



Cedar Ridge Elementary

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this welcome back letter full of information to launch the 2017-2018 school year at Cedar Ridge Elementary (CRE). I am honored to have the opportunity to lead a school with such a rich tradition of educational excellence and student centered outcomes. After nearly two decades in education, I continue to be inspired by the lasting imprint our team of educators leave on the lives of the children they serve. Children remain our greatest investment of time, energy, and resources and we are committed to delivering on all three promises for student success at CRE.

A few pillars of success we remain committed to are Positive Behavior Supports (PBS), character education, and rigorous academic expectations with layers of differentiated skill support from our highly qualified teaching staff. PBS provides consistent language among teaching staff and students when communicating expectations and recognizing student efforts with positive reinforcements and praise. Additionally, we feel strongly about the shared partnership between home and school in guiding students in their learning journeys as they develop their core character and individual values. CRE prides itself in the delivery of student centered instructional practices and individualized academic supports. We host a workshop approach in core content learning, cooperative learning opportunities, and accommodate student needs with flexible seating, interventions, and a commitment to serving the whole child. It is our goal to welcome and connect with students and families as we host a positive, fun, and engaging learning environment.

Our character education theme for this coming school year is: A Pirate's Life for Me, **#piratelife**. Join us on social media and stay connected with your pirate's life at CRE. Find us on Facebook under Cedar Ridge Elementary, on Twitter **@CREfamily**, and opt in to School Messenger and receive updates throughout the school year.

The school supply list can be found on the back of this letter. **Enrollment forms** will be accessed through the Parent Portal. If your student information (address, phone number, emergency contact, etc.) did not change from last year, you will not need to provide **proof of residency**. Proof of residency (**utility bill, rent receipt, real estate contract/lease, tax bill, etc.**) in the district will only be required if a change of address has occurred from the previous school year.

Our 1st-6th grade Back to School Open House will be on **Monday, August 14th** from **1:30-5:30 p.m.** Online registration forms for current students should be completed between July 17th and July 28th. Completion of online registration allows families to proceed directly to the classroom assignment table at Open House. We invite all families to attend this event in order to set the stage for student success and engage in back to school excitement. Families can drop off school supplies, purchase spirit wear and deposit money on your child's meal account. In addition we will have community partners, transportation, and other parent supports set up in our gym during the Open House event.

The first day of school for the 2017-2018 school year is Wednesday, August 16th, 2017. Back to school excitement, reconnecting with students and families, and the onset of another promising academic year are all experiences we hold in high regard here at CRE.

If you have any questions please call the school office at (417) 334-5135. Summer office hours are Monday through Thursday in July (closed for lunch from 12:00-12:30). Normal business hours resume on Monday, July 31st (open Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30 p.m.). I can also be reached by email at collinsm@branson.k12.mo.us. My door is always open and your input, partnership and feedback are welcomed as we progress together in helping your child reach their full potential.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michelle Collins

“A Community Committed to Learning”