

The Cedar Reader

FIRST EDITION

Welcome to the Cedar Reader!

LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Thank you for reading our first edition of *The Cedar Reader*! We are so excited to share all of the hard work our team has been doing over the past few weeks.

We hope you enjoy all of the columns, games, and other interesting stories inside!

See you in January!

*Ms. Dawson, Mrs. Klement,
& Ms. Alexi*

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CEDAR DRIVE WINTER SING ALONG

This year, instead of doing a normal concert, Cedar Drive is doing a Holiday Sing Along show. Every class will be leading a song, and will stand up when it's their turn to sing. The whole school will sing along, even parents! Every class has practiced a song and memorized it so they can lead the school through it.

This year's songs are:

- Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
- Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree
- Oh Christmas Tree
- All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth
- Santa Claus is Coming to Town
- Winter Wonderland
- Up on the Housetop
- Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
- Feliz Navidad
- Frosty the Snowman
- Deck the Halls

Together We Soar - Cedar Drive Seahawks

Goodbye, Ms. Queenie!

On Ms. Queenie's last day, some of our reporters gathered to ask her some questions. Ms. Queenie worked at Cedar Drive as a lunch supervisor for years. We'll be sad to see her go, but we're excited for her to try something new!

Q: Where are you going next?

A: I'm going to Continuing Education

Q: Will you get to visit again?

A: I'll try my best! I love Cedar.

Q: What is your favourite thing to do outside of school?

A: I like to spend time with my family and do activities with them.

Q: How do you feel about leaving Cedar?

A: I'm so sad. I wish I had more time to stay here and say goodbye to everyone. I found out that I was leaving today.

We'll miss you, Ms. Queenie! We hope you have fun at your new school, but please come back and visit whenever you can!

By Anora Malekpour, Ben Metcalfe, Jasmine Lu, Hope Serres, Pippa McLean, Molly Jorgenson, Camdyn Sayers, and Lenya Khudhur

Divisions 2 and 4

CREATIVE CORNER

Every month, some of our student writers write Creative Writing pieces for *The Cedar Reader*. Here are this month's pieces:

Winter

*Whenever I look up, I see snow in the air.
It never ever stopped and messed up my hair.
When I get home, I see the fire ablaze.
As soon as I look at it, my mind sees the flames.*

*I look out the window, and I see Christmas lights on every house.
There's a Christmas tree glowing, and a tiny little mouse.
With a cup of hot cocoa, I will stay nice and toasty.
Under my favorite blanket, I feel warm and cozy.*

*By Peyton Sayers
Division 2*

December

**Decorating
Embrace
Christmas
Enjoy
Merry
Bells
Eggnog
Reindeer**

*By Hanako Morris
Division 1*

Staff Interview: Mr. Dhaliwal

We wanted to know more about the Cedar Drive Staff! First up, Mr. Dhaliwal. We asked him some questions that students are excited to know about:

Mr. Dhaliwal's Favourite Things:

Food: Pizza

Dessert: Chocolate Mousse Cake

Number: 7

Sports Team: San Francisco 49ers.

Colour: Green

Time of Year: Summer!

Book: *The Grapes of Wrath*



Before he worked at Cedar Drive, Mr. Dhaliwal was the Vice Principal at a middle school. He spent five years there and this is his third year at Cedar Drive.

Mr. Dhaliwal has two kids and no pets. He likes to play video games like *Breath of the Wild* and is a very fast runner.

If Mr. Dhaliwal couldn't be a principal or teacher, he would be a stay at home dad so he could spend time with his children.

By Hanako Morris, Charlie Maguire, and Ben Metcalf
Divisions 1 and 4

Fun Facts About Cedar Drive

By Camdyn Sayers and
Jasmine Lu
Division 4

- Three laps around our school is equal to about **1 kilometer**
- There are **264 kids** in our school
- There are **12 classroom teachers** in our school
- The **PAC** is a group of adults that helps with our hot lunches, fundraisers, and lots of other things
- Every year the grade fives at Cedar get to try out for **volleyball and basketball**. They can also compete in the Como Lake Relays, against other schools

FEEDING FUTURES UPDATE

Did you know that we have a Feeding Futures Program at our school? The purpose of Feeding Futures is to make sure kids' tummies are full of healthy food so they can focus in class.

At Cedar Drive we have bins of fresh fruit such as apples, oranges and bananas that are delivered to each classroom every day.

There are also Special Occasions where parent volunteers hand out pepperoni stick and cheese at the front of the school. This is usually on Thursdays or Fridays.

Here's what some kids think about feeding futures:

Camdyn Sayers' response was, "I think it is good because you can plan what your breakfast is going to be."

Anora Malekpour's response was "It is good because it is healthy for you."

*By Teagyn Lemmen and Magdalena Marincic
Division 2*

SCHOOL RULES ARE COOL

Did you know that Cedar Drive has a Code of Conduct? This is on our school website and explains how we should act and behave at school.

Did you know that there is a school rule that says it isn't okay to use unkind or mean words to others.

The actual rule says, "Speaking and acting towards other students, staff and visitors to the school in a caring and respectful manner so that words and actions do not cause injury or harm to anyone".

Maybe we need to think about the words we say in the classroom and on the playground.

*By William Klement and Carter Ward
Division 4*

WOULD YOU RATHER...

This month, we asked 50 of our Cedar Seahawks a few "Would You Rather" questions. Here are the results:

Would you rather drive a Lamborghini or a Tesla?

Lamborghini: 18 students

Tesla: 32 students

Would you rather have a candy cane or a hot chocolate?

Candy Cane: 39 students

Hot Chocolate: 11 students

We learned that Seahawks would rather eat a candy cane and drive a Tesla than drink hot chocolate in a Lamborghini! Thanks for playing Cedar!

*By Arlo Huber, Ben Metcalfe, and Darby Johnston
Division 4*



REVIEWS

Every month, some of our student writers write Reviews of books, movies, or music for *The Cedar Reader*. Here are this month's pieces:

Mortimer: Rat Race to Space

Mortimer: Rat Race to Space is a fun adventurous book. Mortimer has always wanted to prove rats are the superior species to colonize Mars. After winning a maze run Mortimer gets to fulfill his lifelong dream. But will he succeed or fail? As he rides the dragon into space (A rocket ship). He soon sees the International Space Station (ISS). Once he boards, he causes chaos all throughout the ISS. But will he need help to cause chaos and avoid his doom?

Mortimer: Rat Race to Space is a fantastic book with funny parts all throughout. It was a very good and highly recommended read. The book was so great that it could be read again and again. Hopefully, there will be a sequel we can sink our teeth into!

Arthur's Rating: 5 / 5 Stars

By Arthur Boal
Division 2

The Silver Arrow

The Silver Arrow is an amazing book! This book is about a girl named Kate and her brother. Their rich Uncle sends them on a train ride. The train is called the Silver Arrow.

On this journey they have magical adventures. Kate and her brother end up rescuing animals when their homes are being destroyed. If you like fantasy, adventure and animals, you'll love this book.

Braxton's Rating: 4 / 5 Stars

By Braxton Anderson
Division 4

The Tortured Poet's Department

The Tortured Poets Department is an amazing album made by sensational recording artist, Taylor Swift. It is her latest album and a HUGE hit. Swifties all around the world are in love with TTPD. Songs like: "I Can Do It With A Broken Heart", "Who's Afraid of Little Old Me", "Fortnight" and "Down Bad" are fan favorites. TTPD is great for you if you like: poetry, lyricism, reflecting on your feelings and storytelling. Taylor lets us express ourselves in this era of music.

I know that some of us don't really like Taylor Swift, but she is a great role model. There's a line in one of her hit songs, "Shake It Off" that says, "And the haters gonna hate, hate, hate. Baby, I'm just gonna shake, shake, shake, shake, shake. I Shake it off, I shake it off." This is a good example of perseverance and focusing on the only thing you can control, and that's your own mindset.

On this album, Taylor explores themes about relationships, frustration, feeling down or lacking motivation, but also rising again. So, if you can relate to any of those feelings and are open to listening to music for inspiration, try listening to The Tortured Poets Department. I believe you'll fall in love with her stories and poetry.

Hope's Rating: 5 / 5 Stars

By Hope Jahour
Division 2

Snack Attack!

Welcome to Snack Attack! Each month we'll be teaching you how to make a kid-friendly snack. This month's recipe is:

Peanut Butter and Celery Snack

What You Need:

- Celery that is washed, and chopped into small pieces
- Peanut butter, or try Almond Butter, Wow Butter, or any type of "nut-free butter"
- A butter knife (or a small, plastic knife)
- Plate
- *Optional:* raisins

Steps:

1. Start by grabbing some of the chopped-up celery sticks
2. Then take a butterknife and use it to scoop the peanut butter you're taking out.
3. Put the peanut butter on the celery.
4. *Optional:* add raisins on top of the peanut butter



Now you have a great-tasting snack that will fill you up until dinner time!
Thanks for reading Snack Attack!

*By Tate Smalley
Division 1*

The Funny Bones

*By William Klement and
Carter Ward
Division 4*

What does the pig say on a hot summer day?

I'm BACON!

How much money does a skunk make?

One Scent!

What did the puppy say when he sat on sandpaper?

Ruff!!

SPORTS: GRADE 5 VOLLEYBALL

Grade 5 volleyball has wrapped up for the season. Our first game was meant to be against the Blackburn Bobcats, but there was a schedule mix up and we did not get to play the game

Our school did play at Ecole Irvine Elementary and at Minnehada Middle School. The Cedar Drive Seahawks crushed the competition!

The grade 5 players really enjoyed playing volleyball.

We thank Mrs. Darts and Mrs. Forsberg for coaching the team! Grade 5's looking forward to playing basketball when we get back from Winter Break!



*By Audrey Quinto and Ella Church
Division 3*

GOALS FOR 2025

This month, we asked some of our Seahawks what their goals were for next year. Here are some of the responses:

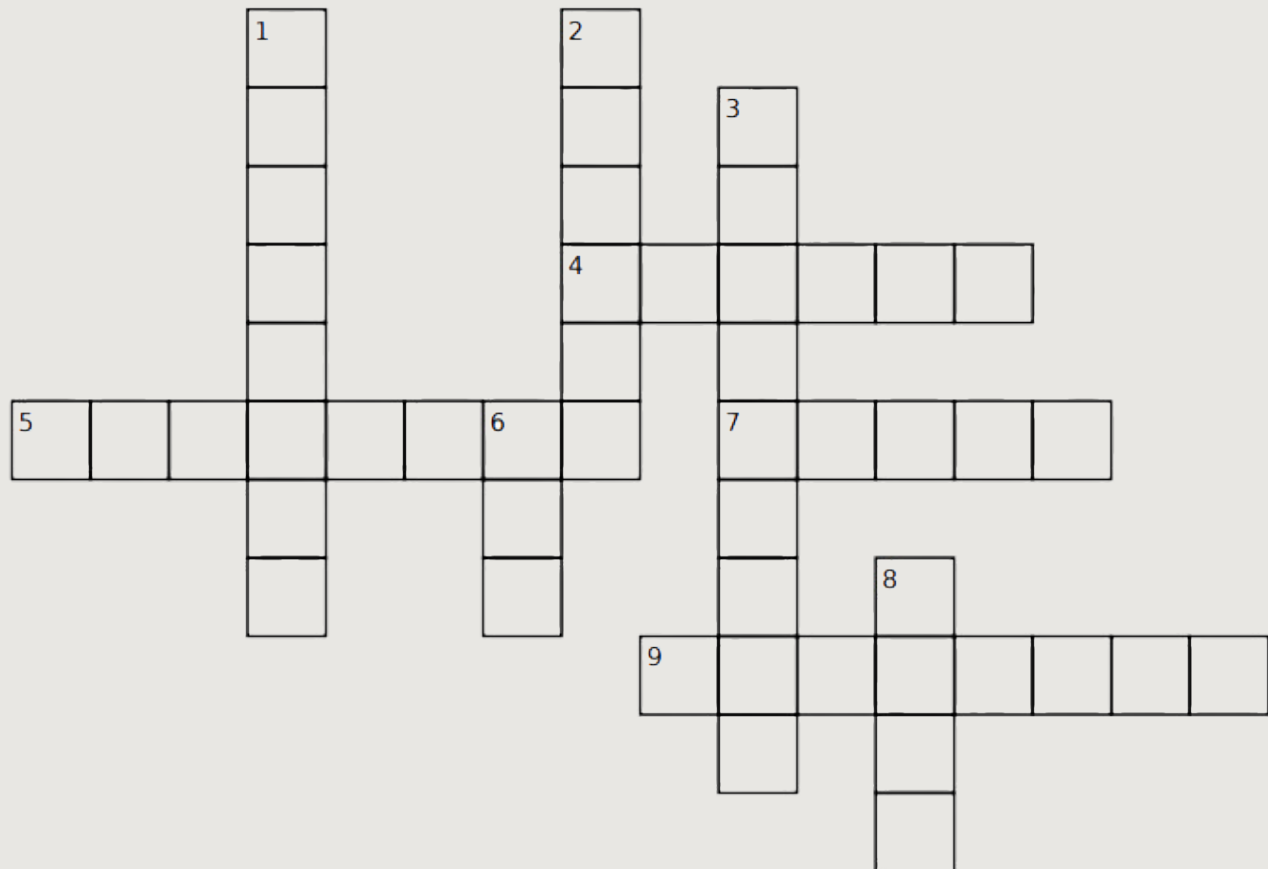
- **Mattia** Gr. 4: I want to get my work done faster.
- **Michael** Gr.4: I want to do a backflip.
- **Samia** Gr.3: To join more clubs.
- **Evelyn** P Gr.4: To get better at division.
- **Ella** Gr. 5: To get better at math.
- **Camdyn** Gr.4: To add more details to my writing.
- **Lenya** Gr.4: To read faster.
- **Peyton** Gr.5: To improve on my writing skills.
- **Arlo** Gr.3: To get my work done faster.
- **Hope** Gr.5: To improve my drawing skills.

*By Ella Church, Molly Jorgenson, and Audrey Quinto
Division 3*



Holiday Crossword

By Anora Malekpour and Samia Quinto
Division 4



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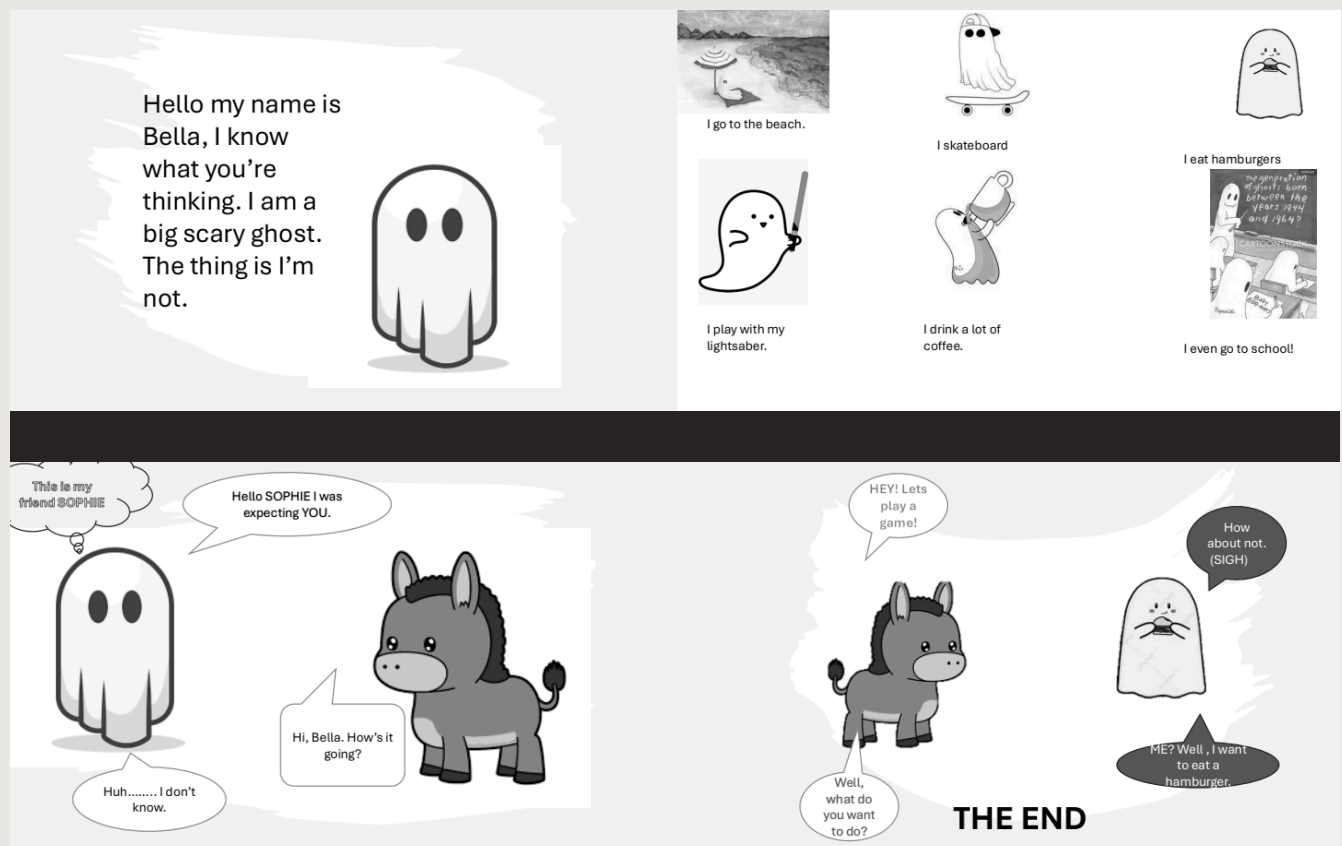
1. We get these under the tree on Christmas Day.
2. A cold season that starts on December 21st.
3. A holiday that is celebrated on December 25th.
6. The helpers who make Santa's toys
8. A cold, white substance that falls from the sky

Across

4. A bird that some people eat for holiday dinners.
5. The type of animal that helps pull Santa's sleigh.
7. A jolly man who delivers presents to kids all over the world
9. A Jewish holiday that is celebrated during the month of December.

The Adventures of Bella and Sophie

By Mac Wurster and Nate Twine
Division 1



Look for Part Two of Bella and Sophie's adventures and even more comics coming out in the next edition of the *Cedar Reader*.

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