

# CEDAR RIDGE ELEMENTARY

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*Our Mission: To develop and enlighten the mind, encourage compassion and integrity and promote responsible citizenship.*



## Upcoming Events

September

- 7, Room Parent Orientation, 3:30pm
- 8, Vision Screening
- 9, PTA Skate Night, 5:30pm
- 12, SCC Meeting, 3:40pm
- 12, PTA Chick Fil-A Night, 5-8pm
- 16, Picture Day
- 19-23, PTA Wellness Week
- 22, WatchDog Dinner for Dads, 6-7pm

### Principal's Message

If there was one message I wish I could convey to students at this time of year it would be: If you miss school, you will miss out!

This month is National Attendance Awareness month. School attendance is an important issue for Cedar Ridge Elementary, Mountain Ridge Jr. High, and Lone Peak High School, and we would like to ask for your assistance with helping all students miss less school.

If you try to get your child to school on time every day, thank you! It is not always easy. Sometimes shoes have disappeared and homework folders must be found. If you are making the effort to teach them to be responsible and get here on time you are helping them gain a character trait that will help them throughout their lives.

Part of our school's mission is to promote responsible citizenship. A manager of a business would most likely fire an employee who repeatedly missed work or showed up late. If we, together as educators and parents, fail to teach children to be on time, where will they learn it?

When students are late they disrupt the class and they miss valuable instruction. Teachers can provide excellent instruction and engaging lessons but a student must be here to benefit!

Truancy is also correlated to increased risky behaviors among teenagers. For a fact sheet with references to various studies, see <http://goo.gl/v6FWA0>.

We need your help to make sure your children are here on time. If they have been arriving on time, thank you! If your child has been arriving late or missing school, please do everything you can to get them here on time every day. If they miss school, they will miss out!

Sincerely,

*Jeremy Brunner*

Principal

**Stay Informed!**  
Check out the school's website:  
[cedarridge.alpinedistrict.org](http://cedarridge.alpinedistrict.org)

## What's inside?

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# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## PTA Message

Welcome back! We hope things are going well for you and your children. Thanks to all the parents who have joined the PTA so far this year! We appreciate your support! Thanks to all who have signed up to help with the various programs we support during the year! It is not too late to join PTA or sign up to help with a program. Please watch for more info or contact me.

Joining PTA does not mean you have to donate your time. I understand if you feel like you have enough going on. When my kids were little I said to myself, "When my kids are older I will be more helpful." And here I am. We all do what we can to support our children.

Your membership in PTA gives us numbers to advocate for children in our state and national government and be a force for their good. The programs we sponsor enhance their school experience, at least that is our goal.

At Back To School Night a parent asked a really good question, "How much could I donate so we don't have all these fundraisers?" To clarify, the PTA only sponsors one fundraiser, the Walk-A-Thon in the spring. The membership we collect \$8 does not cover all the program costs. For each \$8 we pay \$2.25 to the National PTA, \$1.75 to the State PTA and \$.50 to our council, a total of \$4.50. So we keep \$3.50. We average 200 PTA

members at our school. That would give us \$700 for our programs at the school. We could ask for straight donations, the first year I had a child at the school they asked for \$10 per student and promised no fundraisers if we did that. I only had one student so I loved that idea! The PTA didn't get enough so they had to do a fundraiser. We have just under 1,000 students and if we received a donation of \$10 per student we could run all the programs. We have been blessed to have generous sponsors who donate to our PTA (see the PTA page on the school website for specific sponsors). We also have amazing parents! I am so grateful for all of you and all the different ways you make a difference in our school community.

If you have any questions or suggestions please email me, Rachelle Pew, at [sevenyips@gmail.com](mailto:sevenyips@gmail.com). Have a great year! Rachelle Pew, PTA President

## Book Fair

Please join us for the Book Fair Oct. 11-13. We will have a great selection of books. Also, we would love your help at our book fair. Please contact Katrina at [katrinajd@yahoo.com](mailto:katrinajd@yahoo.com) to help. Thank you for your support!

## Picture Day

Picture day is Friday, September 16th. Retakes will be done on November 3rd.

## Reflections

Do you want more art in your child's life?

PTA's Reflections is for that! Reflections is a PTA program where students can submit works of art (music, dance, film, literature, photography, or visual art) to be recognized.

This year's theme is: What Is Your Story?

Art work will be evaluated based on how well the artist interprets the theme, their creativity and originality, and their technique in the given area. Reflections is a great way to encourage your children to explore their creativity. We encourage all children to participate by making their own original art entries. Reflections entries are due October 17, 2017. More information including entry forms can be found at <http://www.utahpta.org/reflections>



PTA REFLECTIONS

## Attention Field Trip Chaperones and Volunteers

Under a State law that was passed last year, all chaperones and volunteers who will have unsupervised access to children must pass the new, more rigorous, background check process. Once completed, this background check will remain valid for as long as your child is enrolled in the Alpine School District.

The process may take a few weeks so make sure you sign up a month before your field trip.



To make an appointment, call:

**Lynette 801-610-8467**  
**Ashley 801-610-8587**  
**Shawna 801-610-8524**

**The fee for fingerprinting is \$55.00.**



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## Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

### DID YOU KNOW?

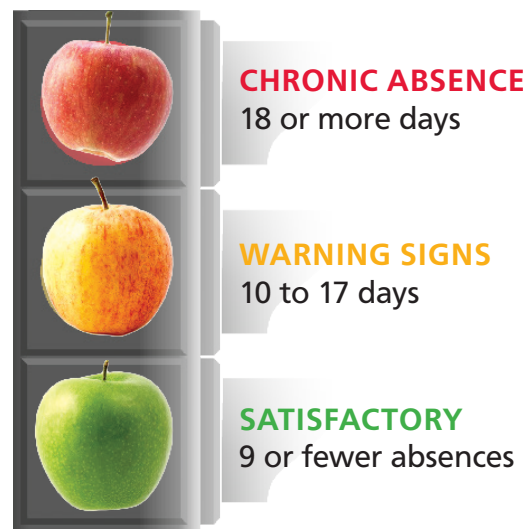
- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

**Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.**

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

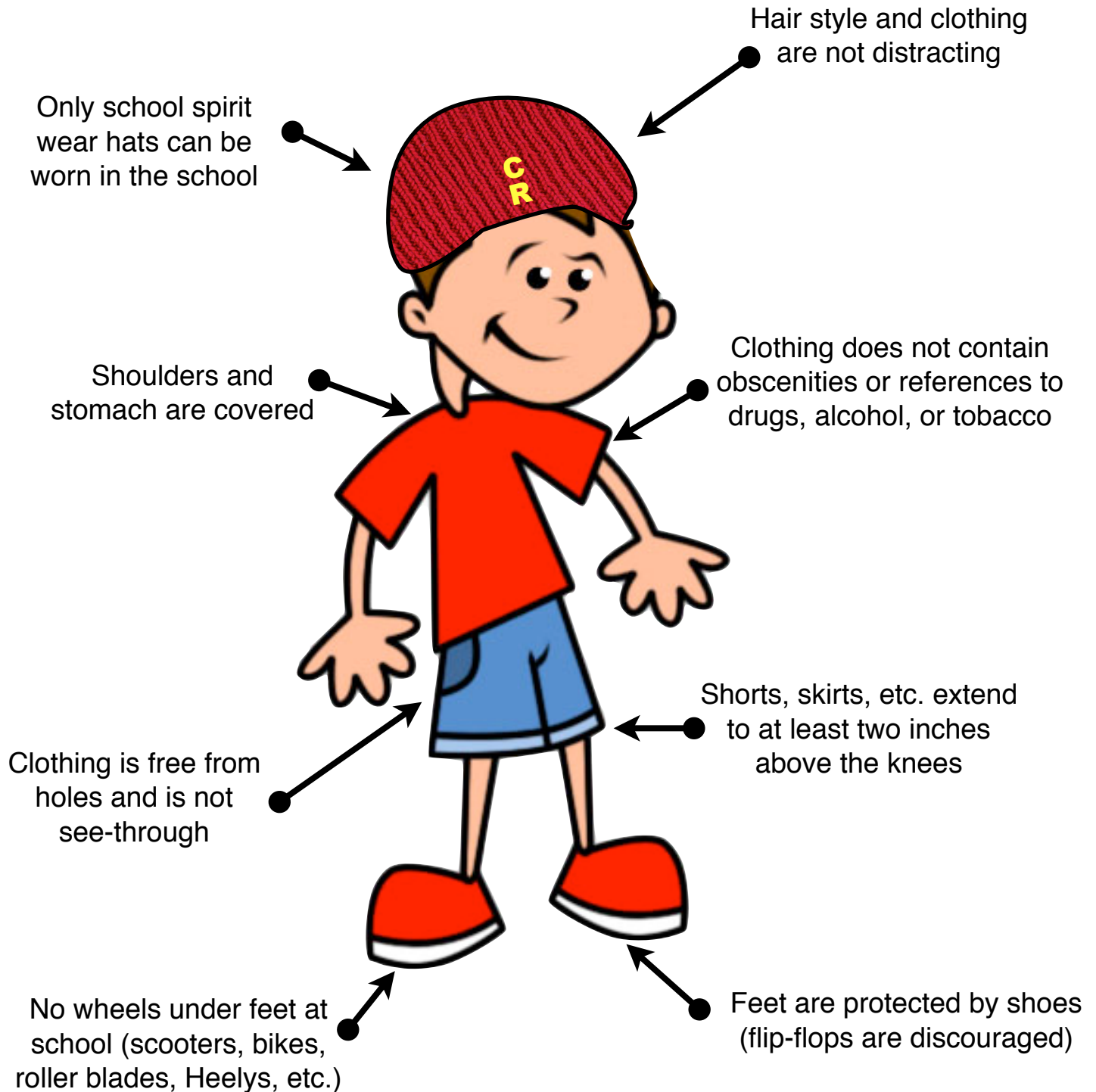
### When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

For more on school readiness, visit [attendanceworks.org](http://attendanceworks.org) and [reachoutandread.org](http://reachoutandread.org)

# Cedar Ridge Elementary Dress Code



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# Become a Friend!

Help support your school!

## The 5 Ws of the BTS Program:

### Who:

The Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program (BTSALP) helps hundreds of thousands of elementary students receive the arts-enriched education they deserve.

### What:

The program places art specialists in Utah elementary schools to work alongside classroom teachers to develop arts-based lesson plans in the core subjects of reading, math, science, and history.

### Where :

More than 300 schools throughout the state of Utah are experiencing the positive impact of the arts-integrated program.

### When:

This innovative integrated teaching model has grown and evolved since its inception in 1995, and was adopted by the Utah Legislature in 2008.

### Why:

By integrating arts into learning, schools with BTSALP have seen higher test scores and improved student understanding, retention, behavior, attendance, and self-esteem.

By filling out this form, we will be able to keep you up to date with what's happening in your school and community and we will let you know when you can show your support by writing your legislators.

For more information on this effective arts-integrated education program, visit [www.artworksforkids.org](http://www.artworksforkids.org).

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## YES! Please keep me informed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

