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Friday is Pie Day at Cedar Canyon

Several staff get pied in the face by students for a good cause

Fort Wayne, Ind. (Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021) – Elementary students at Cedar Canyon have another reason to look forward to Friday afternoon this week—several get to throw a pie in the face of teachers, staff, and even the principal as a result of raising money for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society.

It turns out eight students will have the chance to smear their favorite school adult as a reward for friendly class competitions. Since all-school functions are restricted due to the pandemic right now, the event will be filmed and shown during a virtual student assembly next Friday. The top two classes that raised the most money will be present during the event. All of the students selected to pitch a pie were chosen from a random drawing of each winning class.

“Our kiddos are super excited about ‘Pie Day’ since we did it last year and it was a huge hit, literally,” said Courtney Bailey, principal, Cedar Canyon Elementary. “This is something we can easily offer to the students to brighten their day and remind them that we can still have fun, and it models kindness and helping others. We appreciate how generous our student families have been with this effort. We have the great fortune of donating more than \$3,500 to Cedar Canyon’s own Mackenzie Lynch to further her efforts to support LLS.”

Mackenzie Lynch, currently a junior at Carroll High School, was nominated as a 2021 Leukemia Lymphoma Society Candidate for the organization’s Student of the Year Campaign. Lynch reached out to her alma mater wherein she and Principal Bailey devised a plan. Lynch chose several spirit days for the students to dress up and bring a donation that day to benefit LLS. The top four classes with the most donations had a chance to participate. Lynch will be present for the pie event.

The pie event will take place at 1:45 p.m. on Feb. 19, in the school cafeteria.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Media are invited to witness this event, however, please arrive by 1:30 p.m., and check in at the front office. Contact Lizette Downey in advance if special arrangements are needed.

The adults and students involved are listed below, along with their position or grade.

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| ADULT TO BE PIED |
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| Cassie Antos, guidance counselor |
| Mindy Moeller, Kindergarten teacher |
| Sarah Kerschner, Grade 1 teacher |
| Brittany Grant, Grade 2 teacher |
| Sarah Ward, Grade 4 teacher |
| Betsy Bloom, school nurse |
| Sarah Hartman, NACS social worker |
| Courtney Bailey, principal |
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| STUDENTS TO PIE |
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| Lillian Davis, Grade 4, Mrs. Ward |
| Will Rauch, Grade 4, Mrs. Ward |
| Beau Lawrence, Grade 2, Mrs. Grant |
| Paisley Carter, Grade 2, Mrs. Grant |
| Ava Poor, Grade 3, Mrs. Shrawder |
| Lenna Bayne, Grade 3, Mrs. Shrawder |
| Beckett Kelly, Grade 1, Mrs. Polley |
| Olivia Federspiel, Grade 1, Mrs. Polley |
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To support Mackenzie's efforts, visit her page on the Leukemia Lymphoma Society's website [here](#). More information about Cedar Canyon Elementary may be found online at cc.nacs.k12.in.us.

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