



Cedar Bluffs Elementary

December Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 5th - Kindergarten & First Grade Concert @ 6:30

Monday, December 15th - 5th-12th Band Concert @ 6:30

Wednesday, December 17th - Preschool Christmas Program @ 10:00

Friday, December 19th - 1:30 Dismissal & End of 2nd Quarter

Monday, December 22nd - Friday, January 2nd - No School

Monday, January 5th - No School & Teacher In-Service

Monday, January 19th - No School

Wildcat PRIDE - November Celebration

The November Wildcat PRIDE Celebration was held on Tuesday, November 25th 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 Friday, December 19th 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

Over 200 students participated in the annual Turkey Disguise Contest. This year's winning turkey was designed by Catherine, a preschool student. It was truly amazing to see the creativity and imagination students showcased in their designs!



2025 Food Drive

As part of an annual tradition, our elementary students participated in the school-wide food drive. This year, students donated an impressive 2,548 items. Mrs. Chvatal's kindergarten class led the way with 562 donated items. Thank you to all families for your generosity and support!





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December Testing Schedule

Kindergarten

K-5 Aims - Monday, December 1st - Friday, December 5th
MAP Math - Friday, December 5th

First Grade

K-5 Aims - Monday, December 1st - Friday, December 5th
MAP Math - Wednesday, December 3rd

Second Grade

K-5 Aims - Monday, December 1st - Friday, December 5th
MAP Math - Tuesday, December 2nd

Third Grade

K-5 Aims - Monday, December 1st - Friday, December 5th
MAP ELA - Wednesday, December 10th
MAP Math - Monday, December 15th

Fourth Grade

K-5 Aims - Monday, December 1st - Friday, December 5th
MAP ELA - Tuesday, December 9th
MAP Math - Friday, December 12th

Fifth Grade

K-5 Aims - Monday, December 1st - Friday, December 5th
MAP ELA - Monday, December 8th
MAP Math - Thursday, December 11th



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Ways Parents Can Help Students Over Holiday Break

Keep a Light Learning Routine

- Read together for 10-15 minutes each day—anything your child enjoys counts!
- Practice quick math games: counting change, measuring while cooking, card games.
- Encourage writing through journals, thank-you notes, or letters to relatives.

Create Opportunities for Real-World Learning

- Let your child help with cooking, baking, or grocery shopping to build math and reading skills.
- Explore nature: go on walks, look for animal tracks, identify winter plants or birds.
- Visit local libraries, museums, or community events when possible.

Maintain Healthy Habits

- Try to keep consistent bedtimes and wake-up routines.
- Encourage regular outdoor play to stay active.
- Provide balanced meals and limit excessive screen time.

Build Social & Emotional Skills

- Set aside time for board games, family activities, or simple conversations.
- Teach children how to manage big holiday feelings: excitement, boredom, or frustration.
- Practice kindness—have them help with small household tasks or community giving.

Foster Creativity and Curiosity

- Provide materials for drawing, building, crafts, or imaginative play.
- Encourage children to ask questions and explore new interests.
- Start a small project together (puzzle, model, science experiment).

Stay Connected to School

- Check for any optional assignments, reading logs, or online resources sent by teachers.
- Keep school supplies in one spot so children are ready when classes resume.
- Talk gently about goals for the next semester—no pressure, just encouragement.

Make Memories Together

- Enjoy traditions, big or small—holiday lights, baking cookies, or movie nights.
- Give children chances to make choices about family activities.
- Celebrate the break as a time to rest and grow.

December 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 B: Muffin Top, Fruit, Juice & Milk L: Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk	2 B: Piggly Wiggly's, Fruit, Juice & Milk L: Pork Nachos, Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	3 B: Breakfast Sandwich, Fruit, Juice & Milk L: Orange Chicken, Rice, Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	4 B: Scrambled Eggs, Fruit, Juice & Milk L: Deli sub, Broccoli Cheese Soup, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk	5 Stuffed bagel, Fruit, Juice & Milk L: Calzone, Green beans, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk	6
7	8 B: UBR Cookie, Fruit, Juice & Milk L: BBQ Chicken Sandwich, Roasted Veggies, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk	9 B: French Toast, Fruit, Juice & Milk L: Chili, White Chicken Chili, & Cinnamon Roll	10 B: Cinnamon Roll, Fruit, Juice & Milk Holiday Meal	11 B: Egg Taco, Fruit, Juice & Milk L: Pullaparts, marinara, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk	12 B: Dutch Waffle, Fruit, Juice & Milk L: Chicken Noodle Soup, Roll, Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	13
14	15 Cooks Choice	16 Cooks Choice	17 Cook's choice	18 Cook's choice	19 Pizza	20
21	22 HAPPY HOLIDAYS!	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	Notes				

Cedar Bluffs Elementary School 2025-2026 School Calendar

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

Wildcat PRIDE

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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

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