



**WELCOME
BACK!**

Cedar Chips

September



Welcome, New Staff Members!

It is the start of a new year, and we have lots of new faces in the hall, both staff and students. We talked to the new staff members to find out a little about them to help us get to know them.

We asked them the following questions:

1. **What is your role here at Cedar?**
2. **Do you have any hobbies?**
3. **What is an interesting fact about you?**

Ms. Dornemann, Special Education Department Chair

1. My role is the Special Education Department Chair—helping to make sure that students get what they need to learn.
2. I have MANY hobbies! I LOVE to read! I am a rock hound- so I look for and collect rocks, I love nature, so I always look for ways to be outside, and I love the water—so I try to find ways to be close if not in the water.
3. I LOVE dogs!

Mr. Holmes, Safety & Security

1. My role here is Safety and Security Officer.
2. My hobbies would be camping or almost anything with water and bowling.
3. I did six years active duty army as a military police and was a Sergeant (E-5) in the Army.



IN THIS EDITION:

- Porsche and Ferrari which is faster? Let's find out..
- Adventure with Barbarians and Rogues- you'll die of excitement!!
- Beyblade, Beyblade let it rip, just don't let the page tear! Learn the basics of Beyblade.



Let's go, Panthers!

Cedar Chips Staff

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By Anthony W.

Hello! Welcome to the first edition of D&D for Dummies; today we will be talking about three of the five main classes in which you can play in D&D.

What is a class? A class is your character's main fighting style, or main calling in life. For example: 'My class is a Rogue because they're a thief' or 'My class is a Fighter because they use martial combat'.

Now that we know what a class is, let's talk about the different types of classes you can play as!

A. Rogue: If you like mischief and chaos, you'll love playing as a Rogue! Rogues are a core class that relies on skill and stealth rather than brute strength or magic. Rogues are also skilled at lockpicking, deception, and sneak attacks.

B. Fighter/Barbarian: Fighters and Barbarians are also two core classes in D&D, but rather than using magic or stealth, these two use brute strength. Both Fighters and Barbarians can use weapons, but Barbarians can also 'rage' against their enemies, using their pure fury to do extra damage.

C. Mages Mages range from Wizards and Warlocks, to Bards and Sorcerers. We'll cover Bards, Warlocks, and Sorcerers another day, but today, we'll start with wizards! Wizards are the main spellcasters; they gain their magic from ancient scriptures, and though they're the weakest class health-wise, they have the strongest attacks.

New staff, cont'd

Ms. Jung, Speech & Language

1. I am a Speech-Language Pathologist. In the community and private sector, I work to improve communication and/or swallowing/feeding skills in people from toddlers to seniors. In FCPS, I work with classroom teachers to improve students' communication skills.
2. I have many hobbies: neighborhood walks with family and friends, fitness activities, listening to music, learning piano, cooking.
3. I grew up in NYC.

Ms. Potts, ML Teacher

1. Hi- I'm Ms. Potts. I am a teacher for Multilingual Learners (formerly ESOL or ESL.) I am at Cedar on black days only, as I work at other schools, too.
2. I love to travel. It is my favorite thing to do. I like hiking a lot. I enjoy going to museums, especially art museums. I also like reading. Sometimes I knit, mostly sweaters and hats.
3. An interesting fact about me is that I have traveled to every continent.

Ms. Zimunga, Health Room

1. Nurse (LPN)
2. Traveling, watching movies, mainly military movies or autobiographies, visiting wineries
3. I am originally from Zimbabwe.

Ms. Day, TSSpec

1. I am the Technology Support Specialist.
2. My hobbies are jigsaw puzzles and coloring books.
3. I grew up in Vienna and have lived in Northern Virginia my entire life.

Welcome



27 YEARS OF BEYBLADE

By Jaden B.



What is Beyblade?

Beyblade are spinning tops inspired by traditional beigoma tops which date back to the 17th century of Japan. The franchise first became what it was with the release of the first beyblade in the month of July, 1999. The beyblade was named Spin Dragoon or, in other places, “ultimate dragoon.”

After the first release, the owners of beyblade started to release the beyblade toy line alongside a manga series in the year of 1999.

Beyblade is now a “gear sport”. It used to be viewed as a competitive toy, but in the current generation, it has been viewed as an “extreme gear sport” as well as being labeled a school co-curricular sport by Malaysia.

Beyblade is not too complicated, it's easy to play and has lots of tournaments around the planet. The game usually requires two players for the game, although tournaments often have more players. With the current beyblade generation known as “beyblade x,” there have been some extra rules.

How to play: take a beyblade and its launcher, and connect the two by the prongs on the launcher and the holes in the beyblade. Once you've done that, pull the “rip cord” on the beyblade launcher as fast and hard as possible, then you watch the beyblade fight its opponent. The rules are quite simple, but there are different outcomes.

Knockout finish: the beyblade is knocked out of the arena, causing you or your opponent to score one point.

Spin finish: the beyblade stops spinning while the opponent's beyblade still spins. Score one point for your beyblade or your opponent.

Burst finish: when the beyblade explodes and it scores your beyblade or your opponent's beyblade, this scores two points.

Over finish: your beyblade enters the “side pockets” of the arena, also known as the pockets or out of bounds, securing you or your opponent two points.

Extreme finish: when the bey is launched into the center wide pocket at the front of the stadium, it only counts when either your opponent or your beyblade hits the extreme rail and then the opposite beyblade, scoring your beyblade three points.

This generation of beyblade changed the rules by adding this new mechanism. The “extreme rail” gives the beyblades a chance of extra speed at the cost of stamina. Beyblades are made mostly out of three parts the blade, ratchet, and bit. When the bit comes in contact with the extreme rail, it is like a gear sending the beyblade right or left with a burst of speed.

Throughout the past 27 years the world has had TV shows, manga, toys, and other merchandise with the beyblade series still going strong.



Which NBA Basketball Player has the Best Car?

By Damian W.

Chris Paul- Chevy monte carlo: **112 mph to roughly 150 mph**
Derrick Rose- Bugatti Veyron: **253 mph (407 km/h)**
Giannis Antetokounmpo- BMW i8: **155 mph (250 km/h)**
Ja Morant- Rolls Royce Dawn: **155 mph (250 km/h)**
Kyrie Irving- Lamborghini SV Roadster: **217 mph (350 km/h)**
Kawhi Leonard- Rolls Royce Cullinan: **155 mph (250 km/h)**
Stephen Curry- Porsche 911 GT3 RS: **296 km/h (184 mph)**
LaMelo Ball- Lamborghini Urus: **312 km/h (194 mph)**
James Harden- Rolls Royce Wraith: **155 mph**
Kobe Bryant- Lamborghini Aventador: **217 mph (350 km/h) to 221 mph (355 km/h)**
LeBron James- Ferrari 458: **202 mph (325 km/h)**



What do you think basketball players use the millions of dollars that they earn to play around and have fun?

If you said cars, you are correct. Here are a few NBA basketball players' favorite cars. These cars are ways they show off success and their riches. Their cars are a way that they can show up to events and make a cool entrance.

Next we will explore who has the best car speed-wise. Chris Paul with his Chevy Monte Carlo goes around 150 mph, Derrick Rose and his Bugatti Veyron goes around 253 miles per hour, Stephen Curry with his Porsche 911 GT3 RS goes around 184 mph.

Bugatti is a French luxury automobile manufacturer with a unique cross-border origin combining Italian, German, and French history. Chevrolet is an American automobile brand that was founded in Detroit, Michigan. BMW originated in Germany, specifically in the city of Munich in the state of Bavaria. Rolls Royce was founded in Manchester in the United Kingdom in 1904 by co-founders Charles Rolls and Henry Royce. Lamborghini is originally from Italy, and it was founded by Ferruccio Lamborghini in 1963. Porsche was founded in Germany, with its headquarters and main manufacturing plant located in Stuttgart. Ferrari originated in Italy, with its headquarters and factory based in Maranello, Italy, and Enzo Ferrari founded the company in 1939. The cars that I listed are all considered supercars, but only one of them stands out as the fastest and most powerful. Here are some stats for each car, which will reveal the best overall car.

The Porsche 911 GT3 RS is the best overall choice for pure driving performance, while the Bugatti Veyron is best for top speed, and the Rolls-Royce Cullinan is best for luxury. Because these cars are built for totally different jobs, the "best" one depends entirely on what you want to do with it.

Ferrari

Best for Driving and the Track

- **Porsche 911 GT3 RS:** Built like a race car for the road. It handles corners better than almost anything else on this list.
- **Ferrari 458:** Famous for its incredible engine sound and smooth steering. It is a classic supercar that is very fun to drive.

Best for Speed and Power

- **Bugatti Veyron:** A historic engineering marvel. It offers massive horsepower and extreme top speeds over 250 mph.
- **Lamborghini Aventador / SV Roadster:** Features a loud V12 engine and wild styling. It gives you maximum drama and attention.

Best for Luxury and Daily Driving

- **Rolls-Royce Cullinan:** A super-luxury SUV. It gives you a smooth, quiet ride and plenty of space.
- **Rolls-Royce Dawn & Wraith:** The Dawn is a soft-top convertible and the Wraith is a fast coupe. Both focus on ultimate comfort and rich interior materials.
- **Lamborghini Urus:** A fast, sporty SUV. It blends everyday family space with high performance.

The Porsche 911 GT3 RS is the best overall car on this list, because it offers the most engaging driving experience, everyday usability, and world-class track performance.

Car: Porsche 911 GT3 RS

Why it wins: It bridges the gap between a pure race car and a street-legal vehicle better than any other option here. It handles corners with unmatched precision and holds its resale value exceptionally well.

Category Breakdown

- **Best Daily Driver / SUV:** Lamborghini Urus combines supercar styling with family-friendly cargo space and all-weather capability.
- **Best Luxury Cruiser:** Rolls-Royce Dawn
 - Delivers the smoothest open-top ride and highest level of handcrafted interior comfort.
- **Best Ultra-Luxury SUV:** Rolls-Royce Cullinan
 - Provides supreme quietness and luxury on any terrain.
- **Best Pure Supercar:** Ferrari 458
 - Celebrated for its sublime naturally aspirated V8 engine sound, steering feel, and timeless design.
- **Best Hypercar (Top Speed):** Bugatti Veyron
 - A historic engineering marvel built for extreme horsepower and 250+ mph speeds, though it is expensive to maintain.
- **Best Drama and Theater:** Lamborghini Aventador, SV Roadster, and Wraith
 - These deliver extreme styling, scissor doors, and loud engines, but they lack the sharp handling agility of the Porsche or Ferrari.

Top Ten Cereals

By Jaden B.

1. Cap'n Crunch
2. Cookie Crisps
3. Fruity Pebbles
4. Trix
5. Cocoa Puffs
6. Oreo Puffs
7. Demogorgon Crunch
8. Froot Loops
9. Lucky Charms
10. Frosted Fakes



Top 10 Fastest Ferraris by Top Speed

By Damian W.

1. **Ferrari F80** – 217 mph (0-60 mph in 2.1 seconds)
2. **Ferrari LaFerrari / Aperta** – 218 mph (Note: slightly older hybrid flagship, close top speed tier)
3. **Ferrari Enzo** – 221 mph
4. **Ferrari SF90 XX Stradale / SF90 Stradale** – 211 mph (0-60 mph in 2.3 seconds)
5. **Ferrari Daytona SP3** – 211 mph
6. **Ferrari 12 Cilindri** – 211 mph
7. **Ferrari 812 Competizione** – 211 mph
8. **Ferrari 812 Superfast / GTS** – 211 mph
9. **Ferrari F12tdf** – 211 mph
10. **Ferrari 488 Pista** – 211 mph

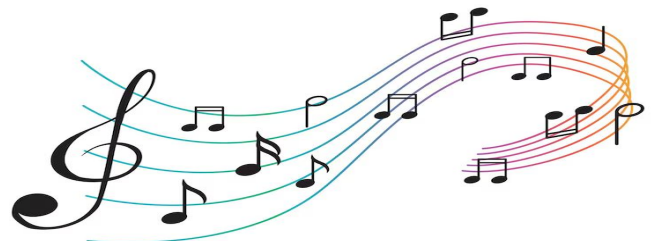
Top Ten Songs Of The Day

By Anthony W.



(Bruno is Orange, Hop along Queen Ansleis, 2020)

1. 'Bruno Is Orange' by Hop Along, Queen Ansleis.
2. 'When I Was Done Dying' by Dan Deacon
3. 'New Perspective' By Panic! At The Disco
4. 'We Will Commit Wolf Murder' By Of Montreal
5. 'Bray Fool' by Campthehills
6. 'Non-Stop' From The Hamilton Soundtrack
7. 'Go Away' By Weezer
8. 'You Are My Baby' By Kimya Dawson
9. 'Krasue' By Hummusvacuum
10. "Like A Surgeon" Weird Al Yankovic



MMA Goes Mainstream: More Skills, More Fans, More Questions

By Damian W.

MMA athletes train across multiple combat disciplines in a modern gym. Mixed martial arts has gone from a niche combat sport to a global entertainment powerhouse in roughly three decades.

Early critics saw it as dangerously close to “anything goes.” Today, MMA follows the Unified Rules of Mixed Martial Arts, which set weight classes, banned techniques, and medical requirements.

The Ultimate Fighting Championship, or UFC, is the sport’s biggest event. It has staged events around the world and major broadcast deals, bringing live fights to fans in dozens of countries. Its biggest athletes have become recognizable stars far beyond the gym.

That popularity comes from MMA’s unusual mix of skills. Fighters may combine wrestling, Brazilian jiu-jitsu, boxing, and Muay Thai, switching strategies from one moment to the next. Behind the highlight-reel finishes are years of practice, intense conditioning, and serious mental focus.

“The most unpredictable sport may also be one of the most highly trained.”

Supporters say MMA rewards discipline, fitness, adaptability, and resilience. Training can help athletes build confidence and learn how to work through pressure. Many gyms now offer MMA-inspired fitness and martial arts classes that focus on technique, conditioning, and self-defense rather than competition.

Critics, however, continue to question fighter safety. Head trauma and the possible long-term effects of repeated blows remain major concerns. Others point to pay and working conditions, especially for athletes who are not among the sport’s biggest stars.

That tension—spectacle versus safety—will shape MMA’s next chapter. As the audience grows, promotions and athletic commissions will face pressure to protect fighters, while keeping the action that fans came to watch. The sport may be young compared with baseball or boxing, but its biggest debate is already an old one: How much risk is too much?

For more information, you can search up: Unified Rules of Mixed Martial Arts, Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports; UFC historical and regulatory materials.

By the Numbers

3+ decades of major MMA growth

4 core disciplines highlighted in this story

1 fighter must be ready for striking and grappling

0 excuses for ignoring athlete safety

Fast Facts

- MMA stands for mixed martial arts, because fighters combine techniques from several martial arts.
- The sport includes both stand-up fighting and ground grappling.
- Weight classes help match athletes with opponents of similar size.
- Modern MMA has rules, referees, medical checks, and banned techniques.
- A fight can end by decision, submission, knockout, technical knockout, or stoppage.





30 Years of Pokémon

By Jaden B.

What is Pokémon?

Pokémon are pocket monsters dating back to February 27, 1996 as games for the Game Boy in Japan “Pocket Monster Green & Red.”

Pokémon is currently a trading card game, video game, manga, and anime.

There are over 1000 officially recognized Pokémon all over the world, from across nine different generations.

People love Pokémon because of their strong, deep connections to the characters, and the fun of collecting cute creatures.

Many fans grew up with the franchise. Studies show that children who played with Pokémon may have trained their brain to improve recognition of familiar shapes and patterns. The game is easy for children to learn, but the competitive battling is still appealing to older kids because of the strategic battle skills used and the awesome artwork .

Even throughout the Pokémon community, there are people that like to make quick bucks off others by selling cards for extremely high rates that originally sold for low prices. Because of this exploitation many fans left the community.

There are, however, many people in the community that look out for others, connecting many people with Pokémon.

Top 10 Pokémon

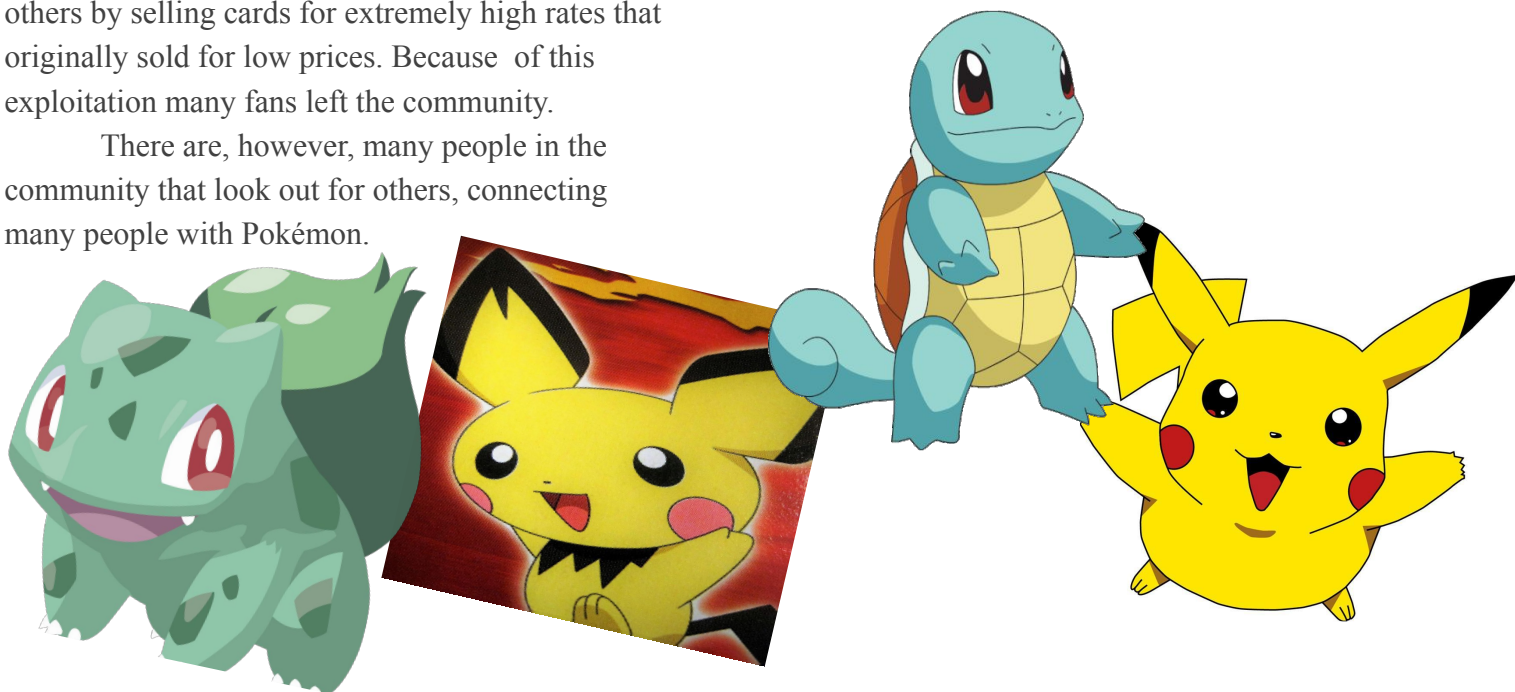
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- Eevee
- Snorlax
- Mewtwo
- Gengar
- Arcanine
- Mimikyu
- Lucario
- Pikachu
- Greninja
- Charizard

How to Get Started with Pokémon

Interested in Pokémon but never played? There are many ways to start playing Pokémon.

1. Buy cards
2. Nintendo Switch Up generations from DS to Switch 2
3. Gameboy
4. Steam
5. Download the app



D&D For Dummies

By Anthony W.

Hello dungeoneers, welcome to the second edition of D&D for Dummies. Today we will be explaining another three of the many main classes in Dungeons & Dragons.

Last time, we covered Rogues, Mages, and two martial classes, Barbarian and Fighter. But those are only just the basics, and from this point on, we will be getting to know these much cooler classes.

A. Bard

Bards are the most infamous class in the D&D community, deriving their magic from their musical (or preformative) talents. This class is also known for one spell, *viscous mockery*, whose main element is the ability to cause physical damage with an insult of your choice.

B. Cleric

Clerics are D&Ds healer class, being able to heal mass amounts of damage while also being able to deal damage. Clerics get their power from divine beings, usually this being is a pre-existing god in the D&D universe, but making your own divine being is also an option.

C. Paladins

Paladins are kind of like reverse Clerics, they deal mass amounts of damage, and can heal back some damage taken. Both Clerics and Paladins derive their power holy or divine powers.



Hugs



- 😊 peanut butter
- 😊 regular milk
- 😊 seeing friends
- 😊 snacks
- 😊 TV journalist solidarity

&

Hits



- 😞 almond butter
- 😞 lactose free milk
- 😞 getting up early
- 😞 drama
- 😞 Trump bans CNN, MSNow, and Politico from press conferences



Back to School!



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Classroom
Clock
Club
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Eraser
Flag
History
Lunch
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Math
Music
Office
Paper
Pencils
Principal
Snacks
Staff
Stapler
Teachers
Whiteboard
Worksheet

GET YOUR SURVEY FROM DAMIAN OR MS
LEBEDEVA.S ROOM (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

**COMING
SOON!**

HomeComing!!

Talk to Principal or Damian for
details

