

PAW'S Pointers, Policies & Procedures



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<http://www.chippewavalleyschools.org/schools/elementary-schools/cherokee/>

Late Arrival & Early Dismissal

- For safety reasons, parents must walk children up to the office if arriving late
- Students are released ONLY to people listed on the Emergency Card with photo identification
- **Changes to a student's dismissal or messages for students must be called in by 2:45 pm** in order to allow enough time to contact students
- Late arrivals and early dismissals are reflected as "tardy" on report cards

Visitors – Currently Restricted due to COVID

- Please check-in to obtain a visitor's pass at the front office and check-out with the office at the conclusion of your visit
- All classroom volunteers must have a background check on file. Forms are available online and from our front office.
- Forms must be on file at least 2 weeks prior to volunteering for any event.

Dress for the Weather

- Dress appropriately for the season/weather
- On most days, students will go out for recess.
- Students remain indoors if it's raining or the temperature (or wind chill) falls below 20°.
- Please label boots, coats, hats, gloves & scarves.

SCHOOL DAY TIMES

- Morning Song 8:24
- Full Day 8:30-3:14
- Half Day 8:30-11:25

Only students attending childcare, working as a Service Squad Leader should arrive before 8:24.

Info on the Go ~

What our families need to know

SCHOOL CLOSURES

CVS central office usually makes decisions regarding school closures by 6am.

Families receive automated phone notification through SchoolMessenger.

Radio: 950AM

TV: Local News or CVS-TV

CHECKS

Make Checks Payable to:
Field Trips: Cherokee Elementary
Lunches: Chippewa Valley Food Service
Childcare: Chippewa Valley Schools
PTO Events: Cherokee PTO
\$20 assessed for NSF
(non sufficient funds)

STAYING IN CONTACT

ABSENCE LINE

586-723-4899 by 9am

- Call the 24-hour line - not the classroom teacher
- State student's name, teacher, date and reason for absence

CHILDCARE

586-723-4860

- Childcare is available from 6:30am – 6:00pm on school days
- Childcare is closed during breaks and on snow days

CHEROKEE STAFF

- Phone: before and after school
- Dial 586-723+ extension
- Email: first initial +last name @cvs.k12.mi.us

We choose to Inspire, Believe, Achieve and Lead
empowering learners for a lifetime of success.
Cherokee ... a GREAT place to be!



CHEROKEE MEDICATION POLICY

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

- CVS [provides a form](#) and requires written instructions from a physician before any PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION can be dispensed.



MEDICATION FORMS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE

[Medical Forms](#)

NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

- Over-the-counter medication can be dispensed at school when a form is signed by a parent. This includes cough drops.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Health Aide
586-723-4807

SICK POLICY

- Children should be FEVER FREE for 24 hours before returning to school
- If a student vomits at school, our clinic will contact the family to request the child go home for 24 hours.

IMMUNIZATION

- The State of Michigan requires all students to be properly immunized.
- Failure to provide proof of proper immunization may result in exclusion from school
- Feel free to contact our clerk with questions

MEDICATION

- All medication MUST be in its original container/ package and labeled with your child's name .

Please Visit
CVS Return To
School Plan for
the 2021-2022
School Year.

Chippewa Valley Schools



Return to School

2021 - 2022



REMEMBER TO CONTACT OUR HEALTH AIDE IF YOUR CHILD REQUIRES AN ALLERGY ACTION PLAN

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Macomb County Health Department requires this information



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.

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.

STOMACH ACHE- 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. Students who vomit in school may return after 24 hours. A child with diarrhea should be kept at home. Call your doctor if prompt improvement does not occur.

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.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Cell Phone:

- Phones must be turned off and out-of-view during school hours

Electronic Devices, Toys & Collectibles

- Students should refrain from bringing personal items to school to avoid damage and loss

Cherokee Elementary can not be responsible for lost or damaged personal items.



PETS ON THE PROPERTY

- For the safety of all our community members and due to allergies and students' fears, dogs must be kept on a short leash away from the building.
- Dogs must remain away from all building entrances and exit walkways.
- Personal pets are not allowed inside the school at any time.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

- Treats: Due to allergies, treats must be store bought, individually wrapped and labeled with an ingredient list. Non-food treats such as stickers, pencils & trinkets are highly encouraged
- Individual Party Invites: Distribution of invitations for events outside of the school setting are not permitted.

Be sure to check out our PTO Birthday Book Club

NO NUT PRODUCTS are allowed in our "ALLERGY AWARE" CLASSROOMS

DRESS CODE

- Student's dress and grooming are the responsibility of the student and his/her parent.
- Students are encouraged to come dressed in a manner that is conducive to learning and play.
- Please refer to the following guidelines:
 - Clothing and grooming should not be a distraction or disruption to the educational process
 - Tops must cover the midriff of the body and the shoulders
 - Shirts with sayings and pictures should support and be appropriate for elementary-aged children
 - Shorts, skirts and skorts should reach the mid-thigh and be no shorter than finger-tip length
 - Shoes should support play; therefore, flip-flops and high-heals should be avoided
 - Hats, sunglasses and bandanas should only be worn on specified Cherokee Celebration Days

Lunch is digitally pre-ordered using the link in the Weekly School Newsletter

Fast Food & Food Delivery Services (i.e. Grub Hub) are not allowed

Pizza Day is on **MONDAY**

FOOD SERVICE REMINDERS

Breakfast and Lunch are FREE for all students during the 2021-2022 School year

Add money to your student's online account: www.sendmoneyto.school.com

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