

December 15, 2014

Dear Parents of Presenters:

Your child has submitted an application and has participated in several meetings in order to prepare a TEDxYouth@CBES presentation on Friday, February 20th in our auditorium. This is an additional enrichment activity that is voluntary at Cherokee Bend this year for 4th-6th graders and some from other MB schools.

A TED talk (presentation) is supposed to inspire the audience to think or act differently. Each TED event has a theme and Cherokee Bend's theme is our last FOAC or school rule: "Value Myself and Others." Topics are connected to the theme through guidance standards and character traits set by our state. Students presenting will ultimately present on February 20th a 3-10 minute talk sharing their new idea about the topic they chose to a select limited audience.

The students presenting have been working independently or in small groups to prepare for this experience. However, they have been encouraged to identify resources to help them prepare, including people such as parents, teachers and friends in their community. Some of our presenters' parents may already feel they know every detail and others may feel they know very little of the project their child has been working on. As the presentation date approaches it will be important that presenters have the opportunity to practice or rehearse their talk and get feedback from many people, including family members.

Presenters will use slides projected on a screen during their presentation; directions for accessing student Google Drives and beginning slides has been shared with all presenters. More details about this information can be found on the school's "Guidance and Counseling" website listed under "resources: for students or for parents" on the school's website.

A timeline of suggested due dates for all presenters has been given to each student and is part of this packet. In addition, a permission slip for recording and posting your son or daughter's talk online and uploading to the organization TED is part of this packet as well. Please feel encouraged to ask your presenter about his or her TEDxYouth @CBES project! Let us know if you have any concerns.

If you are able to assist with our TED event, please let us know. We are in need of refreshments, assistance with audio-video recording, tee-shirts, badges and lanyards.

Sincerely,

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Suggested Timeline for Presenters Preparing for Talk

December 2014	Finish research and outline of talk
Friday, January 9, 2015	Full draft of speech (beginning—middle—end)
Friday, January 16 th	Drafted slides to go along with speech
Friday, January 30 th	Final copy of speech and slides
January 30 th – February 20 th	Practice, practice, practice Additional meetings for practicing may be scheduled during this time.
Thursday, February 19 th	Rehearsal
Friday, February 20 th	TEDxYouth@CBES