Ottawa Arrow

December/January News

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Vision
Work hard and be nice to people.

From the Principal,

During the Giving Tree ceremony on Friday, December 6th, I will speak about counting your blessings instead of sheep. It comes from the movie *White Christmas*. Bing Crosby sings this to Rosemary Clooney when she has a hard time falling asleep. I know I am going back in time, but this has been a tradition for about 15 years. It just gives me an opportunity to talk about being thankful for what we have instead of what we don't have. I also talk about being a blessing to others.

Happy Holidays! This is an enjoyable part of the year. The PTO sponsored Santa Shop. This is a wonderful experience for children. They really enjoy picking out items for their loved ones.

Algonquin Band and Choir will perform for us on Monday, December 16th at 9:00 A.M.

Our 4th and 5th grade Holiday Concert is set for Wednesday, December 18th at 2:15 and 7:00.

I have stated in previous December newsletters that gifts don't make the holidays happy. They make them expensive. Quality time with your children make the holidays happy. Many people are depressed because their investments have shrunk or are shrinking. Here's a way to have a happy holiday-*invest time in your children and watch them grow!* If you play a game with your child, make sure you have fun and try to turn over or share the reading or counting of the money to your child. This seems like an easy thing to do. Just know the game will take at least twice as long and you'll want to jump in to help. Try not to do this. Your child will *grow!* The key is to keep it fun. If you notice anxiety or fatigue, take a break or resume at a later date. Also, expressing how much you appreciated the effort put in by your child will encourage them to keep trying.

This newsletter is going to be covering December and January because our last day is a half day (dismissal at 11:23) on Friday, December 20th and classes resume Monday, January 6th, 2020.

I hope you enjoy a blessed holiday season and wonderful and prosperous New Year!

Mr. Lockhart

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HOLIDAY CONCERT

Our 4th and 5th grade students will share holiday songs and music in concert on Wednesday, December 18th at 2:15 and 7:00 pm. All performers are to wear any combination of black or red. Girls can wear their Christmas dresses. Students who are performing are asked to report no earlier than 6:45 p.m. that evening. As seating is limited, only families of fourth and fifth graders are invited to attend.

VACATIONS

During the year, we have requests from parents who wish to take their children out of school due to vacations. We understand that it is not always feasible to schedule trips to coincide with school vacations. However, when your child is absent from school, they do miss valuable instruction that can't always be made up before or after the trip.

Please do not expect that teachers will be able to provide you with assignments to take on vacation. Work will be given to students to make up after their return to school. Generally, for every day of absence, a day is given to make up missed work. Your help in trying to schedule trips during non-school time would be appreciated and more beneficial to your children.

If you do take a vacation, please forward your note indicating when your child(ren) will be out of school to the office. The office will forward the note to the teacher.

PTO EVENTS IN DECEMBER/JANUARY

Wednesday, December 4 – Yankee Candle pickup 3:30 – 4:30
Wednesday, December 11 –
Cookie Dough Order pickup 3:30-5:00
Friday, 12/20 – Chuck E. Cheese 12:00-9:00
Tuesday, 1/14 – PTO Jan/Feb Meeting @ 7:00

HOLIDAY ROOM PARTIES

Information regarding holiday room parties will be coming home soon. Our holiday break begins at the end of the day on Friday, December 20, 2019, dismissal will be at 11:23. Classes resume on Monday, January 6, 2020.

REMINDER

Mid-Winter break begins at the end of the day on February 14th dismissal will be at 11:23. Classes resume on February 24th.

STUDENT INFORMATION / EMERGENCY CARD

The office keeps an emergency card on each student at Ottawa. It is important that all contact information is kept current so that we may reach someone when necessary. If information changes throughout the school year, please let us know. It is extremely important that the office has one on file for every student.

OTTAWA PRIDE DAY

To promote school spirit, we have scheduled Ottawa Pride Day on Fridays. We encourage the students to wear blue and white clothes or Ottawa sweatshirts. This is not mandatory, but it is a fun activity for the students.

CONTACTING THE STAFF

You can contact the school staff by either calling 723-**6600**, or if you know their extension you can dial 723 and the extension directly. Another good way to contact staff is by e-mail. You can do this by typing the first initial of the staff member's first name and their last name coupled with this suffix: @cvs.k12.mi.us. Teachers will return calls when not instructing students.

Example: dlockhart@cvs.k12.mi.us

Thank you, parents and students, for your kind donation to the canned/box food drive sponsored by our Student Council for Kiwanis. Due to your kind donations, many families will be the recipients of these items.

OTTAWA CLUBS – DECEMBER/JANUARY MEETINGS

Student Council – meets on Tuesday, December 10 and Tuesday, January 14.

Kids with Capes – meets on Thursday, December 12 and Thursday, January 9.

Art Club – meets on Monday, December 9 and Wednesday, December 11 and Wednesday, January 8 and Monday, January 27 from 3:20 – 4:05

Lego Robotics Team – meets on December 9 and 16 and January 6, 9, 13, 16 from 3:30 – 4:45

DISMISSAL ARRANGEMENTS

Special instructions for your child's dismissal (bus changes, latchkey, etc.) should be determined before your child arrives at school in the morning. Changes in dismissal procedures or after school supervision is to be in writing and given to your child's teacher. This ensures that information will be shared with all parties who need notification.

We ask for your help with this due to the numerous calls asking the office to deliver messages to children about changes in their dismissal. **Please DO NOT call with these requests unless there is a family emergency**.

For example, a call to tell a child to go to SACC instead of riding the bus involves getting a message to your child's teacher and the SACC Coordinator. All of these notices must be hand delivered and this sometimes occurs several times in an afternoon. Notifying your child in the morning and sending a note will greatly assist us in making sure your child arrives at his/her proper destination.

SCHOOL CLOSING

If school is closed due to inclement weather, the following sources will list the closing: TV-Channels 2, 4 & 7, Radio: WJR 760 AM and WWJ 950 AM.

YOU MAY ALSO CHECK YOUR CABLE NETWORK FOR SCHOOL CLOSINGS.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING ATTENDANCE

When a child is absent from school, parents are requested to notify the school office. You may do this by calling 723-6699 and leave your message regarding your child's absence on the day of absence indicating the reason. Office personnel will notify the teacher of the absence. Cases of irregular attendance will be thoroughly investigated. Any absence due to a communicable disease should be reported to the school office immediately and these children should have a doctor's approval before returning to school.

Each student is expected to be in school on time. Tardiness due to a late bus will be excused. Recognizing the importance of punctuality is a good habit; parents should acquaint themselves with the school schedules and see that their children arrive at school at the hour they are expected. Children arriving too early can create problems since there is no one to supervise them.

Good attendance is very important to a child's success in school, and it is hoped that a child will not be kept out of school for such reasons as babysitting or appointments that could be made at other hours.

If a child has been absent for more than one day, parents may request homework after the second day of absence. Homework can be picked up at the end of the day or may be sent with a sibling.

NOT ALL assignments will be able to be made up a home. Some may need to be completed after the students return to school.

Ottawa's Christmas Giving Tree

Friday, December 6th

This year Ottawa Student Council is asking for students to donate a **new unwrapped toy** to a child in need.

Toys will be placed under the tree at our annual tree lighting ceremony (the morning of December 6th) at 9:00 am.

Donated gifts will be given to the Clinton Township Goodfellow's for distribution in our community.

If you plan to participate, please bring the unwrapped toy to school on or before December 6th.

Thank you,

Student Council

Toys are given to children from ages –infant to teenagers. Please remember these groups when buying toys.

Gloves, Hats, Scarves, and Socks are also welcomed donations.

BUS SAFETY

Most of our students ride the bus to and from school. For the safety of all passengers, please review these rules with your child. (Further information can be found in the Chippewa Valley Student Code of Conduct.)

Students are expected to help keep the bus clean by not littering inside the bus.

Students who damage the bus in any way will be required to pay for the damage and may be suspended from use of the bus.

If necessary, students may be required to sit three in a seat.

Students are to sit in their assigned seats unless the bus driver allows them to do differently.

Students may not do anything to endanger the health and safe transport of all passengers and the driver. This simply means that students may NOT do any of the following:

- Throw anything inside the bus or at a bus
- Hold on to or touch the outside of a bus in motion
- damage or deface bus in any matter
- Fight on the bus or at the bus stop
- Use the emergency door except in cases of emergencies
- Yell, scream, use profane language or make obscene gestures on the bus
- Put anything out the windows at any time
- Tamper with any mechanical switches on the bus, including the door
- Eat on the bus
- Carry anything on the bus which cannot be held safely and comfortably on your lap
- Put the windows down without permission from the driver
- Bring animals or glass objects on the bus
- Ask the driver to make an unscheduled stop

Students should remember that the bus driver is not only responsible for the bus but has complete authority and responsibility to control the behavior of students on his/her bus. All students MUST follow the directions given by the driver. Students violating the rules will receive a written bus violation and could lose the right of riding the bus. Cooperation and good behavior from students will keep the buses safe for all.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC- PLEASE HELP

Our bus drivers frequently have difficulty pulling up to the school in the morning due to parents dropping off students. Do not use the area directly in front of the building to let children out of your car. Please do not pull alongside the buses and let children cross in front of them. The sidewalk in front of the school extends to the far end of the parking lot. We ask that you park and walk your child or use the drop-off loop (follow white paws).

BIRTHDAYS

Many parents wish to bring a special treat for their children on their birthday. We ask for your help by following these suggested guidelines:

1.) Please check with your child's teacher as to the day you plan to send in treats. At times we have more than one birthday in a room and students usually are only able to consume one treat.

2.) Be sure that you have a correct class count. It is disappointing to the children if enough treats are not provided.

3.) Treats should involve minimal or no cutting and serving. Uncut cakes are difficult to serve in equal portions. Something simple for the child or teacher to pass out is appreciated.

4.) When sending in treats, please send napkins or any utensils that may be needed.

5.) Bring the treat to the office so that we may assure that it will be placed in the correct classroom at the best time.

6.) We have several children with food allergies or diet restrictions. Please contact your child's teacher as to whether this is a concern in the classroom.

7.) Invitations to home parties will not be distributed in the classroom. We wish to be sensitive to the feelings of all students and avoid disappointments or social conflicts over who "is" and "isn't" invited to a party.

If you have any doubts or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

LATCHKEY PROGRAM

Under the direction of Mrs. Lynn Baszczuk, Ottawa's Latchkey Coordinator, we are pleased to be able to offer childcare before and after school. Latchkey hours are 7:00 to 8:33 a.m. and 3:18 to 6:00 p.m. We also offer Latchkey on partial/half-days. Pre-registration is mandatory for these days. Registration forms and fee information are available on our website.

REGISTRATION MUST BE DONE 24-48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF FIRST DAY SACC IS NEEDED. WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT CHILDREN ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IF THEY ARE NOT PRE-REGISTERED. CASH WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED.

All students MUST be pre-registered for each school year in order to attend this program. Participation may be on a daily or part-time basis. We are very proud of the fine program we have to offer.

Rates: $4.75 one child
$4.25 two or more children

FOOD SERVICE DEBIT PROGRAM

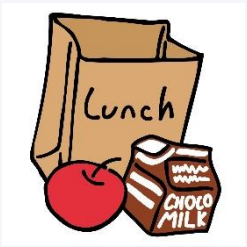
How to open an account:

☐ See CV website for DEBIT FORM: www.chippewavalleyschools.org
☐ Online debit deposit: www.SendMoneyToSchool.com (need student ID number)
☐ Send check (payable to CV Food Service) or cash to school with student
☐ Student hands check/cash to Cashier in Cafeteria – account activated/deposit applied!
☐ NOTE: If ID card is lost or stolen, it must be reported to cafeteria cashier immediately. Food Service is not responsible for fraudulent usages.

FOOD SERVICE

The CVS Food Service Department would like to welcome you to the 2019/2020 School Year.

Ordering Lunch: It is very important that your child order hot lunch the day before they plan to purchase it. For instance, Monday's lunch order will be placed on Friday. Tuesday's lunch order will be placed on Monday. Please discuss what is for lunch with your child and make sure he/ she will eat it before you order.



Lunch menus will be available on-line or can be seen on Comcast channel 20. Prices are as follows:

Regular hot lunch: $2.75
Lunch plus: $4.25
Breakfast: $1.55
Milk: .60 cents

Reduced price meals:
Lunch $.40
Breakfast $.30

Breakfast is available Monday-Friday

8:13-8:33 in the cafeteria.

MEDICATION

Only those medications which are necessary to maintain the child in school, and which must be given during the school hours will be administered.

Medication Guidelines:

Before any prescription medication can be administered in school, a form from the office needs to be filled out by the child's physician and parent.

Before any non-prescription medication can be administered in school, a form from the office needs to be filled out by the child's parent. Forms are also available on www.chippewavalleyschools.org.

All medication MUST be brought to the school office by the child's parent/guardian. **Please do not send any medication to school with your child.**

All medication MUST be in the original bottle or container. Medication not in the original bottle cannot be administered. Containers must be labeled with the child's name, medication, dose and time.

Information on the use and adverse effects of any medication given in school should be provided to the school by the parent, pharmacist or physician.

Parents must notify school personnel if their child has conditions such as allergies, diabetes, or asthma, so that proper precautions/training may be put in place.

Ensuring the children's safety and health is our primary concern.

IMMUNIZATION/HEALTH RECORDS

The Macomb County Health Department and the State Health Department are insisting that all school age children have proper immunizations before they are allowed to attend school. Last June, exclusion alerts were sent to parents whose children were not in compliance with the immunization regulations. Our school will be excluding students whose immunization records or shots are not in order. These exclusion notices will be coming home in the next few weeks. If you have any questions, please call the school office.

ILL OR INJURED CHILDREN

When a child becomes ill or is injured during the school hours, the office personnel will call a parent to come and pick up the child. When a parent is not home or cannot be reached at his or her place of employment, the person authorized by the parent on the Student Information Card will be summoned to school. In those rare cases where no responsible individual can be reached, the school principal will use his best judgment in determining further action, which may include calling 911, if necessary.

WHEN YOUR CHILD IS SICK

(This information is not intended as medical advice, but is merely designed to provide guidelines to be followed until your doctor can be contacted for an opinion)

If your child has been diagnosed with a communicable illness, please contact the school office to report such things as chicken pox, impetigo, scabies, hepatitis, head lice, and ringworm. The county health department requires this.

FEVER: A fever is a warning that all is not right with the body. The best way to check for a fever is with a thermometer, which every home should have. No child with a fever of 100 degrees or above should be sent to school. Do not allow a child to return to school until he/she has been fever free for 24 hours. Notify your physician of significant elevations and/or persistent fevers.

RASH: A rash may be the first sign of one of the many childhood's illnesses. A rash may cover the entire body or may appear in only one area. Do not send a child with a rash to school until your doctor has said that it is safe to do so.

COLD, SORE THROAT or COUGH: The common cold presents the most frequent problems to parents. A child that just feels miserable has nasal congestion or discharge, or hacking cough belongs home in bed, even though he has no fever. If your child complains of a sore throat and has no other symptoms, he may go to school, unless their throat is severely sore, has swelling, has white or yellow spots seen in the back of the throat, or has a fever present. Please keep him/her home and call your doctor.

STOMACHACHE-VOMITING-DIARRHEA: Consult your doctor if your child has a stomachache which is persistent or severe enough to limit his activity. If vomiting occurs, keep your child home until he can keep his food down. A child with diarrhea should be kept at home. Call your doctor if prompt improvement does not occur.

HEADACHE: A child, whose only complaint is a headache, usually need not be kept home. Check for other symptoms accompanying your child's headache. Notify your child's doctor promptly if unexplained fever, violent vomiting, stiff neck, confusion, disorientation, or excess drowsiness accompanies a headache. It is important to note that a lot of mid-morning headaches occur as a result of inadequate breakfasts. Children of this age need breakfast in the morning.

PINK EYE: Do not send your child to school if you notice yellow or greenish drainage, causing crusting of the eyelids on awakening. Sometimes the white of the eye and eyelids will become swollen and red. If the diagnosis of pink eye is confirmed, your child will be required to remain at home for 24 hours after treatment has been initiated.

HEAD LICE: It is recommended that you check your child's hair periodically throughout the year for head lice. Head lice are shared easily among children of this age. The nits, (eggs of a louse), are gray or silvery in color, and unlike dandruff, they won't flake off the hair shaft. The louse is gray to brown in color and vary in size. They are mobile, but they do not fly! If you feel your child may have head lice, keep them home and have someone identify if your child has lice. If confirmed, notify the school and treat your child's head with a lice shampoo. Wash and clean all clothing and personal belongings, and check for nits in your child's hair. Your child may return to school when all lice and nits are gone.

CHICKEN POX: All children entering school should have had the vaccine or the reliable history of the disease. But if your child should get chicken pox, they need to be excluded for school at least 7 days from the onset of rash. The pocks must be dry before returning to school. Notify the school of your child's episode.

Unnecessary absences from school may have a negative effect on a student's attitude, work habits, and progress. Use your own good common sense and notify your child's physician of any concerns you might have. Remember: Sick children belong at home and well children belong at school.

Elementary Monday Pizza

Cherokee
Clinton Valley
Erie
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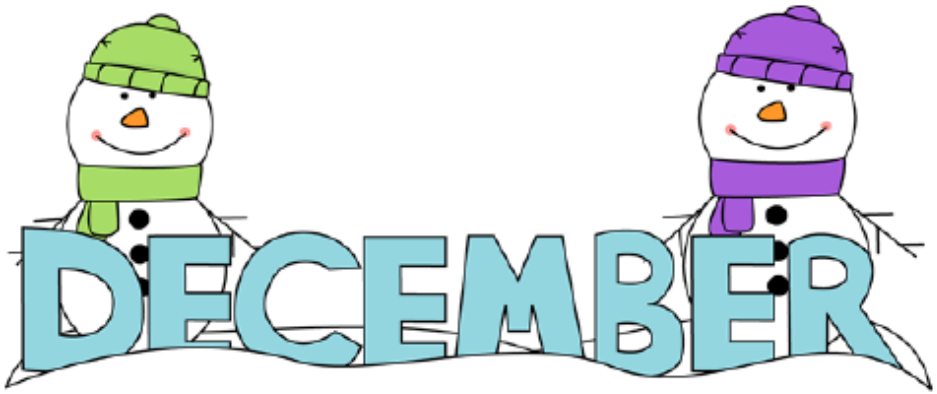
Shawnee
Sequoyah



Student: $2.75
Plus: $4.25
(Additional Serving)
Reduced: $0.40
Milk: $0.60

BREAKFAST is served daily at all elementary schools.
Check your school for times!

Food Service: (586) 723-2110
Central Kitchen:(586) 723-2109

Available Daily:

Must Pre-Order

Turkey Salad w/ Roll & Goldfish Crackers

Chicken Popper Salad w/ Dinner Roll

Chicken Caesar Salad w/ Roll & Goldfish Crackers

Turkey & Cheese Stackers

Sandwiches:

Turkey & Cheese

Ham & Cheese

PB&J Uncrustable w/ String Cheese & Goldfish

Includes:

Fruit and/or Vegetable & Milk

Free & Reduced Students
You may also choose from the Daily Offerings!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 **Pizza Day!** Baby Carrots Ranch	3 **Whole Grain Breaded Chicken Nuggets** Tater Tots Celery Sticks w/ Ranch BBQ Sauce/ Ketchup	4 **Chicken Patty Sandwich** Baked Beans Carrots w/ Ranch Elf on the Shelf Grahams	5 **Cinnamon Pancakes** Sausage Patty Trix Yogurt Fruitables Juice	6 **Whole Grain Super Soft Pretzel** Cheese Sauce Spinach/Romaine
9 **Pizza Day!** Baby Carrots Ranch	10 **Whole Grain Breaded Chicken Nuggets** Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn BBQ Sauce/ Ketchup	11 **Tasty Taco** *Whole wheat tortilla w/ cheese, lettuce & salsa* Refried Beans	12 **Mini Confetti Pancakes** String Cheese Fruitables Juice	13 **Whole Grain Breaded Cheese Ravioli Bites** Marinara Dip Sauce Spinach/Romaine Dinner Roll **Lucky Tray Day!**
16 **Pizza Day!** Baby Carrots Ranch	17 **Whole Grain Breaded Chicken Nuggets** Tater Tots Celery Sticks w/ Ranch BBQ Sauce/ Ketchup	18 **Whole Corn Chips & Cheese** Refried Beans Salsa	19 **Apple Cinnamon Whole Grain French Toast** String Cheese Fruitables Juice	20 HALF DAY NO LUNCH SERVED
23	24	25 MERRY Christmas	26	27

If you have a food allergy please be aware that CVS prepares food that may contain or have come into contact with peanuts, nuts or other possible allergens.

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Student Support Squad 3:18-4:30	3	4 PTO – Yankee Candle pick-up – LGI 3:30-4:30	5	6 Tree Lighting Ceremony @8:45 Report Cards Go Home Holiday Wreath pick up 3:00-5:00	7
8	9 Student Support Squad 3:18-4:30 Art Club 3:20 – 4:05 Lego Robotics 3:30-4:45	10 Student Council Meeting 3:30-4:00	11 PTO – Cookie Dough pick up – LGI 3:30-5:00 Art Club 3:20 – 4:05	12 Kids with Capes 3:20 – 4:15	13	14
15	16 Student Support Squad 3:18-4:30 Algonquin Band Performs @ 9:00 Lego Robotics 3:30-4:45	17	18 4th and 5th grade Holiday Concert 2:15 & 7:00	19	20 ½ day of school Dismissal at 11:23 PTO – Chuck E Cheese 12:00-9:00	21
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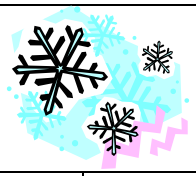
Happy Holidays – No School

January



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29	30	31	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2	3	4
Happy Holidays – No School						
5	6 Classes Resume Student Support Squad 3:18-4:30 Lego Robotics 3:30-4:45	7 Lifetouch Activity Pictures 8:30 – 12:00	8 Art Club 3:20 – 4:15	9 Kids with Capes 3:18 – 4:15 Lego Robotics 3:30-4:45	10	11
12	13 Student Support Squad 3:18-4:30 Lego Robotics 3:30-4:45	14 Student Council Meeting 3:30-4:00 PTO Jan/Feb Meeting – Media Center 7:00	15	16 Lego Robotics 3:30-4:45	17 Pennies for Pasta Kick -Off	18
Board Appreciation Week						
19	20 **NO SCHOOL** **-Teacher Development Day**	21	22	23	24 Progress Reports go home	25
26	27 Student Support Squad 3:18-4:30 Art Club 3:20 – 4:15	28	29	30	31	1