



# Timberwolf Times

News from Cedar Grove Elementary and the PTO

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## Dates to Remember

### September

- ◆ 27th Happy Birthday Ms. Goostree

### October

- ◆ 1st Citipass Due Date
- ◆ 3rd Career Day
- ◆ 6th—10th Fall Break
- ◆ 14th—22nd Book Fair
- ◆ 16th Parent / Teacher Conference

- ◆ 30th Early Dismissal

### November

- ◆ 4th No School
- ◆ 6th Family Game Night
- ◆ 13th Report Cards
- ◆ 15th Autumn Extravaganza
- ◆ 21st Bingo Night
- ◆ 26th—28th Thanksgiving Break

## WELCOME *By Karen Bostian, PTO President*

The school year has started and we have hit the ground running! Our catalog sale started on August 28th. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. The funds are used to buy copier supplies, incentives for the classrooms, agendas, fund teacher accounts, SMART, Family Nights and many other things that are involved in the day to day running of the school. PTO money is used to benefit every child in the school. Thank you for supporting our efforts in keeping CGE the best school in Tennessee!

Another valuable part of the PTO is the PARENT. Studies have shown that every parent who is involved with their child's studies, volunteers at school and takes an interest in what is going on in their child's classroom is valued at \$1,000 a year! Just think how much our school would benefit from a just a little time. Not everyone has time to come to school and volunteer, but I encourage you to be involved at home and communicate with your child's teacher. We are all here to make this a wonderful year for each and every child.

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL



We had a great turnout at our first Ice Cream Social. What a special treat and fun way to beat the summer heat! The teachers did an excellent job keeping our hungry bellies full and keeping the line moving.

The PTO Team had a duck pond game that was a big hit with the kids. A representative from Rejuvenate Cosmetic Laser Center was also on hand for a special drawing.

*A special thanks goes out to Publix Grocery on Sam Ridley for donating ALL the ice cream for this event.*

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## C.L.U.E

Thanks to all the parents who came to our Fall Parent Meetings. We hope you gained valuable information that will contribute to a successful year for your child!

Visit the C.L.U.E. table in the lobby for free parenting materials and materials available for parent checkout.

### Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Join us on **November 6th** for our **FREE Family Game Night!** Come eat pizza and play games with your family. All games will be given away at the end of the night.

## Guidance

Ms. Teague and Ms. Templeton would like to remind everyone that Friday, October 3rd is Career Day. This special event brings together people from all over our community to share valuable information about their careers.

In the past, we have had fire fighters, martial arts instructors, surgical nurses, big rig drivers, and many more.

We can't wait to see what this year brings!

## Meet your new Assistant Principal



*My name is Chontel G. Bridgeman and I will serve as your child's assistant principal this year. I have ten years teaching experience and five years administrative experience. While in the classroom, I taught both fourth and sixth grades and also worked with Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1<sup>st</sup> graders. I believe in being a role model for children and helping them realize the importance of education. To stress these values and to challenge myself, I worked for many years to continue my education. I received my BS, M.Ed, and Ed.S degrees from MTSU and I earned my doctorate degree from Vanderbilt University.*

*My administrative experience has been in middle schools. At the end of last year, I realized 'something was missing' in my total happiness. After many weeks of reflection, I realized I missed the elementary school environment where any level of stress that comes your way is quickly overcome by numerous hugs, smiles, and waves. Since my arrival at CGE, the students have been awesome, the staff welcoming, and the parents supportive. I have quickly grown to love being a Timberwolf!*

## Bingo Night

Our first Mom's Only Bingo Night for this year was earlier this month. With nearly 40 in attendance, we had a great time. The PTO provided soft drinks while the moms brought all sorts of snacks. New friendships were made and a lot of fun was had.

If you missed out this time, we hope to see you at the next Bingo Night, Friday November 21st. We will have Mexican themed snacks.

**And remember, no kids allowed!**

## Thanks!

A heart-felt "Thank You" goes out to the Domino's Pizza in LaVergne, Their CGE Night has proven to be a huge success. Through your purchases and their generosity, we average \$300 a month in donations to our school. As a reminder, the 3rd Thursday of each month they will donate a portion of their proceeds directly to our school. For delivery or pick-up, call 213-8900. Make sure you tell them you are from Cedar Grove!



## Library Corner

Ms. Hicks

### A Special "THANK YOU"

*Goes out to everyone that purchased a Smart Card for the library fund raiser. We raised an amazing \$910! This money will be used to purchase new books for the library.*

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### Look What's Happening in the CGE Library

#### ◆ One for Books

*This special event will raise money to purchase books during our Book Fair. Also, for each \$1 that we raise, Scholastic Books will donate a book to an organization in need. As a special incentive, we will have daily prizes for the classrooms that raise the most money. Our prize sponsors for this event are: Sonic Drive In, Chick-Fil-A, Pizza Hut, Karin's Kustard, and Domino's Pizza*

#### ◆ Fall Book Fair

*Keep an eye out for more information about our Fall Book Fair. We will need volunteers to help at this special event.*

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***Don't forget to sign up for the Birthday Book Club!***

## Citipass Books

Karen Bostian



Don't forget we will be selling Nashville Citipass Saving Books at the end of September. 50% of the purchase price is donated to our school! The money or unsold books must be turned in before October 1st.

## Autumn Extravaganza



Cedar Grove Elementary will host an Autumn Extravaganza this year. It will be on **Saturday, November 15th** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

There will be vendors set up throughout the gym and our hallways selling their products (art, crafts, hand-made products, etc.).

We will also have a silent auction and a bake sale.

## Rummage Sale

*Along with our Autumn Extravaganza, we will have a rummage sale. It will also be held Saturday, November 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

*We are accepting donations for the sale. A receipt will be given upon request, donations are tax deductible.*



*If you have new or gently used House wares, Electronics, Movies, Toys, etc around your house we would love to have them.*

***Please Note: We cannot accept clothes\* or shoes.***

*Donations will be accepted:*

- ◆ *Friday mornings from 7:00am-8:00 am in the front of the Gym (No parking on curb, this area is for bus unloading only)*
- ◆ *Monday Nights from 6:00pm- 7:00pm.*

\* If you have any winter coats (in good condition), please bring those as we will donate them to **Coated with Love**, a Davidson County based community project. Please have them in a separate bag for easy distribution.

## New Faces

You may have noticed a few new faces around our hallways. In fact, we have 11 additions to our faculty. Instead of simply listing their name and grade, we've created a little fun facts game. Match the facts along the right to the teacher on the left. Hopefully, you will learn something you didn't know before. If you get stumped, the answers are at the bottom of the page.

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| 1. ____ Ms. Ebony Crenshaw      | A. The kids call me "Coach B"   |
| 2. ____ Ms. Mindy Walters       | B. I have 2 children, Chloe and Henry   |
| 3. ____ Ms. Stacey Harp         | C. My Senior Year in High School, my softball team won state championship                 |
| 4. ____ Ms. Amanda McCabe       | D. I was a cheerleading coach for 5 years   |
| 5. ____ Ms. Stephanie VanWinkle | E. I love to white water raft   |
| 6. ____ Ms. Aubrey Desarro      | F. In 1977, I was the winner of the "McDonald's French Fries Award" for Rutherford County |
| 7. ____ Mr. Jason Ritz          | G. I can juggle   |
| 8. ____ Ms. Laura Houpp         | H. I have 4 children and lots of dogs.  |
| 9. ____ Ms. Debbie Patterson    | I. My kindergarten class is known as "The Crew"   |
| 10. ____ Mr. Jeremy Bjornstad   | J. I teach the 4th grade  |
| 11. ____ Ms. Tammy Duffy        | K. I teach the 3rd grade  |

## Helping Hands



Beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>, every time that you (the parent / guardian) volunteer for Cedar Grove, your child will receive free popcorn on the Friday following report card distribution. Additionally, your name will be featured on a "Volunteer Hall of Fame" in the front lobby.

You can volunteer for PTO functions or in your child's classroom. Any type of volunteering that you do counts. Here's just a few ways that you can help: making copies for the office, sending wish list items, chairing a PTO committee, chaperoning a field trip, and much more.

**As always, we value your participation at Cedar Grove.**

## Congratulations

We had an amazing response from our Membership Drive, with over 400 sign-ups! The following parents each received a \$25 Target Gift card as part of the Membership Drive.

Deanne Goetzinger  
Christin Edmundson  
Tiana Morrison  
Sandy Yandle.

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1-I, 2-D, 3-E, 4-C, 5-J, 6-K, 7-G, 8-B, 9-H, 10-A, 11-F