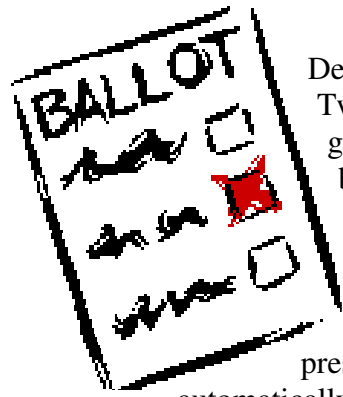


Student Council Elections 2014-2015



Dear Middle School Parents and Students,

Twenty years ago, the students of Cedarwood Middle School organized a student government with a student council. They put much thought into the structure of the body, its officers and representatives, and purposes and activities. Again this school year, middle school students will continue Cedarwood Student Government.

Student Council officer elections will be held the week of **September 22 - September 26, 2014**. During this week, students may run for the offices of school president, vice-president, treasurer, or secretary. If they are not elected, they will

automatically be placed on the ballot for class representative. Students are not required to run for officer in order to run for class representative. However, all students running for student council must return this completed form on time. Any student who wishes to run for Student Council office or to be a class representative must have the approval of his/her parents and homeroom teacher. The student must also qualify academically by having an A or B average at the end of last year and this year so far. Student Council officers must exhibit citizenship and responsibility by following classroom guidelines and expectations.

Only 7th grade students may run for the office of president

Only 6th grade students may run for the office of vice president.

Only 5th grade students may run for the office of treasurer.

Only 4th grade students may run for the office of secretary.

Student Council meetings, rules, and guidelines for campaigns are attached to this letter. If a student wishes to run for office, parents, student and homeroom teacher must sign this letter indicating permission to run and understanding of the campaign rules. Please return the letter of permission to the student's homeroom teacher by **9/12/14 prior to lunch**.

Please contact mhardesty@cedarwoodschool.com with any questions.

I understand the campaign rules of Cedarwood School and will abide by them in my campaign. I understand that any failure to do so will cause me to be disqualified as a candidate.

I declare my intention to run for the office of

(Indicate by writing in the space above either president, vice president, treasurer, secretary or class representative)

Signed: _____

(student's signature)

Parental Approval: _____

(parent's signature)

Homeroom Teacher Approval: _____

(teacher's signature)

PLEASE RETURN THIS ENTIRE FORM.

Campaign Rules and Procedures For Cedarwood Student Council Elections

Election Day for Cedarwood Middle School Student Council Officers will take place Friday, September 26th, 2014. Candidates will be allowed to conduct their campaigns beginning Monday, September 22nd through the morning of voting on September 26th. Students running for Student Council offices must abide by the following campaign rules and practices.

1. There will be a **mandatory meeting at lunch on Thursday, September 18th 2014** for all those planning to run for student council officer or representative. The meeting will be held in Mrs. Hardesty's classroom. Each candidate must declare intention to run by completing the letter of permission and return it to their homeroom teacher or to Ms. Hardesty no later than Thursday, September 18, 2014. Candidates running for secretary must be in 4th grade. Candidates for treasurer must be in 5th grade. Candidates running for vice-president must be in 6th grade. Candidates for President must be 7th grade.
2. All candidates shall run on an individual basis. There will be no running mates or combined tickets.
3. Candidates are limited to the following campaign materials:
 - **No more than 2 posters (maximum size 22" x 28")**
 - **1 banner (maximum 8 1/2 "x 66") = 6 pieces of regular paper taped together**
 - **Buttons or campaign name tags (self adhesive recommended)**
 - **No stickers may be placed on the building or school lockers or any part of the physical school facility.**
 - **NO GIFTS, CANDY, FOOD, PENCILS, MONEY, ETC. will be allowed on any campaign materials or from candidates to voters in any form.**
 - **Banners and posters must be created on foam poster board or plastic material if they are to be placed in areas where rain will hit them. (Size limitations still apply.) If campaign materials are falling down or are rain-soaked they must be removed and/or replaced.**
 - **Following the elections on Friday, Sept. 26, 2014 all posters pertaining to the offices of treasurer, secretary, vice president and president must be removed and brought home. Any remaining posters will be disposed of after carpool on that Friday afternoon.**
 - **If a student does not abide by the campaigning rules, they will be disqualified from the election.**
 - **Please note that students may only wear one sticker or button from each candidate at a time.**
4. Posters and banners may be mounted on walls and staircase banisters with masking tape only on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of the election week.

5. **All litter from campaign materials including backing from nametags, posters, banners, etc. are the responsibility of the candidate on a daily basis. Posters and banner must be removed by the end of the school day on Friday, September 26, 2014 for officers, and Monday, September 29, 2014 for representatives.**
6. Each officer candidate will be given the opportunity to make a one to two minute speech during the morning live TV broadcast. Speeches should tell why the student is running for the office and what they will do to benefit the school if elected. The schedule for speeches is as follows:

Tuesday, September 23rd -Secretary

Wednesday, September 24th -Treasurer

Thursday, September 25th - Vice-President

Friday, September 26th – President

7. Candidates who run for the offices of student body president, vice-president, treasurer, or secretary, and who are not elected will be automatically added to the ballot for classroom representatives the following week. Elections for class representative will take place on Monday, September 29th. There will be two representatives elected within each class.