

# W.C. Cupe Family of Schools



## W.C. Cupe College Preparatory News

January 2008

### Mid-Year Kindergarten Begins!

Our mid-year kindergarten program will begin on Monday, January 14, 2008. The program is designed for children who missed the age cutoff to get into kindergarten last fall, but have turned 5 years old since then.

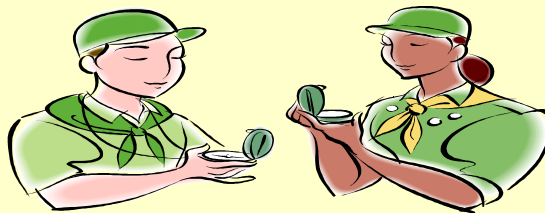
Mid-year kindergarten is a free full-day academic program. The grade one reading and math curriculum are taught to students who are ready.

Spots are limited and are offered on a first come basis. For more information on how to enroll your child in our mid-year kindergarten program, call 294-3020 or stop by the front office.



### In-school Scouting Program

We are pleased to announce that our in-school scouting program begins in January. Each week our boys and girls in kindergarten through the third grades will participate in a 45 minute scouting session. Ms. Addo, our in-school scouting leader, will present environmental and science lessons and conduct hands-on activities. We are very excited to offer this enrichment program to all of our students.



### School Supplies

This is the time of year where we are finding that many students are beginning to run low on paper, pencils, etc. Please make sure that your child has the basic school supplies each day.

## Charter Schools Excel

New "value-added" data recently released by the Ohio Department of Education demonstrates the unique success of charter schools with 78% achieving one or more years' growth in 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade student achievement in reading and math.

Overall, charter school performance slightly outpaced value-added gains in traditional public schools. According to the data, about 76% of traditional public schools met or exceeded the state standard.

For more information, check out [www.ode.state.oh.us](http://www.ode.state.oh.us) and look for "Value-added" data.

## Inclement Weather

During the winter months, inclement weather is likely to occur. W.C. Cupe Community Schools follows Columbus Public Schools' delays and closings.

In the event of severe weather, please watch the news or listen to the radio for school delays and closings.



## Winter Dress Code

On days when the temperature is at freezing or below, students are permitted to wear PLAIN, BLACK snow boots at school.

Girls are permitted to wear navy blue or tan pants (no jeans) to school under their skirts but must remove them once in the building.



## Mark Your Calendars

- Mid-year kindergarten begins on Monday, January 14, 2008
- Ohio Reads begins on Monday, January 14, 2008
- No Homework Academy or Ohio Reads on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>
- No school on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> or Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>
- The second grading period ends on January 18<sup>th</sup>
- Report cards sent home on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

