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**September 2019**

# Chippewa Valley Schools

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### *“The mission of Clinton Valley Elementary is to develop lifelong learners through quality instruction in a safe, nurturing environment. We are committed to building partnerships between school, home, and the community to promote student success.”*

Dear Clinton Valley Families,

**Teacher Assignment**

For bus route information, please go to [www.chippewavalleyschools.org](http://www.chippewavalleyschools.org) transportation, bus stop information for 2019/2020 will be available Aug. 31st. Use student id # to log in.)

Welcome! I am excited to work with you to make this another great year at Clinton Valley! Our 2019-2020 school goal is to help all students reach their highest potential. As a committed staff, we will guide students to do their personal best and strive for excellence. As a parent, you can count on our team to be committed to your child’s social, emotional, and academic success. The Clinton Valley staff will create a welcoming environment for our stakeholders and set high expectations for all learners. We look forward to partnering with you throughout the school year.

Our Parent Teacher Organization plays a crucial role in making Clinton Valley a wonderful place for our families. Please join us for the first PTO meeting on September 18th at 5:30 pm, to see what our PTO is all about. This meeting is an excellent opportunity for you to get involved in our school community.

The 2019-2020 school year is set to start with a few changes in staff. We have Ms. Avila, who will be our new 1st-grade teacher. She will be replacing Ms. Roddy, who has moved from 1st-grade to 5th-grade. Alyssa Strohm will be our new 4th-grade teacher. She will be replacing Ms. Dwyer who has left to pursue other endeavors at Mohawk Elementary. Mr. Thomas will be our new PE teacher and will be replacing Mr. Walkenhorst, who has left to pursue other endeavors at Cherokee Elementary. We also have Ms. Kendall Shattuck, who will be our new ECSE teacher. She will be replacing Ms. Frontiera, who has retired. We have Christina Tabaczynski, who will be our new Health Aide. She will be replacing Lori Siwka, who has moved on to Chippewa Valley High School 9th-Grade Center. Congratulations to all our latest additions to Clinton Valley!

Together with our families and students, we are devoted to making this a fantastic school year. Feel free to contact me anytime at 586-723-5202 or email me at nwright@cvs.k12.mi.us.

Yours in Education,

Niyoka Wright

**PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:**

1. **Student Verification Form**
2. **Student Code of Conduct and Media Release Form**
3. **Title 1 Parent-Student-School Compact**

On the first day of school, teachers will send home three important forms that need to be returned to the office.

The first one is a white “Student Verification Form” for each student. Please update any corrections in RED ink and return this completed form as soon as possible. It is very important that we have all the updated contact information in case of illness and emergency.

Secondly, please return the “Code of Conduct and Media Release Form” with your signature and required information filled out.

Lastly, the blue “Title 1 Parent-Student-School Compact” will require parent and student signatures.

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:**

Please see **the label on the front of this newsletter** showing your child’s name and teacher’s name.

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 3rd. All students attend in the AM only. Classes begin at 9:05 a.m., and children will be released at 11:55 a.m.



**Absence Reporting Procedure**

**586-723-5299**

All absences, including hospital stays and vacations should be reported to the office either by phone or note. Absences should be called in before 9:00 a.m.

Please leave the student’s name, teacher’s name, reason of absence, the length of the absence and your relationship to the student.

**After School Arrangements**

Please make and adhere to after school arrangements that you make with your children in the morning before they leave for school.

This includes whether they are taking the bus home, going to Childcare, being picked up, etc. This will eliminate numerous interruptions to the classroom during the day, and avoid confusion at the end of the day. **It is very hard on the office staff when requests are made at 3:00 p.m.**

It is difficult to give messages to students at that time, due to students being in specials, at safety/service squad positions, or preparing for dismissal.

**Early Dismissals**

Students will be called down for an early dismissal when a parent comes in the office to sign them out. Please do not call in advance and ask that your student be called to the office so they are waiting for you when you arrive. And also, remember to have your ID. We will be asking to see it. If someone other than a parent is picking up a student, the office must be notified.

**MEDICATIONS**

 Before any ***prescription*** medication can be administered in school, a prescription medication form needs to be filled out by the child’s physician and parent. Before any non-prescription medication can be administered in school a ***non-prescription*** medication form needs to be filled out by the child’s parent. Both of these forms are available in the school office and **MUST** be resubmitted for the 2019-2020 school year – we cannot use forms from last year.

The following procedures must also be followed:

* All medication **MUST** be brought to the school office by the child’s parent. Please do not send any medication to school with your child. This includes cough drops, which require a non-prescription medication form.
* All medication **MUST** be in the original container or packaging. Containers or packaging **MUST** be labeled with the child’s name, medication, dose and time. Prescription medications **MUST** be labeled to include the dose to be given at school. Medications brought to school in other containers will not be given to the student.
* 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.



**EpiPen Medication Form**

Please note that there are now 2 forms that must be signed by a physician if an EpiPen is brought to school for your child.

Forms are available in the main office.

* Food Allergy Action Plan
* Request for Administration of Prescription Medication to Student

**ILLNESS**

In order to prevent the spread of illness, your child should stay home when there are any of the following signs of illness:

* Red or watery eyes with discharge
* Earache or discharge from ear
* “Runny” nose – especially with green mucus
* Coughing or sneezing continually
* Muscle aches of the back, arms and/or legs (may indicate a fever and illness)
* Upset stomach, vomiting, diarrhea (may return when symptom free for 24 hours)
* Fever-free without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours
* Rash or spots on the skin
* Red or sore throat

**Sick Policy**

Clinton Valley policy for a student that has a FEVER is that they should be **fever free 24 hours before returning to school.**

If a student VOMITS at school, the clinic will contact their parents/guardians and require that they go home for the remainder of the school day and cannot return until 24 hours after

vomiting stops.

**Food Services**

CVS Food Service Department would like to welcome you to the 2018/2019 School Year. The lunch menu for the month of September will be sent home on the first day of school. In the future, you can obtain a copy of the lunch menu by visiting the Chippewa Valley School website at [www.chippewavalleyschools.org](http://www.chippewavalleyschools.org). If you do not have access to the internet, a hard copy of the lunch menu will be available in the office.

Student lunch $2.75

Lunch Plus $4.25

Milk $.60

Reduced Lunch $.40

Regular Breakfast $1.55

Reduced Breakfast $.30

Free and Reduced Meal Applications are available in the office or online at [www.LunchApp.com](http://www.LunchApp.com). Complete only ONE application per family, even if your students attend different buildings within the school district. Students who were in the program at the end of the 2018-2019 school year will remain in the program through October 12, 2019. Carryover students who wish to remain in the program, you will have to reapply before October 12.

Applications can be submitted electronically via the internet at LunchApp.com

**Lunch Room Notes**

* All lunches must ordered the day before.
* Clinton Valley Pizza Day is Monday
* Check the district for menus and nutrition information ([www.chippewavalleyschools.org](http://www.chippewavalleyschools.org))
* Utilize [www.sendmoneytoschool.com](http://www.sendmoneytoschool.com) to add money to your child’s lunch account, view purchase history and limit snack purchases.



**BREAKFAST SERVICE BEGINS MONDAY,**

**SEPT. 9th.**

**Food Service Debit Program**

How to Open an Account:

* See CV website for Debit Form: [www.chippewavalleyschools.org](http://www.chippewavalleyschools.org)
* Online debit deposit [www.SendMoneyToSchool.com](http://www.SendMoneyToSchool.com) (need Student ID number)
* Send check (payable to CV Food Service) or cash to school with student in envelope correctly marked.
* NOTE: If ID card is lost or stolen, it must be reported immediately to the cafeteria cashier. Food Service is not responsible for fraudulent usage.

If you need further assistance, please feel free to call Food Service Hotline at 586-723-2294.

**Lunch Money**

When sending in lunch money with your student, please put in an envelope marked “Lunch Money for…” and the students first and last name, along with the teacher’s name and grade.

Sample…

Lunch money for:

First name

Last name

Teacher name

Grade

Second Grade

School backpack (no rolling bags please)

Small supply bag/ box

1 green 70 page wide-ruled spiral notebook

1 white 1” binder with clear front pocket and inside pockets

3 solid color pocket folders (1-blue, 1-green, 1-yellow)

3 Boxes of 24 pack crayons

Scissors

4 12 pack boxes of pencils (pre-sharpened are preferred)

1 pink eraser

1 Highlighter

1 Box of colored pencils

8 Glue Sticks

Kleenex

Wipes (Baby and Lysol)

Kindergarten

These items will be shared in the classroom.

PLEASE do not label the supplies.

Large backpack (labeled with child’s name)

1 rectangular plastic/tin school box

(labeled with child’s name)

12 Elmers glue sticks

Child-size Fiskar scissors

3 boxes of Crayola crayons ( 24-count)

2 boxes of Kleenex

1 packs of pencils

1 pack of Crayola Markers

2 yellow highlighters

6 Expo dry erase markers

1 plastic 2 pocket folder (labeled w/name)

1 bottle of hand sanitizer

2 containers of baby wipes

1 smiling face! ☺

First Grade

These items will be shared in the classroom,

Please do not label the supplies

Pencils-1 box of yellow, #2 pencils

2 packages of pink erasers

3 boxes of crayons (24 count)

Child Sized; Blunt tip scissors

3 spiral notebook (70 pages wide ruled)

2 boxes of Kleenex

1 container of Clorox or Lysol Wipes

6 glue sticks

1 solid red pocket folder

1 solid blue pocket folder

1 box of gallon size Ziploc bags

To be labeled:

1 back pack (labeled with name)

Small supply box (labeled with name)

Third Grade

Please label these items with permanent marker:

1 zippered binder (trapper keeper)

1 3-holed pencil bag (to be put in zippered binder) (no pencil boxes)

4 3-holed, single subject, wide ruled spiral notebooks (red, yellow, green, blue)

1 12-inch ruler

1 pair of scissors

1 box of crayons – up to 24 only

1 whiteboard eraser

Community – Not Labeled:

2 boxes of Kleenex

1 container of Clorox/Lysol wipes

1 bottle of hand sanitizer

1 (or more) packages of wide ruled 3-hole lined paper

1 package of #2 Ticonderoga pencils

*School Supply List*

*2019/2020*

Fourth Grade

Please bring the first day of class.

Personal Use (student keeps label with student name):

4 solid Color Folders w/ pockets (Red,Yellow,Green,Blue)

4 Single Subject Spiral Notebooks (Red,Yellow, Green,Blue)

1 5x8 Pencil Box

1 Whiteboard Eraser

1 Pair of Children’s Scissors

1 pack of colored pencils

1 pack of Markers

Community-not labeled

30 Yellow Pencils

2-3 Whiteboard Markers

2 Boxes Facial Tissue

1 Bottle hand sanitizer

1 container of Clorox/Lysol Wipes

2 Large Glue Sticks

Fifth Grade

These items will be shared in the classroom. Please do not label the supplies

3 spiral notebooks

2 folders with pockets

20 sharpened #2 pencils **(not mechanical)**

Small Plastic Pencil Box

Small Pencil Sharpener

Scissors

2 erasers

4 glue sticks

2 packs of lined paper

2 dry erase markers

1 white Board eraser

3 highlighters

Ruler with inches and centimeters

1 box of crayons

1 box of Colored pencils

1 inch binder

2 boxes of Kleenex

1 box of markers

2 fine lined black sharpies

**News from Childcare**

Childcare Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will be available online beginning in August. The registration fee is $20.00 per family. Registration is now done solely online and the link to do so can be found under the “For Parents” tab on the CVS website. Under “For Parents”, choose “SACC” for instructions how to register as well as the link to register.

You must re-register even if your child/children were registered last school year.

Please call the child care office if you have any questions at 723-5254.

Rates are as follows:

First child: $4.75

Second + Child: $4.25

**PICTURE DAY**

Monday, September 23



**DRESS CODE**

District Policy states “The following are prohibited from school and school related activities: tank tops, halter/tube tops, short tops exposing undergarments, sunglasses, hats, head scarves, sweat bands, bandanas, mesh shirts, see-through materials, low cut styles, short shorts/skirts, cut offs, disrespectfully ripped garments, and pants not worn at the waist line. All clothing must extend beyond the student’s fingertips while standing with arms at their side, and all shirts must cover shoulders.

Also, for your students’ safety, no flip flops or backless shoes or sandals. Many injuries occur in shoes like these. We encourage shoes and socks be worn daily.



**POLICY ON PERSONAL ITEMS**

District policy states that students cannot bring cell phones, iPods, or other electronic equipment. These items are a distraction and will be taken away.

Also, students are not to bring toys, games, memorabilia, special cards or other collectible items to school. We cannot be responsible for personal items that may be lost or damaged.





**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Kick Off** September

**Orders Due** October 8(Payments may be sent with order)

**Delivery** November

 (money due by November )

**PTO News**

**2019-2020 PTO Board**

President Kristen Murray

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**Box Tops**

Bring in all those Box Tops that you have been saving over the summer to school. We will continue competing amongst the classrooms.





Come join us on September 18th at 6 p.m. in the Media Center. Please come and share your thoughts and hear our ideas for this school year!



Sept. 20: Kickoff

Oct. 7: Orders due

Nov. 14: Delivery

Nov. 26: Payment due

**Birthdays at Clinton Valley**

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At Clinton Valley Elementary, we believe that birthdays are an important part of a child’s life, and we want to recognize them at school. We announce student birthdays on the daily announcements. Weekend birthdays will be announced on the Friday prior to the birthday. Summer birthdays will be announced in groups in May and June.

Our core purpose at Clinton Valley Elementary is to educate students; therefore, our building has a birthday policy to ensure that birthday celebrations do not detract significantly from instructional time. Please take note of the following:

**Not Allowed…**

* Students shall not bring treats that require preparation on the part of the teacher (ie – cake that needs to be cut or ice cream to be scooped.)
* Birthday celebrations shall not take place during the lunch period. The classroom teacher will decide when to serve birthday treats.
* Pizza parties and other large events are not acceptable ways to celebrate a birthday at school.
* Please refrain from sending “special deliveries” (ie – balloons, flowers, etc.) to school for your child’s birthday or any other occasion. Any deliveries made to students at school will be held in the office until the end of the school day.

**We Allow…**

* Parents may drop off birthday treats to share with a child’s class.
* All treats must be ready-to-go in individual servings.
* All treats must take no more than 10 minutes to serve and eat.
* Healthy treats and non-food surprises like pencils and stickers are strongly encouraged.
* Parents should send treats that the whole class can enjoy. **ALWAYS check with your child’s teacher regarding classroom allergies before choosing treats.**

**ALWAYS check with your child’s teacher prior to sending treats to school.**

**Smart Snack Policy**

Your child is encouraged to bring a healthy snack to school each day. Please make sure that any snack you send is healthy. If not, your child will have to save it for lunch time. We also recommend bringing a water bottle to school daily. *Snacks are not provided by the office.*

**Smart Snack Idea**

Please be sure to provide a ready to eat snack (spoons, peel and slice snack, etc.).

**Munchies**

* Popcorn
* Pretzels
* Rice cakes
* Granola bars
* Animal crackers
* Graham crackers
* Hummus and crackers
* Goldfish crackers



**Dairy Delights**

* Yogurt
* Cheese cubes
* String cheese
* Cheese crackers



**Natural Sweets**

* Oranges, bananas, kiwi
* Raisins
* Fresh fruit
* Dried fruit



**Fresh Crunchies**

* Apples, pears, grapes
* Veggie sticks: celery, cucumbers, carrots
* Raw veggies: broccoli, cauliflower, peppers



**Clinton Valley Elementary Calendar**

**2019-2020**

Sept. 3 First day of school (Half day ends at 11:55 am)

Sept. 18 PTO Meeting at 5:30 pm

Sept. 20 Morley Kickoff

Sept. 23 Picture Day

Oct. 2 Fall Count Day

Oct. 7 Morley Orders Due

Oct. 16 PTO Meeting at 5:30 pm

Oct. 23 Parent Teacher Conferences – 5:30 pm till 8 pm

Oct. 24 Half Day for students, day ends 11:55 am: ParentTeacher Conferences:1-3:30 pm and 5:30–8 pm

Oct. 25 Half Day, day ends at 11:55 am

Oct. 31 Half Day for Students, day ends at 11:55 am

Nov. 4 Picture Retake Day

Nov. 5 No school for Students

Nov. 14 Morley Delivery

Nov. 20 PTO Meeting at 5:30 pm

Nov. 26 Morley Payment Due

Nov. 27-29 No School – Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 12 Christmas Music Concert – 6:30 p.m.: Grades 2 & 3

Dec. 20 Half Day – 11:55 am dismissal

Dec. 21 -Jan. 5: No School – Holiday Break

Jan. 6 Classes Resume

Jan. 15 PTO Meeting at 5:30 pm

Jan. 20 No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Feb. 12 Spring Count Day

Feb. 14 Half Day – 11:55 dismissal, Mid-Winter Break Begins

Feb. 15-23 Mid-Winter Break, No School

Feb. 24 Classes Resume

Feb. 26 PTO Meeting at 5:30 pm

Mar. 17 Spring Picture Day

Mar. 18 Parent Teacher Conferences – 5:30 pm

Mar. 19 Parent Teacher Conferences – 5:30 pm

Mar. 20 Half Day - 11:41 am dismissal

Mar. 25 PTO Meeting at 5:30 pm

Apr. 3 Half Day – 11:55 am dismissal

Apr. 4-12 No School- Spring Break

Apr. 13 Classes Resume

Apr. 14 Spring Vocal Music Concert – 1st and 4th Grades – 6:30 p.m.

Apr. 22 PTO Meeting at 5:30 pm

Apr. 23 Half day – 11:55 am dismissal

May 7 Half Day- 11:55 am dismissal

May 20 PTO Meeting at 5:30 pm

May 25 Memorial Day – No School

June 9 Service, Safety, Student Council Skating Trip

June 10 5th Grade Joe Dumars Field Day

June 15 Half Day – 11:55 am dismissal

June 15 5th Grade Completion – 9:30 am

June 16 Last Day of School – 12:09 am dismissal