

The Cedar Reader

SPRING EDITION

Welcome to the Cedar Reader!

LETTER FROM THE SR. EDITORS

Happy almost-Spring Break, Cedar Drive! We are pleased to share the second edition of our school newspaper. Our Junior Editors for this issue, Teagyn and Carter, demonstrated leadership and collaboration as they helped bring this edition to life.

Newspaper Club members continue to show curiosity, creativity, and inclusiveness in every meeting. Wishing all of our Cedar Drive families a restful and enjoyable Spring Break. We look forward to reconnecting with everyone soon.

*Mrs. Klement &
Mrs. Dawson, Sr. Editors*

CEDAR DRIVE OLYMPICS



Since the Olympics started on February 6th, Cedar classes have been competing for medals by watching highlights in class, doing Olympic art projects, and finishing Olympics themed activities.

The medals were displayed for each class on the bulletin board so we could see the progress we were making, and we have the final numbers tallied!

So, in third place with the bronze medal is Division 9, Mrs. Groenewald's class with 24 points!
In second place with the silver medal is the best in the mix, Division 6, Mrs. Hamilton/Roy's class with 25 points!
And finally, in first place with the gold, by one point, is Mrs. Darts/Forsberg's class with 26 points!

Congratulations to everyone who joined the fun!

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BUBBLE BATH DAY

William K Div. 1

Jan. 8, 2026

Want a reason to relax in a warm bath full of bubbles? How about taking a bubble bath on National Bubble Bath Day! Bubble baths can entice children to take a bath, and even adults find bubble baths enjoyable and relaxing. Bath bubble can come from liquids, gels, powders or even tablets. There are some neat products out there! Some bubble bath or bath foams have many purposes. It can wash skin, hair, moisturize skin, and provide calming or energizing scents. After a long day at school, or a cold soccer game (or any sport game), try having a warm bath full of bubbles!

TATER TOT DAY

William K Div. 1

Feb. 2, 2026

Did you know there's actually a **National Tater Tot Day**? A man started it in 2009 because he wanted to have a food holiday for every single day of the year. He posted about it all over the internet, and now it's a real thing!

The funny part is that when Tater Tots first came out in the 1950s, nobody wanted to buy them. They were **so cheap** that people thought they were just gross leftovers and trash. To fix it, the company (Ore-Ida) actually made them *more* expensive! Once they cost more money, people finally started buying them.

Now, Tater Tots are everywhere! Have you ever tried Tachos (Tater Tot Nachos). Give them a try!

AWKWARD MOMENT DAY

William K Div. 1

March 18, 2026

Did you know there is a legit holiday on **March 18th** called **National Awkward Moments Day**? It's basically a whole 24 hours where you don't have to feel super embarrassed when you do something a little silly or weird.

It's the one day where you can actually celebrate tripping over thin air in the hallway or waving back at a random stranger who was definitely waving at the person *behind* you. (That is the worst—I literally want to disappear when that happens!) Oh, and if you accidentally call your teacher "Mom" in front of the whole class? Don't even sweat it. On March 18th, that just means you're winning! The whole point of this day is to show that even the "cool" kids and grown-ups have **awkward moments** too. Instead of turning red and hiding in the bathroom, you're supposed to just laugh a little. Everyone has those moments where they wish they could just hit a "restart" button, but March 18th says it's okay to just be a little goofy!

Upcoming Events

Cedar Drive has lots of fun events to look forward too this Spring!

- Jump Rope for Heart
- Como Lake Relays
- Track and Field
- Field trips and Sports Day

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GRADE 5 NEWS

Jasmine, Camdyn Div.2

Some Grade 5s have joined the knitting club with Mrs. Roy. We're learning super simple knitting stitches by following a step-by-step YouTube video. Our monitoring is better than ever this term... well, kind of! Classes are getting a little bit wild for the Grade 5s.

Now let's talk about the Grade 5 yearbook! We all filled out a page with questions we had to answer. Some of the questions were things like: What's your favorite memory from Cedar Drive? What's your favorite subject? What's your favorite book? Every Grade 5 is really excited to share fun facts about themselves and be in the yearbook. It's going to be awesome!

RAC CLUB UPDATE

Theo Div. 3

Hi Cedar Drive, I hope you enjoyed RAC Week from February 8–14. The RAC Club had a lot of fun planning all the special days and taking part in them too. Did you know that back in February, RAC went to a council meeting and gave a speech to the mayor and the councillors? Everyone who went on the field trip shared something kind they did in their community and explained how it made them feel.

In December, RAC also visited the senior centre and sang Christmas carols for the seniors. We wanted to make them happy because some of them hardly ever get visitors. It felt good to do something nice for people who really appreciated it.

KINDESS

Maya V, Hope S Div. 2

Kindness means being nice to people without wanting anything back. Even small things—like giving someone a big smile, helping them carry their stuff, or listening when they need a friend—can make their whole day happier.

Kindness doesn't cost anything, but it can make the world feel warmer and better.

When we choose to be kind, it spreads to others, and soon everyone starts being kinder too. It's like a happy chain reaction that helps everyone around us.

SPORTS

Teagyn Div. 4

In January, the Grade 5 basketball team kicked off their season! This year, our awesome coaches are Mrs. Creightney, Ms. Barlow, Ms. Dawson, and Mrs. Klement. They've been running practices twice a week since January, and about 20 Grade 5 players come out to play and improve their skills.



The Seahawks totally dominated their first two games, winning against Smiling Creek Elementary and Blakeburn Elementary. Not only have the players become stronger basketball players, but they also keep showing Cedar pride with great teamwork and sportsmanship.

The team will finish off the season with a big tournament after Spring Break, and everyone is super excited to play their best!



PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

Blake J, Emma M. Div.2

If I were the principal for a day, I would put a Starbucks in the school. I would also say no more homework and no more tests. On rainy days, everyone could choose whether they wanted to go outside or stay inside. I would definitely add an indoor waterslide so that during recess and lunch everyone could play on it. Afterward, there would be a whole hour to dry off and have a little free time if you finished early. That's why I would be an amazing principal.

What would you do if you were Principal of Cedar Drive for a day?



BE A LEADER

Camdyn Div. 2

STEP 1: Introduce yourself to people you've never talked to before, or to new people who just moved here. It's a great way to make others feel welcome.

STEP 2: Help out when someone really needs it, whether it's a friend, a stranger, or even your teacher.

STEP 3: Treat people with respect, even if they aren't always kind. Remember to treat others the way you want to be treated.

STEP 4: When you're working in a group, share your ideas but also listen to everyone else's ideas. Try to compromise so the whole group can agree.

STEP 5: Be responsible and try not to forget important information, especially when it matters.

STEP 6: Work on being a confident public speaker, whether you're talking in class or in front of a big crowd.

STEP 7: Be a good listener. Don't laugh when someone is speaking and makes a mistake, because you wouldn't want someone laughing at you.

STEP 8: Be aware of how other people might be feeling. If someone seems down, try cheering them up by supporting their ideas or even just giving them a smile.

Thank you for listening, and remember—don't just follow... **LEAD!**



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Hope S, Maya V Div. 2

Jump rope is a simple yet powerful exercise that does wonders for your heart health. Each jump gets your heart rate up, strengthening the heart muscle and improving blood circulation throughout your body. This boost in cardiovascular activity helps lower blood pressure, enhances oxygen delivery, and can reduce the risk of heart disease over time.

Beyond the physical benefits, jump rope is an affordable, portable workout that can be done almost anywhere, making it easy to stay consistent. Just a few minutes a day can improve endurance, coordination, and overall heart function, making it a fun and effective way to keep your heart strong.

SPOT IT

Carter W Div. 1

Can you SPOT IT, Cedar Drive? Challenge yourself with how well you know the school.

Can you find these things

Mrs. D's Geese

Fluffy Dog

Canada and British

Columbia flag

Welcome to our

classroom board

Cupcakes

Kindness matters cloth

Otters

Rainbow

"Do Your Best" flag

Birthday cakes

Globe

Hands full of happiness

Bees

100's chart

THE SPELLING FILES

William K. Div.1

Hello Cedar Readers! This is our new addition to our paper- **The Spelling Files**. I am trying to figure out why words are spelled the way they are! Make sure you let us know what words you want us to investigate in the next edition.

Thought

English spelling acts like a time capsule, showing us how people spoke hundreds of years ago. A really long time ago, the **"gh"** was actually a raspy sound made in the back of the throat. As the centuries passed, English speakers stopped making that difficult sound, leaving the letters behind. We now call these "ghost letters" because they haunt the word without being heard. During a period called the Great Vowel Shift, the way we pronounced vowels changed completely. This is why the **"ou"** in this word eventually shifted to make the **"aw"** sound we use today. This shared history is why words like *brought*, *fought*, and *thought* all look and sound so similar.

The

A really long time ago English used a special letter called **thorn** (þ), which made the "th" sound. But when printing presses started to be used, they didn't have a stamp for the letter **thorn**. Printers decided to use the letter **y** as a substitute because it looked the most similar in their handwriting. This is why you see old-timey signs that say **"Ye Olde Shoppe"**—it was always supposed to be pronounced **"The."** Eventually, people realized using **y** was confusing, so they started using **t** and **h** together to represent the sound instead. The word **the** is one of the oldest words in English, coming from the Germanic word *der*. It used to have many different versions depending on whether you were talking about a boy, a girl, or an object! Over hundreds of years English speakers simplified all those different **the** words into one simple word, **THE**. THE END

STAFF INTERVIEW

Ms. Nembhard

*Blake, Braxton Div. 2, and Lenya Div. 3
Kolten Div 5*

Welcome to Cedar Drive, Ms. Nembhard! We hope you are enjoying the Cedar Drive community! Thanks for your patience as we ask you lots of questions about yourself.



Favourite Things

Favourite thing to bake: Chocolate Chip Cookies

Animal: jaguar

Color: red

Food: Mac & cheese

Month: July

Country: France\New Zealand

Show\movie: Inside Man and Top Shelf

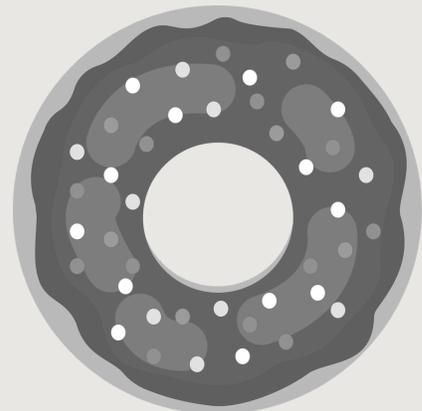
Vacation Spot: Hawaii

Doughnut: Chocolate or Plain cake doughnut. I do not like Jelly Doughnuts!

Fun Fact: I own 50 pairs of shoes!

Fun Fact: I have danced the Hula for 25 years

Before Cedar Drive: I was a Vice Principal and before that I was Home Economics Teacher



CREATIVE CORNER

Olympics Acrostic Poem

Braxton Div. 2

On the mountains we blaze

Listen in on CBC

You never want to miss it

Milano Cortina 2026

*People all over the world
watching and listening in*

Ice hockey

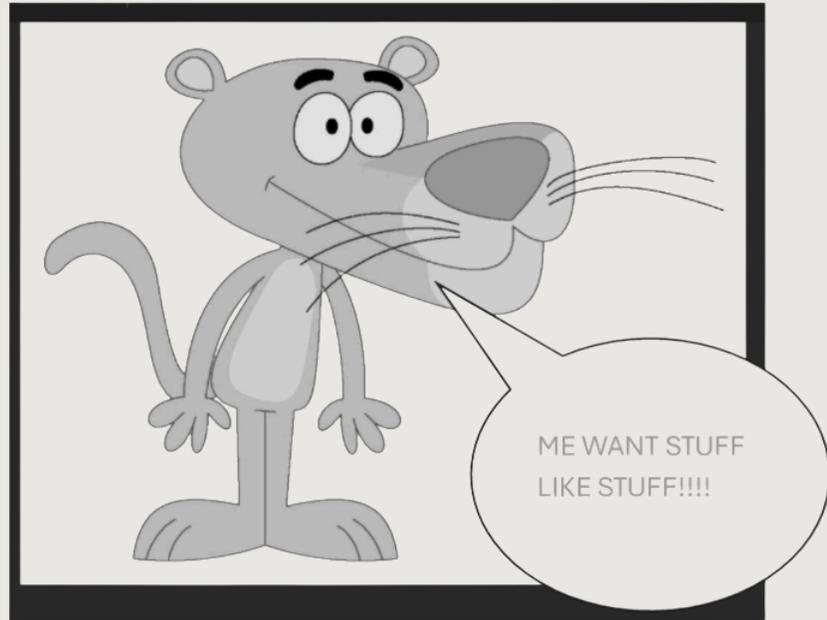
Curling

Sledge Hockey



Meme

Theo, Andre Div. 3



March Acrostic Poem

Jasmine Div. 2

Many types of weather

*Awaken your soul with the fresh
smells*

Rain is coming for flowers

Changing seasons

Hello spring

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CREATIVE CORNER

Spring Acrostic Poem

Avery R.Div. 2

Saplings spout

Petals bloom

Rain drops drop

I like the colours in the sun light

Now you know how Plants

Grow

Bloom Acrostic Poem

Camdyn Div. 2

Beautiful flowers blooming

Light rain sprinkling on flowers

Oversized sunflowers growing taller

Occupied gardens filled with flowers

More than enough colors on each flower

Did you know the Dogwood flower is British Columbia's provincial flower?



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How to Draw Dogwood Flowers

EasyDrawingGuides.com

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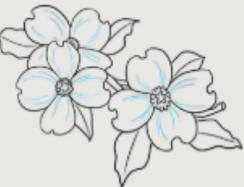
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MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS

Harry Potter Series

Derek N. Div. 2

Harry Potter is a really good movie series because you can read all seven books first and then watch the movies after, which is what I did. I think the books are even better than the movies because when you read them, you can imagine all the magic in your own way. The books also give way more details about the characters and what Hogwarts looks like, so it feels like you're actually there. When you watch the movies later, it's fun to see how the actors, creatures, and spells look compared to how you pictured them in your head. It makes the whole story even more exciting.

FUN-TENDANCE

Lenya Div. 3

Here's one of Mr. McNally's fun attendance games:

Step One

Mr. McNally picks a word.

Today's word is: OLYMPICS

Step Two

We try to find as many words as we can using only the letters in "OLYMPICS."

Rules:

More than three letters: The word you make must be at least 4 letters long.

Real word: It has to be a real word you could find in a dictionary.

Not a proper noun: No names of people, places, or brands.

Examples of words from "OLYMPICS":
clip, soil, lips

We keep going and see who can find the most words before attendance is done!

MATH ELIMINATION

Derek N Div. 2

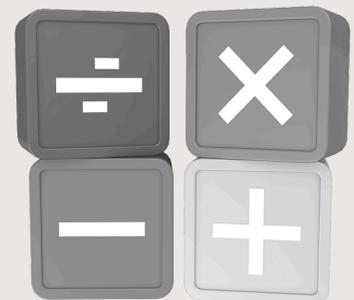
Elimination is a fun math game you can play with a big group, and it helps you practise your math facts. Here is how you play.

First, you need a deck of math-fact cards and at least ten people. Everyone sits or stands in a big open space. You also need one person to be the caller.

The caller chooses two people to "verse" each other. Then the caller holds up a math card. The two players try to answer the fact as fast as they can. Whoever says the right answer first wins that round and goes to the back of the room to wait.

After everyone has had a turn, the people who won their rounds will verse each other. The caller keeps holding up cards, and the winners keep moving on. In the end, the last person who keeps winning is the champion, and then the game is done.

If you want to get better at your math facts, you should try this game at home with your family or friends!



Student created comics and funnies

The Funny Bones

Ben M. Div. 2

Why don't scientists trust atoms?
Because they make up everything

What do you call fake spaghetti?
An Impasta

Why was the spaghetti so brave?
Because nothing is ipastable

How do trees get on the internet?
They log in

Do you want to hear a pizza joke?
Nah, it's to cheesy

Why does a banana look so good?
Because it's appealing

What do you call a video game character on vacation?
A packed man



Colour me!

Kolten Div. 5

Student created comics and funnies



Aiden V, William J Div. 2

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My Word Search

O	A	L	h	Z	E	M	O	Z	E	E	E	E	E	
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Spring

spring

Flowers

colour

pink

— My Word Search



Kindness
 Caring
 Heart-filled
 Happiness
 Helpful
 Respect
 Pink

Sweet
 Nice
 Loving
 Amazing
 red
 Big heart
 Rainbow

Rascal

FOOD FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Theo Div. 3

Hi Cedar Drive Elementary,

I thought you might like to learn about some fruits and vegetables that different countries are famous for growing.

Fruits

- Mexico is famous for growing avocados.
- India grows a lot of bananas.
- South Korea grows many mandarins (a type of citrus fruit).
- The United States grows lots of apples, oranges, and grapes.
- Argentina grows many grapes and citrus fruits.

Have you ever tried any of these fruit

Vegetables

- Mexico grows a lot of tomatoes.
- India grows tons of potatoes, onions, and tomatoes.
- The United States grows lots of lettuce, potatoes, and sweet corn.
- South Korea grows napa cabbage (used for kimchi) and potatoes.
- Argentina grows a mix of vegetables, including onions.

Have you ever tried any of these veggies?

Next time you go to the grocery store, maybe look for fruits and vegetables that come from these countries. It's fun to see where our food comes from.

WOULD YOU RATHER QUESTIONS

Mac Div. 4

1. Walk barefoot on cold snow, or hot sand?
2. Only be able to tell lies, or only be able to speak the truth?
3. Be able to wash your hair only once a year, or be forced to wear wet socks your whole life?
4. Live in the past or
5. Live in the future?
6. Eat moldy cheese your whole life or expired eggs?
7. Be trapped in a dessert or be trapped in the arctic?
8. Have the ability to fly or run at 100 mph?



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Happy Spring Break!

It's hard to believe how quickly Term 2 has gone by, and now Spring Break is already here! Over the past few months, we've seen so much learning, teamwork, and creativity throughout the school.

When we return, we'll be heading into the spring season, which means more chances for outdoor learning as the weather warms up. We're excited to see all the ways you'll continue to grow and shine.



As you head into Spring Break, we wish you and your families a fun, safe, and relaxing holiday. Enjoy the sunshine and all that our beautiful community has to offer. We can't wait to welcome you back, refreshed and ready for the final stretch of the school year.

Remember to be kind, stay curious, and keep soarin'!

Love,

The Cedar Drive Staff



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