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IT'S NOT HOW MUCH
WE GIVE BUT HOW
MUCH LOVE WE PUT
INTO GIVING.

MOTHER TERESA

What to Know
from Your PTO



~ Mom & Son Event ~
Sunday, Feb 9th

Registration for this event
can be found within this
packet.

~ Pastries with Parents ~
Wed, Feb. 26th @ 8:30 am
Information in this month's
packet

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

Hello Cherokee Families~

The start of 2019 has truly gotten off to a great start! Our teachers have been hard-at-work attending professional development. Our student leadership teams have been planning student activities and working to improve our school. The Cherokee Lighthouse Team, Lego Team and Science Olympiad Team are meeting and honing their craft and all our students are hard-at-work looking for ways to make our world a kinder place. It's a great time to be a Wildcat! time to be a Wildcat!

Academically, we are completing the 2nd round of NWEA testing to continue monitoring student growth. All students continue working on goal setting and tracking their individual growth and teachers continue to meet and review data to ensure what is taught in class meets our students' needs while challenging them to reach their full potential! As a community of learners, we truly *Inspire, Believe, Achieve and LEAD!*

As we welcome February and Black History Month, we learn about, honor and celebrate the accomplishments of African American Leaders – and continue to be leaders ourselves! We kick-off our Kindness Challenge by looking for ways to share kindness and learning how acts of kindness help us learn & grow. Our Student Lighthouse Team has begun a Drive to Collect Items for homeless youth in our area because they believe that working together, we can make our world a better place.

We are proud to be a part of a great community of leaders & learners!

~ Lynn Mair and Anthony Lewis



WHAT'S INSIDE THE DIGITAL ISSUE:

Leadership!

- Kids Heart Challenge
- Celebrating Leadership & Success
- Kids Heart Challenge

Learning!

- Notes from our Special Teachers
- How to Stay Healthy during Flu Season

Events!

- Spirt Week 2-10 to 2-14
- Homeless item Drive
- ½ day on 2/14
- Mid-winter break
- Kindergarten for 20-21 Registration Opens

Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education

Ronald Roberts, *Superintendent*

Frank Bednard ~ *President* ~ Denise Aquino ~ *Vice President* ~ Laura Gardamone ~ *Secretary*
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Elementary Monday Pizza

Cherokee
Clinton Valley
Erie
Ottawa
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
3 Pizza Day! Baby Carrots Ranch	4 Whole Grain Breaded Chicken Nuggets Tater Tots Celery Sticks w/ Ranch BBQ Sauce/ Ketchup	5 Whole Corn Chips & Cheese Refried Beans Salsa	6 Whole Grain Mini Waffles Sausage Patty Fruitables Juice	7 Whole Grain Breaded Chicken Drumstick Steamed Broccoli Dinner Roll w/ Margarine
10 Pizza Day! Baby Carrots Ranch	11 Whole Grain Breaded Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn BBQ Sauce/ Ketchup	12 All-Star Cheeseburger Baked Beans Carrots w/ Ranch Sidekick Slushie Lucky Tray Day!	13 Bosco Sticks Marinara Dip Sauce Green Beans	14 Happy VALENTINE'S DAY Half Day
17 	18	19	20	21
24 Pizza Day! Baby Carrots Ranch	25 Whole Grain Breaded Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn BBQ Sauce/ Ketchup	26 Walking Taco- Seasoned beef, chips, cheese, salsa Refried Beans	27 Mini Confetti Pancakes String Cheese Fruitables Juice	28 Mighty Mini Corndogs Spinach/Romaine Ketchup/Mustard

Mid-Winter Break

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.



Dream Big – Aim High – LEAD ON!

Cherokee Elementary ~ 2019-2020



Welcome Back! PTO Sit & Sob @ 8:45	9/3/19
1/2 Day @ 11:23	9/3/19
Silent Dismissal - Patriot Day	9/11/19
Cub Scouts Info Meeting	9/13/19
Art to Remember begins	9/16/19
Scouting Meeting	9/17/19
PTO Skate Night	9/18/19
K to Westview Orchards	9/27/19
Leadership PJ/Movie Celebration Day	9/27/19
PTO Walk-a-Thon	10/4/19
PTO Skate Night	10/9/19
LifeTouch Fall Pictures	10/11/19
Wildcat Pack #1 – Wear T-Shirt	10/11/19
Fall Book Fair begins	10/21/19
Collaborative Conferences	10/23/19
Collaborative Conferences - Evening	10/24/19
1/2 Day @ 11:23	10/24/19
Leadership PJ/Movie Celebration Day	10/25/19
PTO Trunk or Treat	10/25/19
1/2 Day @ 11:23	10/25/19
Red Ribbon Spirit Week begins	10/28/19
Halloween Celebration	10/31/19
1/2 Day @ 11:23	10/31/19
No School	11/5/19
Wildcat Pack #2 – Wear T-Shirt	11/8/19
Silent Dismissal - Veterans' Day	11/11/19
UMvsMSU Canned Food Drive Week	11/11/19
K-5 to Little Mermaid @ CVS	11/12/19
Giving Tree begins	11/15/19
PTO Meeting @ 6:30 pm in the DEN	11/20/19
LifeTouch Fall Retake	11/22/19
Leadership PJ/Movie Celebration Day	11/22/19
Summer Learning Celebration	11/25/19
No School-Thanksgiving Break begins	11/27/19
Santa Shop Week	12/2/19
2nd Grade Concert – 2:30 & 6:30 pm	12/5/19
Holiday Celebration	12/13/19
Wildcat Pack #3	12/13/19
PTO Holiday Event	12/13/19
Leadership PJ/Movie Celebration Day	12/20/19
1/2 Day @ 11:23	12/20/19
Holiday Break begins	12/23/19

School Resumes	1/6/20
LifeTouch Team Pictures	1/10/20
PTO Meeting @ 8:45 pm in the DEN	1/15/20
Wildcat Pack #4 – Wear T-Shirt	1/17/20
No School - MLK Day	1/20/20
PTO Skate Night	1/22/20
Leadership PJ & Movie Celebration Day	1/31/20
Wildcat Pack #5 – Wear T-Shirt	2/7/20
PTO Mom & Son Event	2/9/20
"Sharpen the Saw" Spirit Week	2/10/20
Kid's Heart Challenge Week	2/10/20
Valentine's Day Celebration	2/14/20
1/2 Day @ 11:23	2/14/20
No School – Mid-Winter Break begins	2/17/20

The
LeaderinMe®

School Resumes	2/24/20
PTO Pastries with Parents	2/26/20
Leadership PJ/Movie Celebration Day	2/28/20
Reading Month begins	3/1/20
CMPL/CSV Literacy Night @ 6:30	3/5/20
Wildcat Pack #6 – Wear T-Shirt	3/5/20
LifeTouch Spring Pictures	3/6/20
4th Grade Concert – 2:30 & 6:30	3/12/20
Spring Book Fair begins	3/16/20
Collaborative Conferences	3/18/20
Collaborative Conferences - Evening	3/19/20
1/2 Day @ 11:23	3/20/20
PTO Skate Night	3/25/20
Leadership PJ/Movie Celebration Day	3/27/20
PTO Book Bingo	3/27/20
Earth Month begins	4/1/20
Wildcat Pack #7 – Wear T-Shirt	4/3/20
1/2 Day @ 11:23	4/3/20
No School - Spring Break begins	4/6/20

School Resumes	4/13/20
Fitness Night (TNT)	4/15/20
Brainstormers Visits	4/17/20
Earth Week/Spirit Week	4/20/20
Earth Day	4/22/20
PTO Meeting @ 6:30 pm in the DEN	4/22/20
1/2 Day @ 11:23	4/23/20
Schoolwide Beautification	4/24/20
Leadership PJ/Movie Celebration Day	4/24/20
PTO Daddy Daughter Dance	4/24/20
Walking School Bus	5/1/20
Wildcat Pack #8 – Wear T-Shirt	5/1/20
1/2 Day @ 11:23	5/7/20
Wildcat Pack #9 – Wear T-Shirt	5/15/20
Kindergarten Kick-Off @ 6pm	5/12/20
PTO Meeting @ 8:45 in the DEN	5/20/20
Silent Dismissal - Memorial Day	5/22/20
PTO Spring Fling	5/22/20
No School	5/25/20
PTO Skate Night	5/27/20
Leadership PJ/Movie Celebration Day	5/29/20
Celebrating Success Spirit Week	6/1/20
Volunteer Appreciation & Fun Day	6/5/20
LifeTouch 5th Grade Pictures	6/10/20
Kindergarten Celebration	6/12/20
Leadership Celebration Day	6/12/20
Wildcat Pack #10 – Wear T-Shirt	6/12/20
5th Grade Completion @ 9:00	6/15/20
1/2 Day @ 11:23	6/15/20
1/2 Day @ 11:37	6/16/20

PTO Meetings in the DEN

- 9/3 @ 8:45 am
- 11/20 @ 6:30 pm
- 1/15 @ 8:45 am
- 4/22 @ 6:30 pm
- 5/20 @ 8:45



Collaborative Conferences

10/23	Evening Only
10/24	Afternoon & Evening
3/18	Evening Only
3/19	Afternoon & Evening

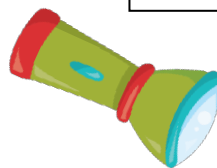
1/2 Day Release - No School

1/2 Day @ 11:23	9/3/19
1/2 Day @ 11:23	10/24/19
1/2 Day @ 11:23	10/25/19
1/2 Day @ 11:23	10/31/19
No School - Elections	11/5/19
No School - Thanksgiving Break	11/27/19
1/2 Day @ 11:23	12/20/19
No School - Holiday Break	12/23/19
No School - MLK Day	1/20/20
1/2 Day @ 11:23	2/14/20
No School - MidWinter Break	2/17/20
1/2 Day @ 11:23	3/20/20
1/2 Day @ 11:23	4/3/20
No School - Spring Break	4/6/20
1/2 Day @ 11:23	4/23/20
1/2 Day @ 11:23	5/7/20
No School - Memorial Day	5/25/20
1/2 Day @ 11:23	6/15/20
1/2 Day @ 11:37	6/16/20



Music Program

12/5	2 nd Grade Concert @ 2:30 and 6:30
3/12	4 th Grade Concert @ 2:30 and 6:30



LifeTouch Pictures

10/11	Fall Picture Day
11/22	Fall Picture Retake
1/10	Team Picture Day
3/6	Spring Picture Day
6/10	5 th Grade Completion Pictures


Our Mission:

At Cherokee, we choose to Inspire, Believe, Achieve and LEAD
to empower learners for a lifetime of success.
Together, we make Cherokee a GREAT place to be!



February

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 	3 	4 Kids Heart Challenge this week during gym class	5	6	7	8 Cherokee Kindness Challenge Begins!
9 PTO Mom & Son Event 1-3 pm @ Urban Air Adventure Park	10 Items for the Homeless Drive Begins Today! Crazy/Wacky Hair, Clothes & Hat Day	11 Kindergarten 100 th Day Parade @ gam Dress as a twin/group/team <i>Love Our World! Spirit Week This Week</i>	12 Count Day! Wear Grade level t-shirt	13 Wear something to represent your uniqueness of family, character or skills	14 Valentine's Day! Classroom Celebrations ½ Day of School 11:23 Wear Red, White, Pink or Purple	15 
16 	17 President's Day	18	19	20	21	22 Visit the links below for ways to Celebrate Black History Month in our Community!
23	24	25	26 PTO Pastries w/ Parents & PTO Meeting @ 8:30 in Café	27	28 Leadership Celebration Movie & PJ Day	29
1	2 Turn in your Kindness Tracker Today!					

*Metro Parent has compiled activities to celebrate Black History Month: <https://www.metroparent.com/daily/family-fun/family-events/black-history-month-family-events-southeast-michigan/>

* Take a virtual tour to learn more about the Underground Railroad and hear the stories of people who lived the experience:

http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/bhistory/underground_railroad/



LOVE THE WORLD!



MONDAY **2-10**

We Are Crazy
about Kindness!

Crazy/Wacky Hair,
Clothes & Hat Day

TUESDAY **2-11**

We LOVE our
Friends!

Dress as a
twin/group/team to
show your friendship

WEDNESDAY **2-12**

We LOVE Ourselves
& Our School!

Grade level t-shirt to
show your support

THURSDAY **2-13**

We LOVE our
Uniqueness!

Wear something to
represent your
uniqueness of
family, character or
skills

FRIDAY **2-14**

Show your LOVE this
Valentine's Day!

Wear Red, White,
Pink or Purple

EVENTS DURING SPIRIT WEEK – LOVE THE WORLD:

- ♥ Month of February – Kindness Challenge* 100 chart in class and Student Chart in packet
- ♥ Mom & Son Event – Sunday 2/9
- ♥ Monday (2/10) thru Thursday (2/13) – Love our World! Items for the Homeless Drive*
- ♥ Kindergarten 100s Day Parade on Tuesday 2/11 @ 9 am
- ♥ PTO Pastries with Parents & PTO Meeting 2/26 @ 8:30 am

Leading the Way Together!

JANUARY IS BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH!



Thank you for supporting our school & helping to make Cherokee (and CVS!) a GREAT place to be!

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Our New Donation Station

Cherokee Elementary is excited to partner with Kennedy Clippers & the American Veterans to Reduce, Reuse & Recycle. Visit the donation station in Cherokee's parking lot. Clean out your closets, toy boxes, garage, attics and help raise funds for Cherokee at the same time. Used clothes, toys, books, small electronics are accepted.

For furniture or large donations, please call 833-384-8590 to schedule an at-home pickup. A tax receipt will be given for your at-home pick-up/donation.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

2020-21 School Year



If you have an incoming Kindergartener or know someone who does, please call the school office to get your child added to our kindergarten classes!

Kindergarten Registration packets are now available online! Registration begins Feb. 3rd!

- Visit: <https://www.chippewavalleyschools.org/for-parents/kindergarten/>
- *Children must be 5 years old by September 1st to register for kindergarten.*
- Please fill out the packet online and print it off to bring into school. If you are not able to get the packets online, copies are available in our School Office.
- When you have filled out the enrollment packet and have all the necessary documentation, packets can be returned during normal school days between 9 – 11am and 1 – 3 pm. Please call our office at 586-723-4800 to set up an appointment. We will also be accepting registrations on the evenings of March 18th and 19th during Collaborative Conferences.
- In order to expedite your actual time spent in the office, please be sure you have all the necessary information when you come in. *If packets are not complete or you do not have all the documentation required, we will not be able to accept your registration.*
- *Necessary Documentation:*

- *Registration Packet*
- *Original birth certificate*
- *Proof of residency – 2 current utility bills (gas, electric, telephone) with the name and address or signed closing/settlement papers or signed lease agreement*
- *Current immunization records*
- *Vision and hearing screening*



March 10, 2020

Macomb County Education Enhancement Millage

Macomb County residents will see a question on our ballot this March asking whether we want to increase funding for our school districts through a “regional enhancement millage.”

- People choose Macomb County because of its strong public schools, and it is a great place to raise a family and grow a business.
- Macomb Schools have a long-standing reputation for providing quality programs, carefully serving as stewards of funds provided by state, federal, and local revenue sources.
- The enhancement millage gives our communities an opportunity to provide a stable source of funding that goes directly to our students and will attract and retain a talented workforce.
- All public schools - including public charter schools - would receive funds raised through the millage.
- According to the 2019 Macomb Equalization Report, the average Macomb County home is valued at close to \$200,000. The 1.9 enhancement millage would cost approximately \$190 per year on a home valued at \$200,000 or approximately \$95 per year on a home valued at \$100,000.
- A comparison of neighboring counties, utilizing MDE Bulletin 1014, demonstrates that Macomb County schools receive on average several hundred dollars less per student.

100% of the money raised by the Education Enhancement Millage would go toward K-12 education!

This proposal would:

- ✓ Create a 1.9 mill, ten-year, countywide millage that would generate a dedicated source of funding of approximately \$55 million annually for all school districts in Macomb County.
- ✓ Provide dedicated resources that go directly to students and would allow each Macomb County district to determine how to best support the needs of their community's children, including retaining qualified teachers and keeping co-curricular activities.

How much money would the Education Enhancement Millage raise for our schools?

Every district in Macomb County would receive over **\$400 per student in additional resources** - an investment in our students' success!

How would the money be distributed?

Funds would be distributed on an equal, per-student basis to each individual school district and charter school in Macomb County.



Learn more at **www.misd.net**

Leading the Way Together

Student Progress



- Can you believe we are half-way through the school year! Your student's progress has been shared with your family. As we continue working together to ensure every student's success, we encourage you to take time to meet with your child and reflect on his/her success and challenges so far this year.
- Ask your child to complete a Plus/Delta Chart to help determine their goals for the remainder of this Trimester and the rest of the school year as well as Action Steps for meeting that goal. This is the same process, all Cherokee students utilize in school ☺
- NWEA and WIDA Testing has begun to help our staff gauge individual student needs. This data, as well as other information gathered in class, helps our staff meet the needs of your child.
- Wildcat Workshop is a fun and engaging way to help meet your child's educational needs. Ask your child to share what is being learned!
- Want to know one of the best ways to support learning at home? Spend time reading and talking together – 20 min. a day MAKES A DIFFERENCE!
- Remember, all Cherokee students have access to RAZ KIDS and Office 365



Just a Few Mid-Year Notes from the Café!

In the café, we encourage students to stay seated, use conversation voices, raise their hands when they need help and to EAT ☺ Students are always reminded to be LEADERS in the lunchroom:

Remember – LUNCH is on a PRE-ORDERING SYSTEM! Students must order lunch 1 day in advance. This helps to ensure enough food is prepared for ALL students who order. Students who do not order the day before, may be asked to wait until pre-order students have received their lunch before taking a meal. The easiest way to fix this – Remind your child to PREORDER if he THINKS he may need/want lunch.

As always, families can access the lunch menu online by visiting:

- <https://chippewavalleyschools.nutrislice.com/menu/cherokee>

Families can quickly & easily add money to their child's account by visiting:

- www.sendmoneytoschool.com



Thank you for your continued support!

Supporting Our Students

At-Home Resources

In order to support your child's learning & success, CVS and Cherokee have provided resources for families to use at home:

Bridges Math:

- Links to online information can be found by visiting:
<http://tinyurl.com/CherokeeMathInfo>

RAZ Kids

- Login information was distributed to students in October. Be sure to use these resources to support learning at home.



**CLICK ON
IMAGE TO
ACCESS SITE:**

Raz-Plus

Paws Policies & Procedures



Cherokee's Policies & Procedures are in place to keep our students safe. Click on the image above to access current policies & procedures.

Cherokee's School Improvement Plan – Spotlights Student Growth and Success!

Our School Improvement Goals for the 2019-20 School Year:

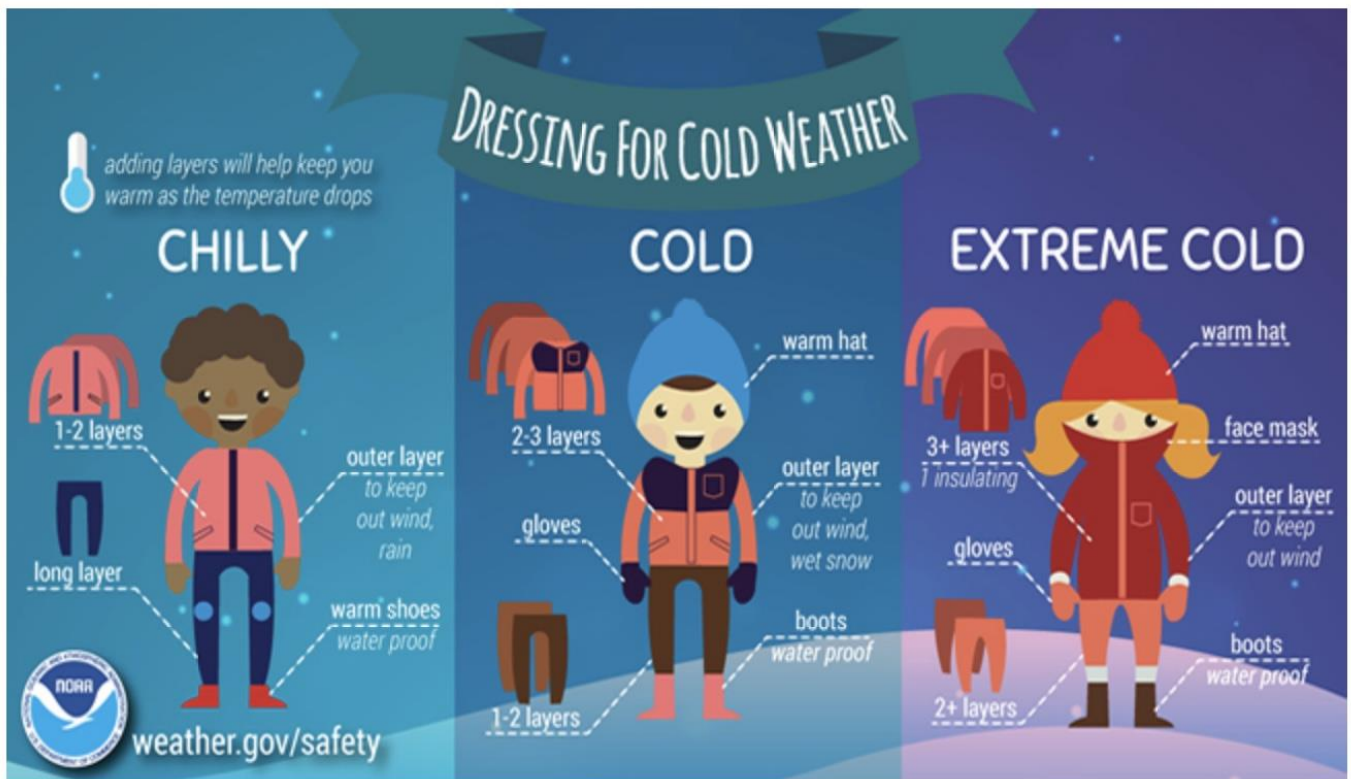
- All students at Cherokee will improve in applying mathematical practices across the curriculum.
- All students at Cherokee will improve in reading and writing across the curriculum
- All students at Cherokee will utilize Leader in Me habits to achieve school-wide, classroom and personal goals.

To help reach our goals again this year, our staff will incorporate the following research-based instructional strategies across the curriculum:

- Cooperative Learning Skills
- Thinking Map
- Close & Critical Reading Strategies
- 7 Habits of Highly Successful People (The Leader in Me)



Weather Reminders



Winter weather is upon us! Students need to remember to dress for the weather and be prepared to head outdoors even in the winter months. It is our policy that students will head outdoors for recess unless the temperature or wind chill is below 20 degrees. We try to provide outdoor recess whenever the weather permits, so please, help you child be prepared!

Grade levels may have a specific policy that they have shared with you as well with regards to recess/brain breaks scheduled outdoors.

If there is a medical reason that your child is unable to go outdoors, please present **a doctor's note to the office** so that we can accommodate your child's medical needs. Children without a medical note can expect to head outside.

Please remind your students to dress for the weather & stay out of the mud ☺

Memo from the Media Center

Happy New Year from the Cherokee Media Center!

As you begin to plan your celebrations for 2020, remember the birthday book program at Cherokee is still available. This program not only helps to maintain current books in our school library, but will act as a lasting reminder that your child attended Cherokee Elementary and will allow other students to enjoy their book for many years to come.

A birthday book is a book purchased by a student's family in celebration of their birthday. This book will remain in the school library with their name and picture honoring their special day.

During the month of your child's birthday, he/she visits the Media Center where a selection of "Birthday Books" are available for them to choose from. For those students that will be celebrating their birthday during the summer, they will have an opportunity to come down during the school year so that they can participate as well. A label including their name, picture, birthdate and school year is placed inside the front cover of their birthday book. The birthday child will be the first person to have the opportunity to check out their very special book. Once your child returns the book, it is placed on the shelves for other students to check out.

~ Mrs. Jaster



~ Cherokee's Birthday Book Club ~

Yes, we want our child to be part of the PTO Birthday Book Club!

We have enclosed a \$12 check make payable to *Cherokee PTO* for each child:

Student Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Teacher: _____

Student Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Teacher: _____

Student Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Teacher: _____



Special Spot

A Musical Note



Congratulations to our Cherokee students who performed at the board meeting on January 27th in honor of Board Appreciation Month. Fifth grader Aiken Roberts started the board meeting by signing *The National Anthem*. Our Leaders made us proud!

Kindergarten through third grade students are continuing their studies on notes, rests and reading rhythms. Students are selecting a rhythm to play on a drum. This month they will create their own rhythms and play some fun music games to reinforce this concept.

Third grade students will receive a separate letter this month about recorders. The students are very excited to start playing!

Fourth grade students are working hard on their music program Goal! which will be presented on Thursday, March 12th at 2:30 and 6:30pm. Please be sure to mark your calendar for this event!

Fifth grade students should be bringing their recorders to music class. Students have been working on earning belts for Recorder Karate to achieve their recorder goals. This month students will begin selecting songs for the end of the year completion ceremony.

~ Gina Hunter, Music Director

GOAL!

We're about to score with the
4th Grade Music Concert
Coming Soon!

Thursday, March 12th
@ 6:30 pm





Towers



February Challenge (optional)

Keyboarding at home!

- K-2nd have been introduced to DanceMat.
- 3rd-5th have accounts on Typing.com.
- Both websites can be found on Cherokee's Symboloo page. Click [here](#) to access the Symboloo.



Super Coders Club

Hunter Antkiewicz

Erin Moorer (Course E & F)

Jayden O'Neil

Valentina Walsh



Congratulations **AWESOME** coders!! 🎉

Special Spot



Physical Education


Hello Cherokee Families ~

The Kids Heart Challenge is in FULL SWING and our school is doing AMAZING things! So far, we have collected \$9,600 ONLINE!!! That is half-way to our school-wide goal of \$12,750 and we still have weeks to go. Plus, some students are collecting money in their envelopes at home, which will be turned in during the week of FEBRUARY 10-14. I am SO PROUD of your students and hope that they are learning the value of helping others - we talk about that in class a lot.

There is still plenty of time to help - especially by signing up online. If we can get 50% of our students to register online we will receive an additional \$500 to spend on PE equipment. So far we have a little over 25% of our school signed up. It's super easy! You can download the FREE app in the app store by searching "Kids Heart Challenge" or by going online to www2.heart.org/goto/Cherokee.

We will be doing a jump rope challenge to help wrap up our challenge. In PE, we are working on net sports and will continue to practice volleyball and then transition into tennis to wrap up the month of February. PLEASE help your students remember their gym shoes on their gym day...boots can be dangerous to your child and sometimes a child will have to sit out.

Dan Walkenhorst



Click [here](#) to
donate online





Kids Heart Challenge™ is coming!

Our school is excited to partner with the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge Program! Our event will take place the week of Feb 10th During PE. All Donations will be due on Feb 28th!

During our school's challenge, your child will learn the importance of taking care of their hearts through fun activities for physical, social, and emotional health. Your child will also have the opportunity to learn from other students with special hearts and raise funds to help kids just like them. Plus, our school can earn money back to purchase much needed PE Equipment! In fact, if 50% of our students register to participate our school will earn an additional \$500 in US games to purchase PE equipment!

Register today to get started!

TO REGISTER:

Download our app or visit

<http://www2.heart.org/goto/cherokee>



MY STORY

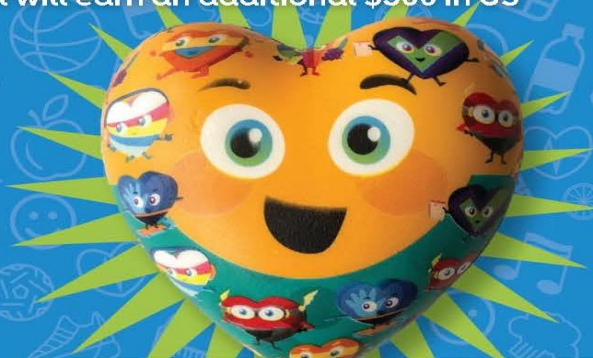
I'm joining millions of other kids to help save lives with the American Heart Association! I've taken a challenge to be healthier and take care of my heart. I'm also raising money in honor of my grandpa, great grandpa, great uncle and cousin who have heart disease to help kids with special hearts.

Please help me make a difference! Thank you!

Help me raise more!



CHECK OUT MY BADGES



Kids who raise \$150 by Thursday, January 30th will receive our limited-edition heart squishy!!

Watch for date announcements from your school.



Special Spot



News straight from the *Art Room*

Hola from the Art Room During this coming New Year,

Students will be working on analyzing artists and works-of-art and creating their own masterpieces:

- K- Piet Mondrian and his minimalism approach
- 1 st Grade – Hokusai's Great Wave and landscapes
- 2 nd Grade – The how to draw what you see and looking at the shapes behind St. Basil's Cathedral.
- 3 rd Grade - Wayne Thiebaud's 3-D cakes and working with form
- 4 th – Working with Symmetry and playing cards.
- 5 th - Graffiti and the focus of Light and Shadow. ~ Mr. Sundberg

Artfully,

Mr. Sundberg



Art

What to Know from Your PTO

Cherokee Elementary & Kroger Community Rewards Program

This is an exciting opportunity for our families to help earn additional funds for Cherokee just by shopping. Each purchase from Kroger can earn our school 1% with a minimum of \$25 each quarter and a maximum of \$50,000!!! **Think of the potential!**

How Can I Help!

There is NO additional cost to you, just a little bit of computer time. All you have to do is register your Kroger Plus Card:



- <http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com>
- **Sign In or Create an Account**
- **Link** your Kroger Plus Card to your online account using your Kroger Card #, or Alternate ID (such as the phone number associated with account)
- View your **Account Summary** to select **Community Rewards**
- Under **"Find your Organization,"** search for **Cherokee Elementary** or enter our NPO number #HI588
- Click to select **Cherokee Elementary** from the list and click **Confirm**
- **Verify** you are enrolled correctly, see your organization's name on the right side of your information page (Computer version, not necessarily Mobile version).

If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, you can stop by any Kroger location and pick one up from the customer service desk. It take a couple of days to fully attach your card with the school. Watch the bottom of your receipt for it to indicate Cherokee Elementary!

PTO Meeting ~ January 15th at 9:00 am.
Mom & Son Event ~ February 9th.

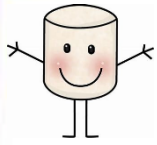
**COMING
SOON**



Collect → Clip → Submit → Repeat!
Keep Collecting!

Clip this slip & attach to a baggie or envelope w/box tops

- Student Name: _____
- Teacher/Grade: _____



PTO NEWS



Pastries with Parents
February 26th 8:30 am



Volunteers NEEDED for set-up
First Raffle Opportunity to WIN

Mom Son Day

Urban Air Adventure Park

February 9th 1-3pm

Final Registration February 3rd



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CherokeePTO>



NEXT MEETING

February 26 @ 9 am



Volunteer

New

Incentives!

One raffle ticket per
hour of PTO
Volunteer time!

Raffle Prizes:

Kindergarten Celebration-

Front Row Seats

5th Grade Graduation-

Front Row Seats

Daddy Daughter Dance -

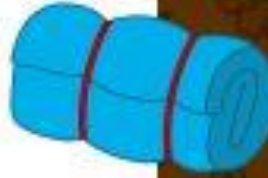
Reserved Seating for 8

Spring Fling – Entrance for
the Cherokee Family

4th Grade Concert –

Front Row Seats

*Must be at PTO
meetings to win



Watch D.O.G.S @ Cherokee

The Watch DOGS Have Arrived!

Thank you to our Dads for joining us in January – what a great kick-off! We appreciate you and welcome all Dads and Father-Figures to Sign-Up to be a Cherokee Watch DOG by visiting: [WatchDogs Sign-Up](#)



Together, we make Cherokee a GREAT place to be!

Celebrating Leadership

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHEROKEE STUDENTS FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE
AT THE JANUARY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING!**



CVS BOARD MEETING



LEADERSHIP

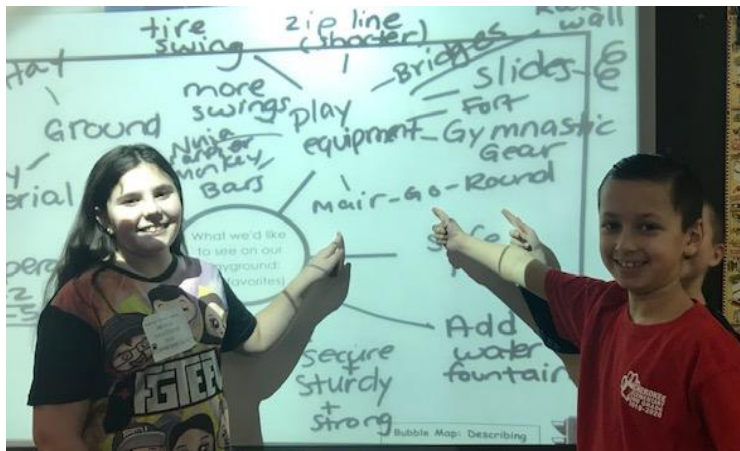
Leaders in Action!



DURING THE JANUARY WILDCAT PACK - ALL CHEROKEE STUDENTS SYNERGIZED TO DESIGN THE "PERFECT PLAYGROUND". THEIR IDEAS HAVE BECOME THE CENTERPIECE FOR OUR NEW PLAYGROUND COMING THIS SUMMER THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY PASSING THE 2019 MILLAGE!



PLAYGROUND PLANNING



Cherokee PTO Presents
Mom Son Day

***Sunday, February 9, 2020
1:00pm – 3:00pm***



**Urban Air Adventure Park
12050 Hall Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48313**

**Registration Includes:
Pizza, Drinks, Desserts
Ultimate Attractions Party Package**

***Activities not included in the Ultimate Attractions Package are
available for an additional charge.
Children must meet height requirements for certain activities.
Waiver must be signed online or in person to participate.***

***See Urban Air Website for Details:
<https://www.urbanairtrampolinepark.com/>
Registration Deadline – February 3, 2020***

Please complete by 2/03/20 and return in at envelope marked "Cherokee PTO Mom Son Day."
Please make checks payable to "Cherokee PTO" or pay online at:
<https://tinyurl.com/CherokeePTOPayments>. **NO CASH**

Attending Adult: _____

Student Name(s): _____

Teacher(s): _____ Grade(s): _____

Mom/Son \$60 _____ Additional Son(s) \$30 _____ Total _____



Kindness CHECKLIST



Name: _____

Show others that you Love the World (and all those in it) by completing Acts of Kindness at school, at home and in your community during the month of February. Our school goal is for all students and staff to complete and record at least 1 Act of Kindness each day until March 2nd. Below is a list of ideas to help you get started. Students can use the tracker on the back to tally their Acts of Kindness. Trackers can be turned in to their classroom teachers on March 2nd.

Kindness at School

- ♥ Give someone a compliment
- ♥ Give a friend a hug
- ♥ Include people when you play
- ♥ Put a nice note on someone's desk
- ♥ Help an adult with something
- ♥ Give someone a turn
- ♥ Use your manners
- ♥ Help tidy your classroom
- ♥ Make someone a thank you card
- ♥ Talk to someone who looks lonely
- ♥ Listen to someone and really pay attention
- ♥ Tell someone about another person's kindness
- ♥ Put flowers or kind notes on cars in the carpark

Kindness at Home

- ♥ Do a job without being asked
- ♥ Put your stuff away
- ♥ Help a neighbour or friend with something
- ♥ Clean your parent's car
- ♥ Share your stuff or a treat with someone
- ♥ Make your parents breakfast or lunch
- ♥ Take out the rubbish/trash
- ♥ Make your bed and tidy your room
- ♥ Help your parents cook dinner
- ♥ Hang the laundry or take it in and fold it
- ♥ Ask before you use someone's stuff
- ♥ Run a bath for your mum/mom or dad
- ♥ Play with your brother, sister or pet

Kindness in the Community

- ♥ Pick up rubbish/litter when you see it
- ♥ Compliment three people
- ♥ Smile at three people
- ♥ Hold a door open for someone
- ♥ Say hello to your neighbours
- ♥ Leave positive messages in public places
- ♥ Write letters to people in nursing homes
- ♥ Donate your old books to a hospital or doctor
- ♥ Take cookies to a police or fire station
- ♥ Set up a free car wash
- ♥ Say hello to an elderly person at the shops
- ♥ Leave bubbles in a park for kids to find
- ♥ Take in a neighbour's rubbish/garbage bin

Kindness with Adults

- ♥ Donate stuff you no longer want or need
- ♥ Bake a cake for someone and take it over
- ♥ Hand out flowers or leave on windscreens
- ♥ Walk the dog with or for your parents
- ♥ Pick up rubbish/litter in a park
- ♥ Help at a community event
- ♥ Do things to help without complaining
- ♥ Write positive chalk messages in public places
- ♥ Take a meal to a homeless person
- ♥ Buy an extra ice-cream for a stranger
- ♥ Paint stones with positive messages to give away
- ♥ Take blankets or toys to an animal refuge
- ♥ Wash someone's car together



Kindness CHECKLIST



Name: _____

Kindness makes the world a better place and helps bring happiness to those who give kindness and those who receive it. Show others that you Love the World (and all those in it) by completing Acts of Kindness at school, at home and in your community during the month of February. Use the tracker below to tally each time you complete an Act of Kindness. Trackers can be turned in to their classroom teachers on March 2nd.

Kindness at School

Kindness at Home

Kindness in the Community

Kindness with Adults

© Ripple Kindness Project 2019

I can make the world a kinder place!

I completed _____ Acts of Kindness in February!



LOVE THE WORLD!

As part of Cherokee's "Love the World" Week, February 10th-14th, we invite your family to spread care & kindness this Valentine's Day. Our school is collecting donations for the non-profit organization, Family Youth Interventions of Mt. Clemens. All items collected help homeless youth, teens and young adults in Macomb County. Cherokee's Student Lighthouse Team will begin to collect donations of the following items starting on Monday, Feb. 10th thru Thursday, Feb. 13th.

- ☐ Kleenex, toilet paper, napkins
- ☐ dish soap, dishwasher tabs, detergent pods
- ☐ composite notebooks, journals, puzzle books, assorted pens
- ☐ arts & craft supplies
- ☐ travel or small size hygiene items
- ☐ socks & underwear (adult sizes S-XXL)
- ☐ 100% Juice boxes/juice bags
- ☐ Water bottles
- ☐ pop-tarts, individual-size boxes of cereal
- ☐ Box/Bag of individual snack-sized treats (chips, pretzels, animal crackers, fruit snacks, etc.)
- ☐ Fruit cups, applesauce cups, Jell-O or pudding cups



Students can bring in donations to their classroom to count toward their grade-level total. Together, we can share kindness and reach our school-wide goal of 250 items! Help us Love the World (and all those in it)!

For more information on Family Youth Interventions, visit: <http://www.familyyouth.com/>

Mini Thank-You's

Write these mini thank-you notes to anyone you know. It could be your friend, your neighbour, or even the mailperson who delivers mail to your home every day.

If you wish, cut the notes out and share them with the people you wrote them to. These mini thank-you's can bring a HUGE smile to someone's face!

Dear _____,

thank you for _____

thank from _____



Dear _____,

thank you for _____

 from _____

thank you 

Dear _____,

thank you for _____

 from _____

Dear _____,

thank you for _____

 from _____

Thank You!

encouragement+ notes

Affirm your child with **written words** of encouragement! Tuck a note in a lunchbox, tape one to a mirror, or hide one in a coat pocket.



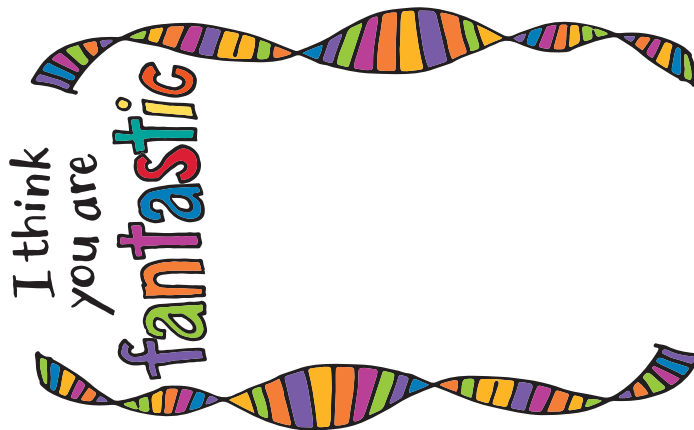
WOW!

look at how much
you've improved!



YES!

I knew
YOU
could
do it!



YOU ARE AWESOME!

Keep trying
I believe in
you



You



want to miss this event

Pastries with Parents

WEDNESDAY

February 26th at 8:30am

Parents and students please join your Cherokee PTO in the Café

Parents, join us for a PTO Meeting following the event!



RSVP Cherokee PTO by February 24th

Student Name (s) _____

Volunteer to Set-Up _____ YES! Number of Attendees _____

To ensure there are enough Pastries for everyone **RSVP** is **MUST** to attend, Thank You!

LITTLE TURTLE OPEN HOUSE



Little Turtle Early Childhood Center

Wednesday, February 26th, 2020

Families are welcome to bring their children to see the classrooms,
meet the teachers and learn about the programs.

Mohawk Elementary

(4's and Young Fives)

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Little Turtle Early Childhood

(6 weeks to 4 years old)

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Little Turtle
50375 Card Rd.
Macomb, MI 48044
586-723-6950

Mohawk Elementary
48101 Romeo Plank Rd.
Macomb, MI 48044
586-723-6200

Join the fun for a sweet week of game themed adventures during Mid-Winter Break at:



Ojibwa SACC

CANDY LAND



February 17th-21st, 2020

6:30 A.M.-5:45 P.M

**Flat rate includes unlimited attendance for the week!*

First child \$150
Each additional child \$140

Additional \$20 registration fee applies to families not currently registered in a Chippewa Valley Schools SACC Program

**Prepay only at time of registration
Available to (K-5th)*

**Camp is contingent upon minimum enrollment of 30 children.*

**No refunds*

46950 Heydenreich
Macomb, MI 48044
Debbie Long, Director
(586)723-6473
dlong@cvs.k12.mi.us
Door #17

Activities Include:

Player of the Day Awards
Arts & Crafts
Science Experiments
STEM Activities
Group games
Gym/outdoor play

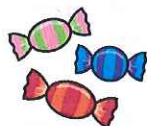


Optional Rocket Fizz Field Trip
w/pizza lunch on

Friday, February 21st \$15.00
(Payable through PaySchoolCentral.com)



Ice Cream Sundaes included!



**Meet & Greet
Registration Night**
Wednesday, January 29th
5:30-6:30 P.M.

**Computer access and assistance will be available*



Please bring a lunch with two additional snacks daily



**Snacks available for purchase with deposit on PaySchoolsCentral.com*



Save the Date!
Thursday, April 23, 2020

Join us for the 10th Annual Chippewa Valley Educational Foundation Taste Fest & Auction

“A Taste for Education”

The best restaurants & caterers in Metro Detroit will participate in the Chippewa Valley Educational Foundation’s major fundraising event. The event supports classroom mini-grants that provide extraordinary educational opportunities for more than 15,800 students attending Chippewa Valley Schools.

Chippewa Valley Educational Foundation
10th Annual “A Taste for Education” – Taste Fest & Auction
Thursday, April 23, 2020
6:00-9:00 pm
The Mirage Elegant Banquets & Catering
16980 18 Mile Rd., Clinton Twp.

Call 723-2240 for tickets!

READ S'MORE!

WITH CVS & CMPL

Chippewa Valley's Annual Literacy Night
Clinton-Macomb Public Library

THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH
6:00 - 8:00 PM

All Chippewa Valley Students
& Families Welcome

40900 Romeo Plank Rd.,
Clinton Twp. Mi 48038

Activities,
Guest
Readers
& Literacy
Games

Family
Free
Event



February 6, 7, 8, & 13, 14, 15, 2020 at 7pm

Dakota High School Presents:

Les Misérables

SCHOOL EDITION



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

[HTTP://DAKOTAMUSICAL.SEATYOURSELF.BIZ](http://dakotamusical.seatyourself.biz)

The DHS Production of LES MISÉRABLES SCHOOL EDITION is performed entirely by students. A musical by Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schönberg
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