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Middle School, High
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*The Mission of Cedar Grove
Academy
is to give a quality Christian
Education
emphasizing traditional
Biblical values.*



The Lion's Pulse

#6 - 1/19/25

Celebrate and Remember Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King



REGISTRATION

2025-2026: Your student is automatically Re-enrolled unless the office is notified otherwise by February 14th. After February 14, 2025, enrollment will be open to new families. Plan on reserving your space early.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY: Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia applications for the 2025-2026 school year are still open. **The application deadline is March 1, 2025.** They require all families to be Philadelphia residents and meet their financial criterion. CSFP will be awarding 2,500 new, four-year K-8th grade scholarships next school year. To apply, please visit their website at www.csphiladelphia.org.

INDOOR INTRAMURAL SOCCER: This league began the first week in January for students ages 8-11 by Jan. 1. This is a parent-led ministry of our school to teach good sportsmanship and build skills. We have dedicated adult volunteers involved. We may be hosting games for our 6 and 7 year olds as well. If you have a 6 or 7 year old that you would like to learn to play the game of soccer keep an eye out for upcoming games on Saturdays after 2pm. We will be

notifying about dates later in January or February. [Click here to see the schedule](#)

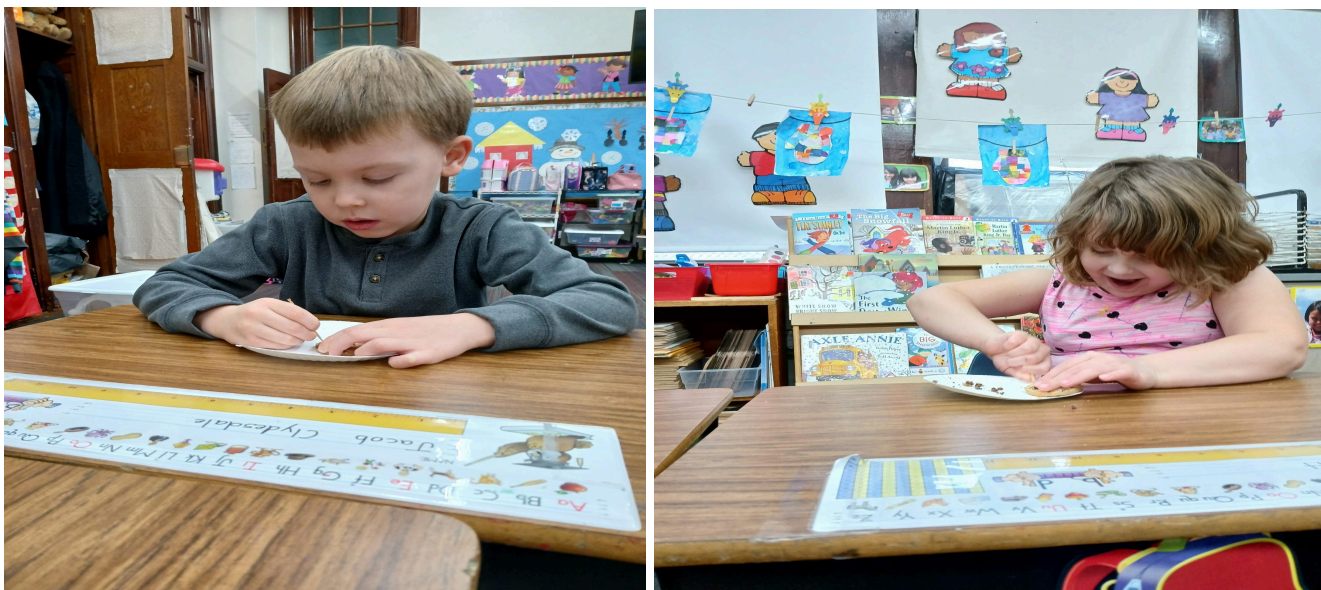
LINK TO PICS OF RECENT EVENTS: [CGCA Click on this Link](#) to see pictures of Christmas in the classroom, Race for Ed., CBS, Championship Soccer and many more events. Pictured below is Miss Ides K class preparing for their trip to a local museum.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: During the month of February we will be highlighting some of the things being done in our classes. Many biographies of famous African Americans are displayed in our hallways around the building.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR: We have been hit hard by the cold and flu season. We have taken measures to limit the spread of germs by increased cleaning and sanitizing. Please do your part by keeping sick students home with time to recover.

STORIES TO TELL: CGCA is a great place to grow and learn. We want you to hear about some of the stories we get to see all the time. Here is a sample of some of the great stories of things happening around the school.

Kindergarten - Miss Ide: Miss Ide's class were practicing being paleontologists as they prepared to go to the Academy of Natural Sciences. They used a toothpick as the chisel and a chocolate chip cookie as the fossil. They were trying to remove the chocolate chips without breaking the fossil (cookie).



OPEN HOUSE: Please invite your friends and family members, who might have school age children, to attend one of our Open Houses which will take place on the following dates:

Thursday, February 6 - Evening Open House 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 6 - 8:30 am - Noon

Thursday, April 3 - 8:30 am – Noon

Thursday, May 1 - 8:30 am – Noon

½ WAY MARK OF THE YEAR: This Friday marks the end of the 2nd Marking Period, 1st Semester. Report cards would normally come out at the end of the following week, but with all the illness lately we feel the need to allow more time for students to complete make-up work.

PRAY EVERYDAY: The following students led our school in prayer over the PA for the needs of our school:

1/2/25
King Williams - Kindergarten - Miss Ide

1/3/25
Amora Cruz - Kindergarten - Miss Ide
Adlee Elliott - Kindergarten - Miss Ide

1/8/25
Paige Richardson - Kindergarten - Mrs. Semekor
Noya Miller - Kindergarten - Mrs. Semekor

1/9/25
Sofia Pedraza - 2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley
Zoe Tchokoto - 2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley

1/10/25
Brandon Thornton - 2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley
Son Vo - 2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley

1/13/25
Amaya Torres - 1st grade - Miss Schermerhorn
Kamren Neris - 1st grade - Miss Schermerhorn

1/15/25
Brielle Beckham - 1st grade - Miss Schermerhorn
Ryleigh Beatty - 1st grade - Miss Schermerhorn

1/17/25
Liam Moten - 1st grade - Miss Parke
Luna Moten - 1st grade - Miss Parke

DATES:

Jan	16		Thu	7th grade Ski Trip
	20		Mon	No School Martin Luther King
	23		Thu	MS/HS Race for ED reward outing
	24		Fri	End of 2nd Quarter
	30		Thu	8th grade ski trip

ATTENTION PARENTS:

One of our school families is looking for someone to watch her son from 5:00-8:00. If you are interested in helping this family, please contact the school office.

INDOOR INTRAMURAL SOCCER:

Sat, Jan. 18	1 - Girls - Blue vs. Red 2 - Boys - Gold vs. Green 3 - Girls - Gold vs. Green 4 - Boys - Blue vs. Red	Sat, Feb. 1	1 - Boys - Green vs. Blue 2 - Girls - Green vs. Blue 3 - Boys - Red vs. Gold 4 - Girls - Red vs. Gold
Sat, Jan. 25	1 - Boys - Red vs. Green 2 - Girls - Blue vs. Gold 3 - Girls - Red vs. Green 4 - Boys - Blue vs. Gold	Sat, Feb. 8	1 - Boys - Red vs. Blue 2 - Girls - Red vs. Blue 3 - Girls - Green vs. Gold 4 - Boys - Green vs. Gold

Practice Schedule - 2025

Mon. - 6-7 - Boys Green	7-8 Girls Red
Tues. - 6-7 - Boys Blue	7-8 Girls Green
Wed. - 6-7	
Thur. - 6-7 - Girls Gold	7-8 Girls Blue
Fri. - 5-6 - Boys Red	6-7 Boys Gold

CHEERLEADING:

Mon, Jan 20	Cheer Practice	3:30 - 5:30 pm
Wed, Jan 22	Cheer Practice	3:30 - 5:30 pm
Fri, Jan 24	Cheer Practice	3:30 - 5:30 pm
Mon, Jan 27	Cheer Practice	3:30 - 5:30 pm
Wed, Jan 29	Cheer Practice	3:30 - 5:30 pm
Fri, Jan 31	Cheer Practice	3:30 - 5:30 pm

BASKETBALL

Tue, Jan 21	MS Boys Basketball @ Salem Christian	4:45 pm
Wed, Jan 22	JV Boys vs. DCCS	4:00 pm
	MS/HS Boys Practice	3:30 - 5:30 pm
	HS Boys Basketball Practice	3:30 - 5:30 pm
Mon, Jan 27	JV Basketball vs. Dock	4:00 pm
	MS/HS Boys Practice	3:30 - 5:30 pm
Wed, Jan 29	MS/HS Boys Practice	3:30 - 5:30 pm
Fri, Jan 31	HS Boys Basketball Practice	3:30 - 5:30 pm

ATTENTION PARENTS – COLD TEMPERATURES: As the mercury drops, we ask that parents send their child dressed for cold weather. A warm coat, hat, and gloves are needed now and until the end of winter. Even on colder days recess is held outside and children should come prepared for this.



EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING - #193: Due to bad weather, our school may need to either close early or not open on occasion. An Alert Now message will be sent to the primary phone number you have given us for your family and an announcement will be posted on our website at cgca.org. Please update these phone numbers whenever necessary. Our closing number is **193** and it will be announced on KYW – 1060 AM – news radio station. (School closings are also posted at www.KYW1060.com on the internet). All CGCA emergency closings can also be seen on the major Philadelphia TV stations (3, 6, and 10).

LUNCH PROGRAM: You may go into your FACTS/RenWeb account and set up orders for your child(ren), which we will see in our system. All lunch snacks and meal orders should be made at least 24 hours in advance and online.

PRETZELS: Pretzels are sold outside the office on Tuesdays for \$1.00 each.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS: Parents are discouraged from calling their children during the school day, unless it is an emergency. Messages will be delivered to them only during lunchtime. Any messages regarding changes in transportation or daycare for the day must be called in before 2:30 pm to ensure your child gets the message. **The office is too busy after that time to deliver messages.** Children are discouraged from using the office phone. If a call is absolutely necessary, the child will have to pay 25¢ per phone call, unless they're sick or have an emergency.

INSTRUMENT LESSONS: Information about band instrument lessons was sent home last week for 4th through 8th graders. Lessons are available for the following instruments: **flute, trumpet, trombone, clarinet, saxophone, french horn, baritone horn, tuba, and percussion.** There is no cost for lessons, other than instrument rental or purchase. If you want this opportunity for your child, please indicate that on the form. **Piano lessons** may be available upon request, but are handled by visiting teachers that do this as a business and there is an hourly fee.

CELL PHONES: Students are not permitted to have cellphones in school. If, however, it is necessary for your child to carry a cell phone, it must be turned off and left in the office or designated location while he/she is in the building. Parents must sign the cell phone form for their child. Middle and high schoolers are required to turn their phone off for the day. 5th and 6th grade students turn their phones into a homeroom teacher. 7 - 12th graders may keep their phones in their lockers and are solely responsible for the safety of that device.

FACTS Family Portal: I hope you are regularly checking your child's grades. You can access FACTS/RenWeb using the link at the bottom of the page on our [school's website](#). Please call our school office if you need any assistance.

CLEARANCES: Parents interested in attending field trips with their child must have a PA Child Abuse Record Check and PA Criminal History clearance. If you are interested in getting your clearances, please feel free to go to our school website and click on Parent Helps, and scroll down to PA Background Checks for Volunteers. Once you have both clearances, please provide the office with a copy of the same.

DAYCARE BILLING: Just a reminder that daycare bills for grades 1-8 will be sent home the first of every month. It is not included with the tuition payment. Daycare services are available from 7 am to 7:45 am and/or from 3 pm to 6 pm. Flexible hours are billed at \$5.50 per hour. After 6 pm pickup is charged \$20 for each 15 minutes interval or part thereof. Please be aware that daycare workers appreciate being able to leave at or before 6 pm.

CGCA AND UNITED WAY: I.D. #1197

You can designate your United Way contributions to be used for CGCA. Two of our programs (Discovery Center and Daycare) meet the requirements to be a part of the United Way Donor Choice Program. All you need to do is designate your United Way contribution to Cedar Grove Christian Academy and use our I.D. #1197 on the pledge form. Thank you very much.

In His Grip,

Jeffrey Howard, Principal

Important school information can be accessed through the following links:

[How to lead someone to Christ](#)

[School website](#)

[Parent Helps](#)

[School Calendar](#)

[FACTS login](#) (District Code: cg-pa)

[Extracurricular opportunities](#)

[Hand book/uniform code/supply lists/forms](#)

[New Student Application](#)

[Faculty/Staff Applications](#)