

  **THE HIGHLIGHTER**  

A Message from the Principal

Dear Cedar Hill Families,

As the month of May begins, warmer weather is upon us and many of us are making plans for a fun-filled summer. Yet there is so much still to be done at Cedar Hill. Soon, students in Grades 4 through 6 will be presenting the annual school play. This year's Production is Beauty and the Beast. It will be performed at Winman Jr. High School on Monday and Tuesday, May 22 and 23, 2006, at 7:00 PM. All of the students have worked quite hard with the production and it should be a wonderful evening for all of our families.

May is also the month where we welcome our new PTA Board Members. We bid a sad farewell to Kathy Sundberg, the outgoing President. Kathy has done an outstanding job with the PTA Presidency. Mere words cannot begin to express the deep gratitude to her for her outstanding leadership skills. While Kathy will no longer be the President, she will assume the role of liaison to the Warwick PTA Council as the representative from Cedar Hill School. We also welcome Susan Quigley as the new PTA President and I am sure that everyone will be truly supportive of all of her endeavors.

As this issue of the Highlighter goes to press, I would like to thank everyone who has supported the Cedar Hill PTA for all of their support throughout the school year.

Sincerely,
Stephen Kirby, Principal

May Calendar	
1	PTA Meeting
3	Project A.C.E.S.
5	Cinco de Mayo
1-5	Teacher Appreciation Week
7-12	Nurses' Appreciation Week
14	Mother's Day
17	Girl's Program (7pm)
18	Boy's Talk – Gr. 5-6
22-23	School Play Beauty & the Beast
25	Mrs. White's Class to West Bay Manor
26	Mentor Year End Event
29	Memorial Day – No School

Scholastic Book Fair Nets Big Profit!

The Spring 2006 Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success with sales of \$4706.21 bringing a profit of \$1411.87 to the school and over \$300 in free books for the teachers and the library! We couldn't have done it without the help of many volunteers. We would like to thank the following:

Chris Iadevaia, Cathy Bradley, Amy Doorley, Patti&Paul Shanley, Sue Kelly, Leslie Lusi, Roz Rogers, Denise Brennan, Anne Caffrey, Michelle Inkley, Lori Mallette, Debbie Gregory, Chris Medeiros, Uzma Azam, Martha Venter, Leslie Hamilton, Chris Naylor, Joanne Navilliat, Trudy Mitchell, Sue Tolbert, Lauri Fine, Chris Garvey, Lauren Leslie, Claudine Davenport, Kathy Lewis, Pat Coutu, Amy Brennan, Natalie Turner, Jen Ahearn, and Catherine Zelano.

A special thanks to Mr.Paul Gallo for his help.

Your continued help is so appreciated!
Priscilla Stamps and Rebecca Bittle

A Message from PTA President, Kathy Sundberg

Greetings,

At our last PTA membership meeting this past Monday, the PTA Board Officers were elected and are as follows:

Susan Quigley	President
Rebecca Bittle	1st Vice President
Juanita Paoella	2nd Vice President
Stephen Kirby	3rd Vice President
Amy Frank	Recording Secretary
Meg Legares	Corresponding Secretary
Karen Hogan	Treasurer
Kathy Sundberg	PTA Council Representative/Member ship

Also at this meeting parents viewed one of the DVDs in the Bullying Program that the PTA purchased for the school. I found it to be quite impressive. It depicted real life situations and gave helpful strategies to try. If your children are like mine, you may not have heard much about this program. Ask them. (My kids call me 20 questions). What you hear may be enlightening.

Speaking of bullying, the National PTA website, www.pta.org features an article on the topic in their Parent Resources section.

Other topics include:

- ◆ Preparing Young People for Careers of the 21st Century
- ◆ PTA Visits Nearly 400 Congressional Offices
- ◆ Focus on Afterschool Math Activities and Enrichment

There are also sections on News & Events, Issues & Action as well as information about National PTA. Have a look at the website for some excellent information and enjoy the last 6 weeks or so of school!

PTA.org: Did you know...?

- ◆ Did you know that in one month, PTA.org averages more than 600,000 hits from more than 243,000 visitors?
- ◆ On a busy day, the site may get more than 1 million hits from some 50,000 visitors.
- ◆ The busiest time of day is between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm., and Back-to-School time is the busiest time of the year.
- ◆ Parent Resources is the most popular section of the site and is helping to establish PTA.org as the premier online resource for parents.
- ◆ There are more than 1,700 registered bulletin board users who share information on student achievement, fundraising, and other issues of importance to PTA leaders.
- ◆ PTA.org served as a powerful tool during the 2005 hurricane relief efforts, connecting PTAs in need with those who could help and making it easy for anyone to donate money for disaster relief.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful parents who have supported me and the school during my tenure as PTA President. Your dedication to the students and the school is truly appreciated. Keep up the good work!

Kathy Sundberg
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Highlighter Highlights

Attention ALL 6th Graders!

You are invited to the 6th Grade Celebration on June 10th from 6pm - 8 pm in the Cedar Hill All Purpose Room

Games, Prizes, Graffiti Wall, Bungi Run, DJ & MORE!

Look for your invitation and be sure to RSVP. Parents wishing to chaperone can contact Sue Campanella at 884-1983 or Diane Howkins at 886-4734.

Art Masters Note Cards: Order Now!

Don't miss this opportunity to order a replica of your child's classroom painting. Your note card purchase will benefit the Art Masters Program, an art appreciation and enrichment program taught by parent volunteers.

The cost is \$5 for five note cards and envelopes.

Note cards are available for the following classrooms: Ms. Amaral, Mrs. Dowding, Ms. Falvey, Miss McGuire, Mrs. Onorato and Ms. Romano, Mrs. Scotti/AM, Mrs. Scotti/PM, Mrs. Sippy, Mrs. Waugh, and Mrs. Zarella.

Please include the student's name and teacher with your order. Make checks payable to Cedar Hill School. Orders should be sent to the office in an envelope marked "Art Masters Note Cards."

If you have any questions, call Nancy Sceery 885-8067. Thank you for supporting Art Masters!

Cedar Hill Tops the Charts for Leukemia Raffle Fundraiser

Once again the families of Cedar Hill School have shown how generous and caring everyone is to those less fortunate. The Dress-Up For A Cure Day was a huge success. We raised \$4,500 for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, putting us in the top 5 among school donators. What a great feeling!

Thank you to all the families and teachers of Cedar Hill. A big thank you also goes out to Mr. Kirby and Mrs. White for this great idea! Mrs. Porter, thanks for always helping with all the miscellaneous! Of course, none of this could have happened without the special talents of Linda Godfrey and Natalie Turner. Thank you for your help and creativity.

Thanks also to all those who worked hard behind the scenes counting money and initialing raffle tickets; Maureen Hager, Sandy McCollough, Lisa Penn, and Karen Hogan, and to Mrs. DiLanna who helped tremendously on the last day with the very last of the tickets and money. Thank you, too, to Cheryl Maynard who wrote all those thank you notes! With my sincerest gratitude-Meg Lagares

Thanks to the Art Masters

Thank you to each and every volunteer who assisted with the Art Master's program. The children loved having you in the classrooms and their growing knowledge of the artists and their works is truly impressive. Thanks to: Sue Quigley, Linda Godfrey, Kathy Lewis, Jane Boynton, Carol Wheeler, Sharon Garber, Kathy Sundberg, Mary Moen, JoAnn Amoriggi, Lynn Flaherty, Natalie Turner, Martha Venter, Denise Mei-Clark, Karen Wehr, Martha Indelicato, Leslie Hamilton, Amy Stein, Jen Ahearn. See you all in the fall. Nancy Lee Sceery, Alison Kaczmarek, Joyce Loewenstein

Project A.C.E.S.

May 3 was National Physical Education & Sport Day, and Cedar Hill did the annual Project Aces (**All Children Exercising Simultaneously**) walk. Because of the weather, the students followed a route through the school, rather than outside around the school. Running and disruptive behaviour were not allowed, except for the particularly vocal frog sitting outside Mr. Kirby's office.

Tech Tip of the Month

Is your computer slower than you would like? Short of replacing it, by far the best way to improve performance is to add memory. Most computers come from the store with the minimum practical amount of memory needed to run. Doubling or tripling that can make a huge difference in performance, especially if you run multiple applications at once.

Adding memory (RAM, in geek-speak) can be cheap, too, if you shop the sales. Every week, at least one of the local outlets (CompUSA, Circuit City, BestBuy, Staples) has RAM on sale. You'll need to know which kind to get, though.

Adding RAM is also a good way to become familiar with your computer's innards. All modern computers come with detailed instructions – if you've lost them, the websites always have copies – explaining which RAM to get, and how to add it. It is such an easy process that it is rarely required to be done by a professional to keep the warranty intact, even on most laptops.

Save These Dates:

“Girl Talk” on May 17

All 4th, 5th and 6th grade girls and their mothers, grandmothers or a friend are invited to the girl's puberty workshop on May 17 at 7 pm at Cedar Hill. The evening will be led by Trish Egan, RN and her 17 year old daughter. It's a great opportunity to learn and ask questions together. The cost of the evening is \$15. For more information or to register, please contact Kathy Sundberg at 884-3559 or e-mail her at kbsund@cox.net

“Boy Talk” on May 18

Thursday May 18th 6:30 PM. Dr. Jorge Lagares will be holding a puberty talk for all 5th and 6th grade boys. If you and/or your son would like to attend please fill out a permission slip and return it to school by 5/11/06. See you there.

