



## **NEWS RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Lizette Downey (260) 637-3155, x1012  
Chief Communications Officer

### **Halloween in full swing at Cedar Canyon**

*Physical education teacher created themed putt-putt course last year*

**Fort Wayne, Ind. (Friday, Oct. 8, 2021)** –Kristy Cobbs, physical education teacher for Cedar Canyon Elementary School devised a 13-hole glow-in-the-dark Halloween themed putt-putt course last year in search of activities that kept kids separated during the pandemic, yet engaged.

**Media are invited to observe first graders play the course in the gymnasium at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 11. Cedar Canyon is located at 15011 Coldwater Rd. Media are asked to enter Door 5.**

Students are playing putt-putt in gym class for two weeks and an invitation has been extended to all Cedar Canyon staff to play with their families outside of the normal school day. NACS teachers collaborate on lessons in their areas of study like physical education, for example. After Cobbs is finished with the lesson, many of the items will travel to Perry Hill so Matt Kochert can set it up for his students. Lisa McBride at Oak View will then use the equipment and create a winter themed course for her students before winter break.

Although it takes five hours to set up, Cobbs plans to repeat the putt-putt lesson yearly.

“Like my student’s favorite haunted house, the students begin asking about it the first day of school,” said Kristy Cobbs, physical education teacher, Cedar Canyon Elementary School. “It’s hard to deny them the chance to play when they enjoy it so much.”

Cobbs hopes students will be able to strike the ball with control while using a long implement like a putter. During the striking unit, she also works with students on striking with a short implement like a paddle or racquet. This will happen in the spring when they learn to play pickle ball.

“Besides working on striking, I want students to be exposed to the game of putt-putt. Some students have never played before and many have no idea how to hold the putter. Finally, I wanted to bring something special to the students that they are excited about.”

Cedar Canyon is part of Northwest Allen County School district which serves approximately 521 students. More information about Cedar Canyon or NACS may be found at [nacs.k12.in.us](http://nacs.k12.in.us). NACS serves 7,857 students in 11 schools spanning three townships in Allen County.

###