

## A Message from the Superintendent

March is an exciting time. It is the beginning of the spring season. After a long, cold winter it is exciting to look forward to warmer, sunnier days. Once again, one can venture outdoors not dressed as a dog sled musher in the Iditarod. At Chippewa Valley Schools it is also exciting, but it has nothing to do with the weather.

March is the month in which we look forward to registering the many future kindergarten students that will enter our school system for the first time in September. We like to think that, just as one feels in the spring, these students are heading toward warmer, sunnier days on their path to a first-rate education. For many parents and their children, this is about to begin across our district in one of our 12 child-focused elementary schools.

I remember so much of what it was like for me as a parent at this time. Would my child be safe? Would my child establish good friendships? Would my child have success in school? Would the teacher love my child the way I did? The list of questions went on and on. *So much hope, so many dreams, and so much anticipation.*

The first step in this incredible journey is simply to get your child registered. In order to improve our process and simplify things for you, we have streamlined what you need to do. Visit our website ([www.chippewavalleyschools.org](http://www.chippewavalleyschools.org)) to learn the details.

To all of our incoming kindergarten parents and their children, welcome to Chippewa Valley Schools. I am very proud of the many fine programs that we offer and the good news for you is that each year we get better. The snow is melting, the warm sun is lingering in the sky, and an incredible journey is about to begin.

Welcome to Chippewa Valley Schools,

Ron Roberts  
Superintendent



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### Chippewa Valley Educational Foundation to Host 6th Annual "A Taste for Education!"

March 23rd marks the sixth annual Chippewa Valley Educational Foundation Taste-Fest and Auction... *A Taste for Education!* This popular community event benefits the Foundation's mission of providing extraordinary educational opportunities for more than 16,000 students attending Chippewa Valley Schools.

Tickets to the event are \$45 which includes entertainment and delicious entrée and dessert tasting stations prepared by some of Macomb County's finest restaurants and gourmet markets. Throughout the night guests can participate in silent and live auctions for some outstanding packages and luxury items: golf packages, dining certificates, travel packages, sporting event passes, spa packages, original artwork, jewelry, photography, and family fun packages to name a few!



### A Taste for Education! Taste-Fest and Auction

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Zuccaro Banquets and Catering

46601 N. Gratiot • Chesterfield, MI 48051

Tickets: \$45 available at any school building or online at EventBrite: <http://tinyurl.com/zop3x3c>

For group ticket sales or for more information call 586-723-2240.

*Enjoy an evening out while benefiting your local schools!*

*The CVEF is a non-profit 501c3 that is dedicated to enhancing excellence in education through the support of world-class educational opportunities, scholarships, and innovative classroom grants.*

# It's Time to Register for Kindergarten

*Kindergarten registration begins March 9th*

We offer our youngest learners a welcoming and nurturing environment designed to foster a life-long love of learning. All 12 of our elementary schools offer a comprehensive all-day program featuring highly-qualified teachers and research-based curriculum in math, writing, and science. All of our kindergarten students enjoy engaging, hands-on, interactive classroom technology along with a variety of specials like music, physical education, art, and science.



For registration materials go to [chippewavalleyschools.org](http://chippewavalleyschools.org) and visit the Kindergarten page under 'For Parents'. Fill out our Kindergarten Enrollment Packet and make an appointment to register at your child's school. If you have any questions or if you are not sure which school your child will attend, call our Community Relations Office at 586-723-2240 for more information.

## CVS Kindergarten Families Can Expect:

- Daily literacy, mathematics, science and social studies instruction based on the Michigan State Standards
- Research-based programs including BRIDGES Math, Being a Writer & Handwriting Without Tears
- Engagement in whole group, small group, and individual activities to honor each child's unique learning needs
- Opportunities for self-directed play and many hands-on experiences
- Developmentally appropriate routines and schedules established by nurturing, highly-qualified teachers to maximize student learning
- 21st Century classrooms and technology integrated into the instructional day
- Daily special classes including art, physical education, music and science
- Open communication between our staff and your family



## Kindergarten Kickoff Dates

Here is a list of welcome events at each of our elementary schools.  
Contact your child's school for more information.

Cherokee Elementary School	42900 Rivergate Clinton Twp., MI 48038 586/ 723-4800	May 24 <sup>th</sup>
Cheyenne Elementary School	47600 Heydenreich Macomb, MI 48044 586/ 723-5000	May 5 <sup>th</sup>
Clinton Valley Elementary School	1260 Mulberry Mt. Clemens, MI 48043 586/ 723-5200	May 12 <sup>th</sup>
Erie Elementary School	42276 Romeo Plank Rd. Clinton Twp., MI 48038 586/ 723-5400	May 4 <sup>th</sup>
Fox Elementary School	17500 Millstone Macomb, MI 48044 586/ 723-5600	June 6 <sup>th</sup>
Huron Elementary School	15800 Terra Bella Clinton Twp., MI 48038 586/ 723-5800	June 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Miami Elementary School	41290 Kentvale Clinton Twp., MI 48038 586/ 723-6000	May 5 <sup>th</sup>
Mohawk Elementary School	48101 Romeo Plank Rd. Macomb, MI 48044 586/ 723-6200	May 24 <sup>th</sup>
Ojibwa Elementary School	46950 Heydenreich Macomb, MI 48044 586/ 723-6400	May 19 <sup>th</sup>
Ottawa Elementary School	18601 Millar Clinton Twp., MI 48036 586/ 723-6600	May 10 <sup>th</sup>
Sequoyah Elementary School	18500 24 Mile Rd. Macomb, MI 48042 586/ 723-7000	May 17 <sup>th</sup>
Shawnee Elementary School	21555 Vesper Macomb, MI 48044 586/ 723-6800	May 10 <sup>th</sup>



## Bridge to Kindergarten

Chippewa Valley Schools offers a course specially designed for children who will be attending Kindergarten in the fall. Children are introduced to concepts that will enhance their literacy, math, and fine-motor skills. These skills include letter and sound awareness, basic sight words, handwriting, introduction to shapes, colors, numbers, and patterns, as well as communication and listening skills. The class will be offered July 11-August 11 and registration will take place through our Community Education webpage at [chippewavalleyschools.org](http://chippewavalleyschools.org).

## Resources for Kindergarten Parents Available at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library

The Clinton-Macomb Public Library (CMPL) offers great resources and powerful education programs for children getting ready to start school. They have developed the 'Kindergarten Challenge' program and the '100 Books to Read Before Kindergarten' list. For more information visit [www.cmpl.org](http://www.cmpl.org). Remember every CVS student will automatically be signed up for a CMPL library card. Parents will simply need to activate the card to check out materials.



# CVEF Foundation News



## DFCU Financial Awards \$12,500 to the Chippewa Valley Educational Foundation

The Chippewa Valley Educational Foundation (CVEF), which funds classroom grants and programs to enhance student achievement, received a \$12,500 donation from DFCU Financial, one of Michigan's largest credit unions. "Support of education is truly important to DFCU Financial and to the members of this community. We know this assistance is even more critical in this climate of district and state budget cuts," said Mark Shobe, DFCU Financial CEO.

The Foundation supports university scholarships for students and teacher classroom mini-grants within the Chippewa Valley School District. The Foundation was selected as part of DFCU Financial's community engagement near their newest branch location in Clinton Township, and is one of the many educational programs aligned with DFCU Financial's philanthropic focus.

"We are so thankful for this donation and the impact it will have on our classrooms," said Ron Roberts, Superintendent.

DFCU Financial's new location is on Hall Road, in front of Partridge Creek Mall.



Chippewa Valley Educational Foundation Board Member Chris Gura, Sterling Heights Chamber President Wayne Oehmke, Foundation Treasurer Ken Pearl, Superintendent Ron Roberts, Foundation Secretary Fran Chiodini, Board of Ed Secretary George Sobah, Foundation Board Member Ken DeBeaussaert and DFCU President Mark Shobe celebrate a \$12,500 grant donation to the Chippewa Valley Educational Foundation (CVEF).

## 2016 CVEF Teacher Mini-Grant Winners

Each year the Chippewa Valley Educational Foundation (CVEF) awards classroom grants to teachers to support new and innovative classroom learning ideas and programs. Teachers apply for the grants and the winners are surprised during their staff meetings. The Foundation awarded a total of \$21,000 to teachers district-wide. This year's winners are...

### Cherokee Elementary

**Gina Hunter** – Djembre drums for the 4th & 5th grade students

### Erie Elementary

**Jim Grekowicz** – LEGO Education – StoryStarters

### Fox Elementary

**Linda Smith** – Ukulele's for 5th grade  
**Heather Bochenek** – Tactile cushions & desktop slant boards

### Miami Elementary

**Michael Johnson** – Engineering with LEGOS

### Ojibwa Elementary

**Heather Paglia** – E-Book library  
**Nicole Kowalczyk** – TouchMath for ECSE students

### Ottawa Elementary

**Barbara Meeusen** – MP3 players to help 5th grade students with reading

### Sequoyah Elementary

**Jennifer Nelson** – LEGO Education StoryStarter Classroom Pack

### Shawnee Elementary

**Jennifer Michell** – Nature observing binoculars  
**Lisa LoMedico** – Guided Reading, books and novels  
**Courtney Vohs** – Zoo-Phonics  
**Lauren Rutkowski** – Light Diffusers

### Algonquin Middle School

**Nicole Neumann** – Wiggles chair & noise reducer earmuffs  
**Shelly Humes** – Controlled Lexile/high interest library  
**Suzanne Petrous** – Active seating

### Iroquois Middle School

**Renee Bacon** – Earth & Science materials

### Seneca Middle School

**Aubrey Allen** – Book Club books for 8th graders

### Wyandot Middle School

**Renee Sheridan** – 6 iPad Mini 2's for Macomb 2020 blended learning program  
**Cheryle Kahl** – Books for new Hawk Talk Boys Book Club  
**Nicole Pemberton, Alaina Laclave, Breanna Bauser** - 6th grade Social Studies, cave painting  
**BethAnn Donnerwerth** - Sky panels for florescent lights in the classroom  
**Lanie Demura** – Science Olympiad materials

### Chippewa Valley High School

**Kim Johnston** – Wacom bamboo pen tablet & microphone  
**James Pecar** – Repertoire library  
**Laura Bonanni** – Kagan cooperative learning tools  
**Wendy Wilson** – Supplies to create a school mural  
**Dawn Makar** – Standing desks & foot machines

### Dakota High School

**Sarah McCormick** – Authentic reading/listening software  
**Chad Giannini** – 10 TI-84 CE Graphing calculators  
**Richard Pojeta, Jeff Zoli**, – Forensic Science materials  
**Jennifer Dwojakowski** - 31 copies of "Survival of the Sickest"  
**Sharon Kouba** – Spanish story books  
**Joseph Morrow** – Silent-Reading books & magazines

# February is Career and Technical Education Month

Chippewa Valley offers award-winning CTE programs featuring more than 14 different courses of study. Each year students from across the county are nominated for the Macomb Career Technical Education Administrators Association (MCTEAA) Awards. We are pleased to announce the following winners representing Chippewa Valley Schools.



## 2016 Award Recipients



### Outstanding CTE Senior:



★ **Stephen Perkins** ★  
*Senior, Chippewa Valley High School*  
*Kristy Walker, recommending teacher*  
**CTE Program: Accounting**

An extremely organized and reliable young man, Stephen Perkins is impressive in his ability to handle a rigorous course schedule that includes advanced placement and honors courses, while maintaining an impeccable GPA of 4.019. His involvement in extracurricular activities is equally impressive and includes serving as Treasurer of the National Honor Society, section leader for the Marching Band, a member of Business Professionals of America (BPA), and leading a bottle drive in the past and current school years to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. With post high school plans to attend either Oakland University or Wayne State University to pursue a degree in Accounting, Stephen is well on his way to achieving his career goal of becoming a CPA. Chippewa Valley Schools is proud to recognize Stephen Perkins as our 2016 Outstanding CTE Senior!

### Other Outstanding CTE Student:



★ **Rachel Zaprawa** ★  
*Senior, Dakota High School*  
*Scott Mitchell, recommending teacher*  
**CTE Program: Design Technology**

In a program where women are still a minority, Rachel Zaprawa—4<sup>th</sup> year Design Technology student at Dakota High School—has not only persisted, but has flourished and become an exemplary role model for other young women. Her design concepts are consistently creative and showcase her ability to solve complex problems in pursuit of excellence. She leads by example, whereby her enthusiasm and dedication inspire both students and staff, and many classmates find themselves seeking her advice. Research on her senior electric vehicle project is characteristically thorough and just one example of how she applies her strong work ethic to perform at the highest levels. Among her many outstanding skills and qualities, Rachel possesses what employers repeatedly tell us they need most: exceptional communication skills. Rachel plans to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering at either Kettering University, Lawrence Technological University, or the University of Detroit Mercy.

### Outstanding Business Partner:



★ **Debbie Hampton, RN** ★  
**Executive Director**  
**Church of Christ Assisted Living**



*Brad Morris, Internship Coordinator, recommending teacher*  
**CTE Program: Medical Academy**

Chippewa Valley Schools would like to recognize Debbie Hampton and the Church of Christ Assisted Living in Clinton Township for providing many of our Medical Academy students with paid internships. Students benefit greatly from related work-based learning experiences, but reluctance to work with high school age students often inhibits them from obtaining such valuable placements. After investigating what it means to be a state-approved CTE program, Debbie 'took a chance on us' and not only hired over 20 students in the past three years, but has provided our students with exemplary mentorship, support and guidance to help them further develop their skills in working with the elderly. We are deeply appreciative to both Debbie and the Church of Christ Assisted Living!





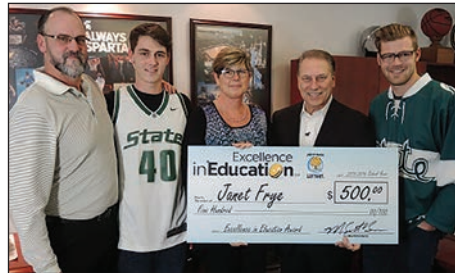


## Dakota Construction Trades Program Completes 8th Student Built Home

Congratulations to teacher Joe Churches, Dakota High School Construction Trades, and his students on another outstanding local home build. The official ribbon cutting on their 8th student built home was held on February 2, 2016. Dakota High School construction trades in partnership with Habitat for Humanity supplies local families with beautiful new homes.

## CVS Staff Members Honored as Microsoft Innovative Educator Experts

Chippewa Valley Schools Director of Technology Craig McBain, Instructional Technology Coordinator Sarah White, and Dakota High School teacher Sheila Majask were recently named as Microsoft Innovative Educator (MIE) Experts joining the more than 5,600 educators in the MIE program worldwide. Each year, Microsoft selects Innovative Educator Experts to share ideas, try new approaches and learn from each other through a global community dedicated to improving student outcomes through technology. We are proud of these staff members and this outstanding accomplishment.



## CVS Teachers Receive 2016 Excellence in Education Awards

Janet Frye, Erie Elementary School teacher; Joe Churches, Dakota High School teacher; and Angela LoPiccolo, Dakota High School teacher; were among those chosen for the 2016 Michigan Lottery Excellence in Education Awards.



On Wednesday, December 16, all three were invited to East Lansing where they received their awards from Michigan State University Men's Basketball Coach, Tom Izzo. All three teachers were nominated by their peers and received a \$500 cash prize for their classrooms.



## Helping with the Flint Water Crisis

Students, staff, and parents throughout the district teamed up to support the residents of Flint by collecting bottled water. Students at Algonquin Middle School and Iroquois Middle School partnered with Art Van Furniture to collect much needed water supplies. At Shawnee Elementary School students, staff and community members donated 25,000 bottles of water that was sent directly to the Flint Community School District.



Shawnee Elementary Water Drive



Iroquois Middle School Principal Chris Gardner and his students load up a truck with more than 220 cases of bottled water for Flint residents.





## Kayla Dobies Receives Wendy's High School Heisman Award

Dakota senior Kayla Dobies was named a national finalist for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award. Students from more than 29,000 schools across the United States are eligible to apply for the award. To be considered student athletes must maintain a high GPA and be proven leaders and role models within their school community. Only ten national finalists were chosen from 102 state winners to attend the Wendy's Heisman Weekend and National Awards Banquet in New York City. In addition, Kayla received a \$3,000 grant for Dakota High School and a gold medal. After graduation, Kayla plans to study neuroscience and medicine at Princeton University.



Captivations Photography

Kayla Dobies

## Make-A-Wish Makes a Dream Come True

Eugene Williams, a Chippewa Valley High School student and cancer survivor, received quite the surprise at school on February 3rd when representatives from the Make-A-Wish Foundation turned up to present him and his family with a trip to **Super Bowl 50** in California. CVHS students Mark, Collin, Jake, Justin, and Jeff were there to help share in the excitement. Eugene was the 8,500th wish granted by Make-A-Wish Michigan.



## Chippewa Valley Festival of the Arts 2016

Clinton-Macomb Public Library, Main Branch  
April 26-May 5 during library hours

Live musical performances April 28 and May 3 from 6-8 pm

### A Community Invitation...

The Chippewa Valley Festival of the Arts 2016 will again take center stage at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library from **April 26 – May 5** during library hours. Musical performances will be Thursday, April 28, and Tuesday, May 3, from 6-8 pm.

Stop in to see our award-winning fine arts programs. The library is located at 40900 Romeo Plank Road.

## The Chippewa Valley Board of Education



Front row: Board Vice President Elizabeth Pyden, President Frank Bednard, Trustee Andy Patzert, Secretary George Sobah. Back row: Superintendent Ron Roberts, Trustee Denise Aquino, Trustee Laura Cardamone, Treasurer Jill DeMuyck Zech.



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## CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOLS SCHOOL CALENDAR 2015-2016

PLEASE CHECK THE DISTRICT CALENDAR PERIODICALLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

- March 2** • Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences – Evening Only
- March 3** • Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences – Evening Only
- March 4** • Middle School Students Half Day
- March 8** • No School
- March 9** • Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences – Evening Only  
High School Parent/Teacher Conferences – Evening Only
- March 10** • Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences – PM/Evening  
Elementary Students Half Day  
High School Parent/Teacher Conferences – Evening Only
- March 11** • Elementary Students Half Day  
High School Students Half Day
- March 23** • Chippewa Valley Educational Foundation Taste-Fest and Auction
- March 25** • No School
- April 1** • Spring Break begins at the end of the school day
- April 11** • Classes resume
- May 27** • All Students Half Day
- May 30** • Memorial Day – No School

## School of Choice Open House

**Dakota High School**  
**21051 Twenty-One Mile Road**  
**Wednesday, April 13, 2016 • 7 pm – 9 pm**

For more information or to RSVP, call **586-723-2240**  
visit **choosechippewa.com**

An Open House designed for new residents and School of Choice families to learn more about our school district. Meet our administrative team, our award-winning teachers, and the dedicated school staff responsible for our exceptional education program. Breakout sessions for elementary, middle, and high school parents.

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