



Cedar Bluffs Elementary

November Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 11th - Veterans Day Program @ 10:00

Tuesday, November 25th - Wildcat PRIDE Celebration 8:00

November 26th - November 28th - No School

Wildcat PRIDE - October Celebration

The October Wildcat PRIDE Celebration was held on Friday, October 31st at 8:00 a.m. During the celebration, students were recognized by their teachers for exemplifying what it means to be a Wildcat by living out our five PRIDE traits: Positivity, Respect, Integrity, Determination, and Empathy.

Our next celebration will take place on Tuesday, November 25th at 8:00 a.m. in the auxiliary gym. If your student is selected, their classroom teacher will reach out to notify you.

We are proud of our Wildcats and look forward to honoring more students who demonstrate PRIDE every day!





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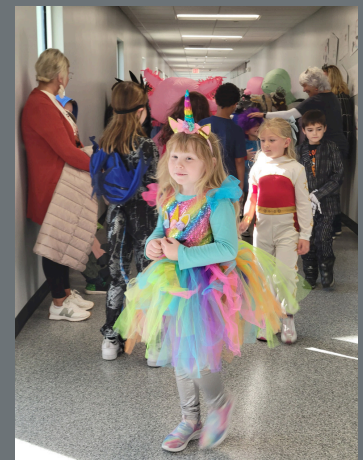
Summer Fitness Club

Congratulations to our students that completed the Summer 100 Hour Fitness Club Challenge. The Summer 100 Hour Fitness Club is a challenge created to motivate students to stay active and healthy during their summer break. Participants set a goal to complete 100 hours of physical activity over the summer, logging time spent attending camps, playing sports, and participating in outdoor adventures. This challenge helps create healthy habits that last beyond the summer. By completing the challenge, students not only improved their physical fitness but also gained a sense of accomplishment and pride in their commitment to personal growth.



Halloween Parade

Thank you to everyone who was able to come out and take part in the Halloween parade.





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Every Day Counts: The Importance of Attendance in Elementary School

A strong attendance habit in the early grades is one of the biggest predictors of later success. When students are present, they grow academically, build friendships, and gain confidence. This page explains why attendance matters, what "good" attendance looks like, and how we can partner to help every child be here, on time, every day.

Quick Facts

- Every day matters. Skills in reading, writing, and math build step by step; missing instruction makes it harder to catch up.
- Two days a month adds up to about 10% of the school year—often considered chronic absenteeism.
- On-time arrival matters too. Being present for morning routines sets the tone for learning all day.

Why Attendance Matters in the Early Grades

- Foundational Skills: Early lessons introduce phonics, number sense, and classroom routines that future learning depends on.
- Social-Emotional Growth: Daily participation helps children learn cooperation, problem solving, and self-management.
- Confidence & Belonging: Regular attendance strengthens relationships with teachers and peers and builds a sense of community.
- Long-Term Outcomes: Consistent attendance in elementary school is linked with stronger reading by 3rd grade and higher success rates later on.

What Does "Good" Attendance Look Like?

- Excellent: 95-100% (0-9 absences in a 175-day year)
- Needs Attention: 91-94% (10-16 absences)
- Chronic Absence: 90% and below (17+ absences)

We count all absences—excused and unexcused—because missed learning time is missed learning time.

When Is It Okay to Stay Home?

Use your best judgment and follow guidance from your child's healthcare provider and the school health aid. In general, keep your child home if they have:

- A fever (student must be fever free for 24 hours)
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- A contagious illness as directed by a healthcare professional

When in doubt, call the school office or school health aid for advice. We're happy to help.



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Family Tips for Strong Attendance

- Set a steady routine: Regular bedtimes and morning checklists reduce stress.
- Prep the night before: Pack backpacks, lay out clothes, and review the plan for tomorrow.
- Schedule wisely: Try to book non-urgent appointments after school or during breaks.
- Build a back-up plan: Identify a "plan B" adult or carpool for transportation surprises.
- Communicate early: If barriers come up (transportation, health, housing, scheduling), call us—we'll problem-solve together.
- Celebrate effort: Notice and praise your child's on-time days and streaks.

How Cedar Bluffs Supports Attendance

- Warm welcome: Every student is greeted and noticed each day.
- Early outreach: We'll call to check in after absences and offer support—not blame.
- Problem-solving: Connections to transportation help, health resources, counseling, or schedule adjustments when possible.
- Recognition: Positive shout-outs for growth, perseverance, and improved attendance.
- Make-ups that matter: Opportunities to catch up on key skills after time away.

We focus on support first. If absences add up, we'll meet with you to create a simple plan.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do excused absences count? Yes. We track all absences because each one means missed learning time.

What if we're running late? Please still come—partial attendance is better than missing all day. Check in at the office on arrival.

What if my child is anxious about school? Reach out to the teacher, counselor, or principal. We can plan gentle transitions, buddy systems, or short check-ins.

How do I report an absence? Call the school office at (402) 628-2080 or email charlie.rinke@cbwildcats.org before the start of the school day.

Contact & Resources

- Elementary Office: (402) 628-2080 | Hours: 7:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m.
- Principal: Curtis Carlson | Email: curtis.carlson@cbwildcats.org
- School Health Aid: Breeona TenEyck | Email: breeona.teneyck@cbwildcats.org
- Website: cbwildcats.org

We're partners in your child's success. Thank you for making every day count!



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Easy Science Experiments for Students

Learning science can be fun and exciting, especially when you get to experiment with things found right at home! Here are a few simple experiments that will spark curiosity and help students explore the world around them.

Dancing Raisins

What You'll Need: A clear cup, water or lemon-lime soda, and a few raisins.

What to Do: Fill the cup with the liquid and drop in the raisins. Watch closely — they'll start to "dance"!

Why It Works: The bubbles from the soda attach to the raisins, lifting them to the surface. When the bubbles pop, the raisins sink again. This experiment demonstrates buoyancy and gas release.

Magic Milk

What You'll Need: A shallow dish, milk, food coloring, and a drop of dish soap.

What to Do: Pour milk into the dish and add a few drops of different food colors. Touch the surface with a cotton swab dipped in dish soap — the colors swirl and mix!

Why It Works: The soap breaks down the fat in the milk, causing the colors to move. This shows chemical reactions and surface tension.

Balloon Rocket

What You'll Need: A balloon, string, straw, and tape.

What to Do: Thread the string through the straw and tape one end of the string to a chair. Blow up the balloon (don't tie it), tape it to the straw, and let it go!

Why It Works: The air rushing out of the balloon pushes it forward — demonstrating Newton's Third Law of Motion.

Rainbow in a Jar

What You'll Need: A clear glass, honey, dish soap, water, oil, and rubbing alcohol (optional). Add food coloring to each liquid.

What to Do: Carefully pour each liquid into the jar in order of density — honey first, then dish soap, water, oil, and alcohol.

Why It Works: The liquids layer because they have different densities, creating a beautiful rainbow effect.

Paper Towel Rainbow

What You'll Need: Paper towels, cups, water, and food coloring.

What to Do: Fill every other cup with colored water. Fold paper towels into strips and connect each cup to the next. Wait and watch the colors "walk" up the paper towels and mix!

Why It Works: This happens because of capillary action — the same process plants use to draw water through their stems.

Science isn't just in textbooks — it's all around us! These simple activities teach observation, prediction, and problem-solving in a fun, hands-on way. So roll up your sleeves and get experimenting — you never know what you'll discover!

November 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 B: Filled Donut Holes, Fruit, Juice & Milk L: BBQ Rib Sandwich, Baked Beans, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk	4 B: Breakfast Sandwich, Fruit, L: Crisпитos, Churro, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk	5 B: Stuffed Bagel, Fruit, Juice & Milk L: Beef Fingers Cheezy Potatoes, Roll, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk	6 B: Scrambled Eggs, Fruit, Juice & Milk L: Chicken Alfredo, Garlic bread, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk	7 B: Breakfast Casserole, Fruit, L: Breakfast for Lunch, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk	8
9	10 B: UBR Cookie, Fruit, Juice & Milk L: Chicken Patty Sandwich, Roasted Veggies, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk	11 B: Egg Bites, Fruit, Juice & Milk L: Frito Pie, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk	12 B: Cinnamon Roll, Fruit, Juice & Milk L: Pork Patty Scallop Potatoes, Roll, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk	13 B: Yogurt Parfait, Fruit, Juice & Milk L: Pullaparts, Marinara, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk	14 B: Pancakes, Fruit, Juice & Milk L: Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk	15
16	17 B: Muffin, Fruit, Juice & Milk L: Chicken Nuggets, Pretzel, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk	18 B: Combo Bar, Fruit, Juice & Milk L: Fiestata Pizza, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk	19 B: Breakfast on a Stick, Fruit, Juice & Milk L: TURKEY DINNER	20 B: Poptart, Fruit, Juice & Milk L: Mac & Cheese, Pease, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk	21 B: Donut, Fruit, Juice & Milk L: Sloppy Joes, Tritators, Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	22
23	24 B: Scrambled Eggs, Fruit, Juice & Milk L: Burger, Smiles, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk	25 B: Waffle Stix, Fruit, Juice & Milk L: Pizza Crunchers, Green beans, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk	26 No School	27 Happy Thanksgiving!	28 No School	29



Angel Tree Program

BE AN ANGEL THIS CHRISTMAS! JOIN THE SALVATION ARMY'S ANGEL TREE PROGRAM AND HELP BRING HOLIDAY JOY TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES RIGHT HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

✨ FAMILIES IN CRISIS—FACING MEDICAL CHALLENGES, UNEMPLOYMENT, OR OTHER HARDSHIPS—OFTEN DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS. TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE SURE EVERY CHILD WAKES UP TO HOPE AND HAPPINESS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

☀ HOW YOU CAN HELP

- TAKE A TAG – CHOOSE AN ANGEL TREE TAG WITH A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION.
- BUY A GIFT – SHOP FOR THE ITEM(S) REQUESTED.
- BRING IT BACK – RETURN THE UNWRAPPED GIFT TO US.

🎄 TAGS CAN BE HUNG ON CHRISTMAS TREES AT BUSINESSES, CHURCHES, OR COMMUNITY SPACES—OR SHARED DIRECTLY WITH YOU!

📦 IMPORTANT DATES

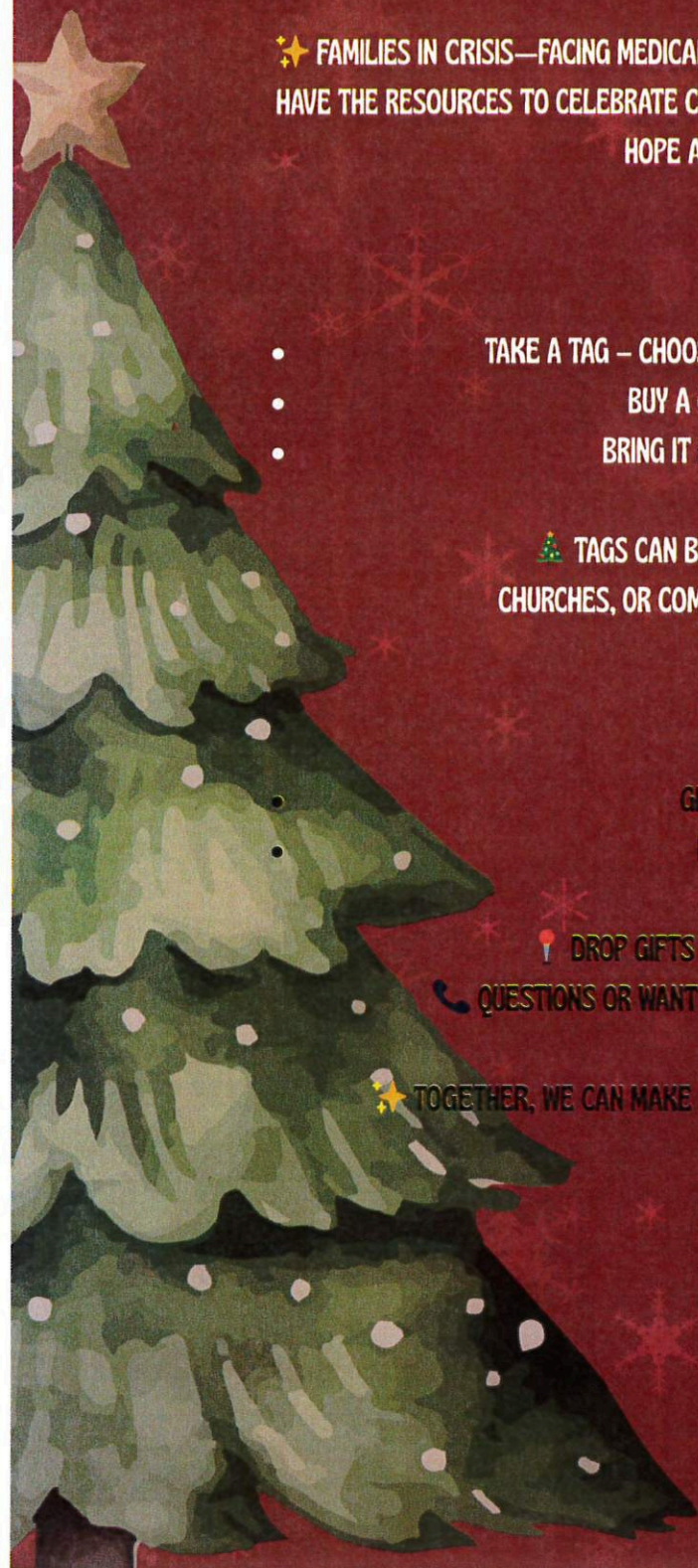
GIFT DROP-OFF DEADLINE: DECEMBER 8

PICK-UP AVAILABLE: DECEMBER 1 - 5

📍 DROP GIFTS AT: 707 NORTH I STREET, FREMONT, NE 68025

☎ QUESTIONS OR WANT TO SCHEDULE A PICK-UP? CALL US AT (402) 721-0930

✨ TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE CHRISTMAS BRIGHTER FOR EVERY FAMILY. WILL YOU JOIN US?





CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE

707 NORTH I STREET
FREMONT NE 68025
(402) 721-0930
M-TH 9 AM - 12 PM
1:30-4 PM

IN PERSON APPLICATION
OCTOBER 13 & 14 OR NOVEMBER 12 & 13
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

ONLINE APPLICATIONS OPEN
OCTOBER 13 & CLOSES NOVEMBER 13

WE SERVE ONLY DODGE & BURT COUNTY
RESIDENTS ONLY

WHAT IS NEEDED TO APPLY:

- ID FROM EVERY ADULT IN THE HOUSEHOLD
- BIRTH CERTIFICATES FROM EVERY CHILD IN THE HOUSEHOLD (AGES: 0-12)
- PROOF OF ADDRESS
- PROOF OF INCOME
- PROOF OF MONTHLY EXPENSES
- PLEASE HAVE AN IDEA WHAT CHILD WANTS FOR CHRISTMAS AND KNOWLEDGE OF CHILDS CLOTHES AND SHOE SIZE

Wishing Wheels



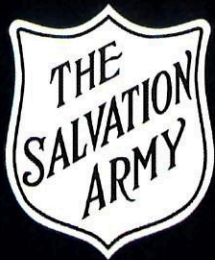
**Oct 13 & 14
Nov 12 & 13**

**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
AGES: 3-15**

WHAT IS NEEDED:

- ID OF PARENT
- BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF CHILD

This Christmas we're teaming up to give back to the community and help families in need if your child is in need of a bicycle this Christmas and would like to apply please contact us. Together we can bring joy hope and wheels of happiness to children this holiday season.



**707 North I Street
Fremont, NE 68025
(402) 721-0930**

**Office Hours
M-TH 9 AM - 12:00 & 1:30 - 4:00 PM**

Cedar Bluffs Elementary School 2025-2026 School Calendar

August 2025					August	January	January 2026								
				1						1	2				
4	5	6	7 Back to School Open House	8	August 7 Open House 5-7pm	January 5 No School Teacher Inservice January 6 PK-12 Students Return	No School	6 A Return to School PK-12	7 B	8 C	9 D				
11	12	13 First Day PK-12 1:30 Dismissal	14 A	15 B	August 13 1 st Day of School August 13 Early Dismissal		12 A	13 B	14 C	15 D	16 A				
18 C	19 D	20 A Picture Day	21 B	22 C	August 20 Picture Day August 22 5 th Grade Band Night 3:30-5:00	January 19 No School	19 No School MLK Jr. Day	20 B	21 C	22 D	23 A				
25 D 2 nd Grade Math Testing	26 A	27 B	28 C 1 st Grade Math Testing	29 D Kindergarten Math Testing	August 29 PRIDE Assembly 8:00	January 30 PRIDE Assembly 8:00	B	26 C	27 D	28 A	30 B				
September 2025					September	February	February 2026								
No School	A	B 5 th Grade ELA Testing	C 4 th Grade ELA Testing	D 3 rd Grade ELA Testing	September 1 No School K-5 AIMS & LETRS Testing (9.2.25-9.5.25)	February 6 Preschool Closed for Training	C	2 D	3 A	4 B	5 C				
8 A	9 B 5 th Grade Math Testing	10 C 4 th Grade Math Testing	11 D 3 rd Grade Math Testing	12 A		February 13 No School	D	9 A	10 B	11 C	13 No School				
15 B	16 C	17 D	18 A	19 B			16 D President Day	17 A	18 B	19 C	20 D				
22 C	23 D	24 A	25 B	26 No School	September 25 PRIDE Assembly 8:00 September 26 No School Teacher Inservice	February 26 2-3 Music Concert 6:30 February 27 PRIDE Assembly 8:00	A	23 B	24 C	25 D 2-3 Concert	27 A				
29 C	30 D														
October 2025					October	March	March 2026								
		1 A	2 B	3 C Homecoming Pep Rally	October 3 Homecoming Pep Rally at the Park	March 4-6 No School Spring Break March 4 Teacher Inservice March 4 PT Conference March 5 PT Conference	B	2 C	3 No School PT Conference 4:00pm-8:00pm	4 No School PT Conference 8:00am-4:00pm Spring Break	5 No School				
6 D	7 A	8 No School PT Conferences 4:00pm-8:00pm	9 No School PT Conferences 8:00am-4:00pm Fall Break	10 No School	October 8-10 No School Fall Break October 8 Teacher Inservice October 8 PT Conference October 9 PT Conference	March 13 End of 3 rd Quarter	D	9 A	10 B	11 C	13 D End of Third Quarter				
13 B	14 C	15 D	16 A	17 B End of First Quarter	October 17 End of 1 st Quarter	March 20 Spring Activity Pep Rally 2:35	A	16 B	17 C	18 D	19 A				
20 C	21 D	22 A	23 B	24 C		March 27 PRIDE Assembly 8:00	B	23 C	24 D	25 A	26 B				
27 D	28 A	29 B	30 C	31 D	October 31 PRIDE Assembly 8:00		C	30 D							
November 2025					November	April	April 2026								
3 A	4 B	5 C	6 D	7 A	November 7 Preschool Closed for Training	April 3 No School Holiday		1 A 5 th Grade ELA Testing	2 B 5 th Grade ELA Testing	3 No School					
10 B	11 C Veterans Day Program	12 D	13 A	14 B	November 11 Veterans Day Program November 14 Winter Activity Pep Rally 2:35	April 6 No School Holiday April 10 Preschool Closed for Training	No School	6 C	7 D	8 A 3 rd & 4 th Grade ELA Testing	10 B 3 rd & 4 th Grade ELA Testing				
17 C	18 D	19 A	20 B	21 C		April 17 4-5 Music Concert 6:30	C	13 D 5 th Grade Math Testing	14 A 5 th Grade Math Testing	15 B 3 rd & 4 th Grade Math Testing	17 C 3 rd & 4 th Grade Math Testing 4-5 Concert				
24 D	25 A	26 Thanksgiving Break	27	28	November 25 PRIDE Assembly 8:00 November 26-28 No School Thanksgiving Break	April 24 PRIDE Assembly 8:00	D	20 A 5 th Grade Science Testing	21 B	22 C	23 D				
							A	27 B	28 C	29 D	30				
December 2025					December	May	May 2026								
1 B	2 C 2 nd Grade Math Testing	3 D 1 st Grade Math Testing	4 A	5 B Kindergarten Math Testing K-1 Concert	K-5 AIMS Testing (12.1.25-12.5.25) December 5 K-1 Music Concert 6:30		1 A								
8 C 5 th Grade ELA Testing	9 D 4 th Grade ELA Testing	10 A 3 rd Grade ELA Testing	11 B 5 th Grade Math Testing	12 C 4 th Grade ELA Testing		K-5 AIMS Testing (5.4.25-5.8.25) May 4 5-12 Band Concert 6:30 May 8 Track and Field Day	B	4 5-12 Band	5 C	6 D	7 A				
15 D 3 rd Grade Math Testing 5-12 Band	16 A	17 B	18 C	19 D End of Second Quarter 1:30 Dismissal	December 15 5-12 Band Concert 6:30 December 19 PRIDE Assembly 8:00 December 19 Early Dismissal December 19 End of 2 nd Quarter		B	11 C	12 D	13 A	15 B				
22	23	24	25	26	December 20- January 6 No School Holiday Break	May 20 PRIDE Assembly 8:00 May 20 Early Dismissal May 20 Last Day of School	C	18 D Kindergarten Graduation	19 Last Day 1:30 Dismissal PK Graduation	20	21				
29	30	31 Holiday Break	85 Student Days – 1 st Semester				90 Student Days – 2 nd Semester				25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29
Wildcat PRIDE															

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Cedar Bluffs Public Schools

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6-12 Principal
Mrs. Tina Headid

Assistant Principal/Activities Director
Mr. Thomas Brinkman

Parents and Guardians,

As we continue through the fall sports season, we are thrilled to see so many families coming together to support our football and volleyball teams at home games. These events are a wonderful opportunity to foster school spirit and community, and we truly appreciate your enthusiasm.

To ensure a positive and safe experience for everyone in attendance, we kindly ask for your cooperation in supervising your children during these events. While we understand that games are a time for fun and socializing, maintaining safety remains our top priority.

Please keep the following guidelines in mind to help us provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all:

1. **Supervision:** Please ensure that your children remain within your sight throughout the event. Unsupervised children running around the stands, hallways, concession areas or gym can pose safety risks to themselves and others.
2. **Respect for the Event:** Encourage your children to remain seated during the game and be respectful of players, officials, and fellow spectators. Disruptive behavior can distract from everyone's enjoyment of the game.
3. **Designated Play Areas:** We ask that children avoid playing in areas not intended for games or activities. **For football games**, the field is strictly for athletes, halftime performances, and game personnel. **During volleyball games**, the gym floor and team benches are reserved for players and coaches. We also request that children refrain from playing in concession areas, organizing informal games in crowded spaces, or venturing into busy streets surrounding the school and football field.
4. **Safety Precautions:** Please be mindful of bleachers, parking areas, and other potential hazards around the venue. We recommend that younger children be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult when moving around.
5. **Leaving the Venue:** If younger children need to leave the seating area for any reason (restroom, concession stand, etc.), we ask they be accompanied by an adult.

We greatly appreciate your support and understanding as we work together to maintain a safe and enjoyable environment for all attendees. Thank you for your attention to these important matters, and we look forward to seeing you and your family at our upcoming competitions.

- The Cedar Bluffs Administration

*Putting Kids First
Fostering an atmosphere of Teaching and Learning
Developing a Culture of High Expectations*