

Cedar Park Middle School Principal's Report 11-25-2019

Items and Notes

Celebrations:

- We really appreciate all the Art Lit volunteers giving their time and energy to studying Kieth Haring. The student art lining the halls looks amazing.
- All our math classrooms are now outfitted with interactive white board tables. Teachers have been sending me pics of the activities.
- The PreACT for 8th graders was last week and went off without a hitch. We expect results in a few months.
- Cedar Park was awarded a grant from Pizza Schmizza to purchase games (life size Jenga & Connect 4, cornhole, ladder ball, etc.) to promote social interaction during lunch. The "game center" will be set up for student use in the cafeteria in the next week or so.
- Feedback from 5th Grade Parent Night was very positive. The kids seemed to be having a great time, and the teachers did an amazing job setting up interactive exploration opportunities for everyone. Look for information about Fly-ups at the beginning of the year.
- The new sound system, partially supported by PTC, in the cafeteria is amazing! We are so excited to debut it at our school play on December 13 & 14.
- Our next spirit week is December 16-20. Look for specific information in the next Cedar Reader.

Need to Know:

- Coffee with the Principal has been moved to 12/17 @ 9:00 AM due to a schedule conflict.
- The next Middle School Boundary meeting is 12/5 @ 6:30 PM at Cedar Park. We would love to see CP community involvement, as Cedar is one of the schools that will be heavily impacted by the

potential changes.

- On 12/2 the Cedar Park staff will be engaging with two other schools in a session led by <u>Brian Mendler</u> around how to work with challenging students.
- The work to install a new school sign continues. We are going out for bids and beginning the permit process. The anticipated amount has increased to \$10,000.