

# Important Things to Remember...



- **Preschool Screening**
  - If your child has not been screened yet, be sure to call 763-391-8776 to set up an appointment.
- **English Learner Program (EL)**
  - The EL Program is for students who need extra help learning English. Students in EL are part of the regular Kindergarten class, but they have an extra teacher who helps them learn and improve their English. If you think your child might need help with English, please call 763-585-7350.
- **Enrollment Paperwork**
  - Please turn in any missing enrollment paperwork as soon as possible.
  - Paperwork can be emailed to [EnrollmentCenter@District279.org](mailto:EnrollmentCenter@District279.org) or dropped off at Cedar Island on school days.
- **Late August**
  - Mailings will notify you of your child's classroom placement and bus stop information
- **September 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00-6:30 PM - Back-to-school Open House**
  - Meet your teacher, see your classroom!
- **September 8<sup>th</sup> - First Day of School**
  - School starts at 9:30am and ends at 4:00pm
- **September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am - Kindergarten Parent Reception**
  - Leave your child with his/her teacher then join us in the Media Center for coffee, treats, and valuable school and parent involvement information



## Kindergarten Supply List

- **\$30 voluntary donation for student supplies**
  - Teachers will purchase supplies such as crayons, scissors, markers, pencils, water paints, glue, glue sticks, 3-ring binders, notebooks, stickers, folders, rest mats, games, and blocks.
  - You may bring this donation to Open House on Sept. 1; please make checks payable to Cedar Island Elementary. Thank you!
- **Large school bag/backpack**
  - Please label with your child's name using permanent marker.
  - No roller bags, please!
- **Headphones**
  - One set personal headphones to be left at school
- **Tennis shoes for gym**
  - Tennis shoes are required on physical education days. Your child may wear these shoes or keep them in their backpack.
- **Additional voluntary donations**
  - Last names A - N: One large box of Kleenex
  - Last names O - R: One container of Clorox Wipes (or similar)
  - Last names S - Z: One large bottle of hand sanitizer





\_\_\_\_\_ can't wait to be a Bobcat!

(Name)



**CEDAR ISLAND ELEMENTARY**



# 2021-22 SCHOOL CALENDAR

**ISD 279 - OSSEO AREA SCHOOLS**  
**11200 93rd Avenue North**  
**Maple Grove, MN 55369**  
**Ph: (763) 391-7000 Fx: (763) 391-7070**  
**district279.org**

August 23-26 . . . . New Licensed Staff Workshop  
 Aug. 30-Sept. 2 . . . Licensed Staff Workshop  
 September 6 . . . . Labor Day (No School)  
 September 7 . . . . No School for Students  
**September 8 . . . . First Day of School for Students**  
 October 4 . . . . . Licensed Staff Workshop  
 (No Regular Classes Scheduled for Students)  
 October 21- 22.....Conference Release Days for Pre-K-12  
 (No School for Students)  
 November 25-26 . . Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)  
 December 6 . . . . . Mark Reporting for Pre K-12  
 (No Regular Classes Scheduled for Students)  
 December 7 . . . . . Tri II Begins  
 December 22 . . . Last Day of School Before Winter Break  
 January 3 . . . . . First Day of School After Winter Break  
 January 17 . . . . . Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)  
 January 31 . . . . . Licensed Staff Workshop  
 (No Regular Classes Scheduled for Students)  
 February 21 . . . . Conference Release Days for Pre-K-12  
 (No School for Students)  
 March 11 . . . . . Mark Reporting for Pre K-12  
 (No Regular Classes Scheduled for Students)  
 March 14 . . . . . Tri III Begins  
 March 25 . . . . . Last Day of School Before Spring Break  
 April 4 . . . . . First Day of School After Spring Break  
 April 15 . . . . . Conference Release Days for Pre K-12  
 (No School for Students)  
 May 2 . . . . . Licensed Staff Workshop  
 (No Regular Classes Scheduled for Students)  
 May 30 . . . . . Memorial Day (No School)  
 June 9 . . . . . Last Day of School for Pre K-11 Students  
 June 10 . . . . . Mark Reporting for Pre K-12  
 (No Regular Classes Scheduled for Students)  
 June 12 . . . . . Commencement

## AUGUST

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## SEPTEMBER

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## NOVEMBER

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## MAY

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## JUNE

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- X - No school for students and licensed staff
- - No regular classes scheduled for students
- △ - Conference Release Days

Tri I ...Sept. 7 -Dec 3 . . . . .58 days  
 Tri II . Dec. 7-March 10 . . . . .58 days  
 Tri III March 14-June 9. . . . .56 days  
 Spring Break - Mar 28-April 1

# End of the Year Goals for 4-year-olds



## Kindergarten Entrance Requirements:

- Children are 5-years-old on or before September 1.
  - Parents/guardians provide documentation of children's required immunizations.
  - Children participate in a school district's early childhood screening program.\*
- \* This does not apply if you are a conscientious objector.

Young children are active learners and benefit from hands-on, play-based experiences. Below are examples of ways children are growing and developing. This is not a complete list of developmental tasks or a checklist to determine school readiness; use this document as a general guide for learning during the 4-year-old year.

### Social Learning



- Talks and plays with other children and adults
- Follows routines with occasional reminders
- Follows directions that have two parts ("Take off your shoes and put them in the closet.")
- Will participate in an activity led by an adult other than their parent
- Solves problems; asks adults for help if needed
- Understands there are different rules in different places (i.e., home, school and community)

### Emotional Learning



- Growing in ability to express feelings, needs, opinions and wants
- Understands emotional reactions of self and others
- Can find something to do and/or play alone for a few minutes
- Can stop what they are doing to do something else
- Shows confidence

### Approaches to Learning



- Notices new things
- Adjusts to change
- Pretends and invents
- Tries different ways to do a task
- Speaks in home language clearly enough to be understood by most listeners
- Asks and answers questions
- Talks about experiences in the order they happened

### Literacy



- Looks at or listens to stories
- Tells a familiar story
- Points to and names letters, especially those in their name
- Writes pretend or actual letters, words, and/or name
- Starts to notice beginning and ending sounds in words

### Art



- Uses different materials to create art (i.e., paint, playdough, markers, crayons, movement)

### Social Systems



- Notices similarities and differences
- Understands that families vary

### Physical Development & Movement



- Moves body: crawls, climbs, kicks, climbs stairs, hops, jumps, throws, gallops, catches, and more
- Uses hands to work on puzzles or pegboards, draw, create with playdough, string beads and more
- Gets dressed with little help
- Uses the toilet without help

### Math & Science



- Likes to count and play with numbers
- Thinks of what might happen next
- Uses words to describe quantities, sizes and shapes
- Sorts objects in more than one way
- Copies a design that repeats (i.e., red block, blue block, red block)

Content adapted from the Minnesota Early Indicators of Progress



- Cedar Island Health Office, direct phone number **763-315-7682**
- All District 279 school health offices are staffed by licensed nurses. There is a nurse available at CI while the children are in the building except during her lunch break when office staff covers for her. Students are encouraged to come to the health office if they become ill, lose a tooth, are injured, etc. during the school day. Please **keep your child home** for fever, vomiting, diarrhea, upper respiratory illness with green/yellow discharge from the nose, contagious diseases, or any ailment that would keep your child from fully participating in his/her classroom activities, including physical education and recess.
- **Immunizations** are an important part of maintaining your student's health and are required by law for entrance into kindergarten. If you have questions about this, speak with your child's doctor or me as soon as possible.
- Please bring to my attention any **special health needs** that your child has. This would include routine medications, chronic illnesses such as diabetes, seizure disorders, heart conditions, life-threatening allergies, etc.
- As part of your enrollment paperwork, an **Emergency Contact and Health Form** will be required for you to complete. It is important that the phone numbers you provide are current and that your relatives/friends are aware that you have listed them as a contact. Please report changes in phone numbers as they occur throughout the school year.
- **Medication** for your child will be dispensed during the school day if it is brought to school in the original pharmacy container and is accompanied by written parent and doctor permission and instructions. This applies to over-the-counter meds, as well as prescriptions. This information may be faxed to CI at 763-315-7680.

Madonna Novak, LPN  
763-315-7682  
NovakM@District279.org



## HELPFUL INFORMATION

- ☐ We welcome you to come visit your student for lunch on occasion
  - Make reservations with the office by 10:00 in the morning. 763-425-5855
  - Come to the office to register, pick up a visitor badge and pay for your lunch in the office.  
\$3.75 adults, \$3.00 preschool & \$.50 for an extra milk  
Please bring in the exact amount. We usually do not have change and are unable to process payments for your lunch from your child's lunch account.
- ☐ Free and Reduced lunch applications can be completed online via your SmartSchoolK12 account
- ☐ Breakfast and lunch menus are posted monthly on the district website at District279.org
- ☐ Electronically add funds online via your SmartSchoolK12 account
- ☐ Contact our kitchen staff with any questions at 763-315-7676

## BREAKFAST

- ☐ Student breakfast price: \$1.55 - All Kindergarten students eat for free!
- ☐ Milk and juice offered daily
- ☐ Sample breakfast menu:

11 <b>Cheese Omelet or Assort. Cereal Cheese Stick Craisins Fresh Fruit</b>	12 <b>Breakfast Pizza Assort. Cereal Yogurt Craisins Fresh Fruit</b>	13 <b>Breakfast Bites or Assort. Cereal Hard Boiled Egg Craisins Fresh Fruit</b>	14 <b>Banana Pancake or Mini French Toast Assort. Cereal Yogurt Craisins Fresh Fruit</b>
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## LUNCH

- ☐ Student lunch price: \$2.55
- ☐ Bottles of water are available instead of milk for \$0.50
- ☐ Sample lunch menu:

18 Choice of: Chicken Tenders Or Beef Meatballs  Low Fat Gravy Whipped Potatoes School Made Dinner Roll Roasted Broccoli	19 Choice of: Brunch for Lunch Or Turkey Sandwich  Oven Baked Tri Tators Turkey Sausage Oven Roasted Carrots	20 Choice of: Spaghetti w/ Beef Meat Sauce Or Chicken Alfredo w/ Pasta  Warm Garlic Toast California Blend Vegetables	21 Choice of: Loaded Beef Burger Or Cheese Pizza  Fresh Hamburger Fixings Coconut Curry Beans Creamy Coleslaw	22 Choice of: Beef Hot Dog on a Bun Or Macaroni and Cheese  Buffalo Cauliflower Vegetarian Chili
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## Welcome from the Cedar Island PTO!

Cedar Island Elementary has an active Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). Its goals are to provide family events in order to build community, and to raise money in support of students and staff at Cedar Island.

**General meetings** are held every other month from September – May in the Cedar Island media center from 6:30 – 8 pm. All parents and guardians of Cedar Island students are invited to attend the general meetings (a schedule will come home in the Fall).

At these meetings, attendees hear a number of reports about what's going on at school. These reports include:

- Principal's Report (hear school-wide information)
- Teachers' Report (learn specifics about what is happening at each grade level during the current month)
- Volunteer Report (find out how volunteers are helping at our school!)
- Treasurer's Report (see how PTO is raising money and how that money is being spent)
- New and old PTO business.

Some of the **events** sponsored by PTO include:

**Fun Run** fundraiser

**Turkey Bingo** (play Bingo for turkeys and other great prizes)

**Butterbraid** fundraiser sale

**Bobcat Bash** (school carnival – games, food, and a wonderful silent auction)

Scholastic **Book Fairs**

**Pastries with Parents**

**Ice Cream Social**

The Cedar Island PTO funds many **extras** for our school. Here are just some of the things paid for by PTO:

- Magnetic calendars for each family showing school and PTO information
- Ice Cream treats at Open House
- An inflatables party for students in the Fall (during the school day)
- Various activities at each grade level – from grade-level celebrations to field trips to supplemental instructional materials and more!
- Plants for the planters to enhance the look of the school's front entrance
- Additional staff time to support our Volunteer Coordinator and Instructional ESPs
- Reimburse teachers for some of their out-of-pocket expenses
- Valentine's Day parties
- And more!!

The Cedar Island PTO is an integral part of the Cedar Island Community. It relies on participation and leadership of the parents and guardians of Cedar Island students. If you come to meetings, you WILL have a voice in how our PTO is run and what we choose to fund. If you can't come to meetings, there are plenty of ways to get involved. Look for opportunities in the Volunteer packet that will come home at the beginning of the school year. Please consider participating – the Cedar Island PTO needs you!!

March 24, 2021

Dear New Kindergarten Parent,

Welcome to Cedar Island! As you send your child to Kindergarten, you may have questions and concerns about the place at which your child will be spending so much of their time starting next fall. One concern many people have is how to become familiar with the school programs, staff, and even their child's classmates and other parents in our school community. Hopefully, I can help with this concern. At Cedar Island, parents are invited to be a part of the team providing enriching educational experiences for our students through our large and active volunteer program.

I invite you to participate! As you can imagine, we have been unable to utilize volunteers in the school this year as usual, but I look to the Fall with hope. As soon as we are able, we will share an invitation to become a Cedar Island volunteer. Every volunteer must complete an online volunteer application and on this application you can indicate how you would like to be involved. We have MANY opportunities, including:

- Assisting in the classroom
- Preparing materials for use in the classroom (sometimes these projects can be done at home)
- Helping at classroom parties
- Shelving books in the media center
- Popping popcorn for students
- Chaperoning field trips
- MANY opportunities to support our Parent Teacher Organization in leadership or 'worker' roles
- And more!

Please note that we value any level of participation – even an hour or two is helpful and greatly appreciated! Becoming involved as a volunteer not only serves as a connection for you to school, but it also shows your child, in a very tangible way, that you feel school is important.

Again, WELCOME to Cedar Island! Please look for the Volunteer Invitation next fall and give careful consideration to how you can become an active volunteer at Cedar Island. Many hands make light work, and we need your help!

If you have any questions about volunteering at Cedar Island, please call or e-mail me. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Barb Lindsay, Cedar Island Volunteer Coordinator  
(763)315-7681 [lindsayb@district279.org](mailto:lindsayb@district279.org)

