the prior year, so I'd like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs. Shandra Patrick, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, for successfully coordinating this year's annual event. And a "PAWS UP" award to our PTA for providing the yummy breakfast treats. If you couldn't attend, look for the many great school and PTA sponsored family events coming your way throughout the year.

We are again excited about the partnership with our PTA, led by Mrs. Beth Ourand, president. The accomplishments and school-wide support of this organization is nothing short of spectacular. We have a great deal of talent (*some yet to be discovered*) in our community so please look for the many opportunities you will have to share your skill set with our children. Remember, YOU are the PTA!

As a reminder, please plan to join us for our Back to School Night on Tuesday, September, 15<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity to learn about the exciting activities and learning that our students will take part in this year. The evening will also include three more volunteer training sessions (4:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.). **Volunteer training is mandated in all Baltimore County Schools** to anyone who wishes to volunteer in a capacity that works with our children. This includes field trips. Please contact Ms. Millirons with any questions regarding training. At 6:30 p.m., we will kick off the evening activities with our first general PTA meeting in the cafeteria. At 7:00 p.m., we will begin with our annual Back to School activities followed by two classroom visitation sessions. Our evening is intended for adults. Please make every effort to secure childcare so that we can maintain the focus of our evening.

If you need anything, have a question or concern, or just want to share some good news, we are always here and ready to support you.

Your partners in education,

Stephen J. Coco  
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