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Fox students will develop the strategies and skills necessary to become life-long learners in a safe, respectful, • and **responsible** environment. March / April 2012

From Mrs. Wade

March is Reading Month and the students and staff at Fox are excited to celebrate reading! Please continue reading this news letter to find out about all of the wonderful things planned!

MEAP: Over the past few months I have shared information regarding MEAP cut scores. As a reminder, the State of Michigan has changed the "cut scores" used to determine proficiency on the MEAP. The fall 2011 results have been made available by the state and parent reposts have been mailed home. We are very proud to report that Fox students scored at or above the State in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>, Reading. Fourth grade Science met the State level and third grade students scored above the state in math. These successes are due to the hard work put in by all of our students, staff, and parents.

Welcome SPRING! It is always a cheerful time of year when the sun is dependable and buds begin to appear. It is that one time of year when people seem to be happy that the days are longer. At the spring equinox, days are close to 12 hours long with day length increasing as the season progresses. All of the spring happenings and Tiger baseball promises to be an exciting time. Don't forget to mark your calenday: SPRING BREAK will start at the end of the day on Friday, March 30th. School will resume on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. We hope you have a wonderful break.

"If I could start over, I would start barefoot earlier in the spring and stay that way later in the fall. I would go to more dances. I would ride more merry-go-rounds. I would pick more daisies." Author unknown

## **IMPORTANT LUNCH INFORMATION**

Please remind your student that they must order lunch each day for the next day. We have had many students coming in line for lunch without money or ordering. Low balance reminders are sent home. The food service department will only give your child a small sandwich or crackers **3 times, on the 4<sup>th</sup> time they will receive nothing.** Please make sure your child has money on their card and that they have ordered.

## PLEASE FOLLOW THE PARKING LOT PROCEDURES



We continue to have parents parking in the front parking lot and around the back of the school. PLEASE consider the need to follow the procedures to keep everyone safe. PARK IN THE DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY SAFE, RESPECTFUL, and RESPONSIBLE!



NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION It is the policy of Chippewa Valley Schools not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, genetics, gender, age, disability, height, weight, or marital status in its programs, services, activities, or employment. Inquiries related to nondiscrimination policies should be directed to: Civil Rights Coordinator, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Chippewa Valley Schools Administration, 19120 Cass Avenue, Clinton Township, MI 48038 Phone: 586-723-2090 / Nondiscrimination inquiries related to disability should be directed to: Section 504 Coordinator, Director of Special Services, (same address) Phone: 586-723-2180

FOX PAWS JANUARY WINNERS		
Congratulations to:		
Mrs. Taylor AM Mrs. Gower Mrs. Harris Am & Pm Mrs. Marola Ms. Weidenbach Mrs. Kahnt Mr. Maz Mrs. Skorupski	ECSE CUBS CLUB Kindergarten Class 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Class 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Class 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Class 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class	

# **Science**

Mr. Skelcy is looking for any donations of used K'Nex toys for the science room. It can be pieces, complete or incomplete sets. Thank you.



# Attention Parents of incoming Kindergarteners

If you have a child that will be five years old on or before December 1, 2012, please call the office @ 586-723-5600 and ask to have your child's name on our mailing list for Kindergarten registration. If your child attends a preschool run by Chippewa Valley Schools, they will send us your child's name and information, you will not need to call to have your name on the mailing list. Kindergarten Registration will be held on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm. and Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm. and 6-8 pm.

## Parent / Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – Elementary students attend school all day.

## **Evening Conferences Only**

**Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** – Elementary students attend school in the AM only. PM Kindergarten students attend, AM Kindergarten students do not attend.

## Afternoon and Evening Conferences.

**Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** – Students attend in the AM only. AM Kindergarten students attend, PM Kindergarten students do not attend.



## **MEDIA CENTER NEWS**

In March we have our Author-In-Residence program sponsored thru our PTO. This year's author for the whole school is Sisbro Adventures. There will be two presentations on March 20<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon." As always, thank you for your support of the Media Center!

Don't forget to send in your empty ink cartridges, cell phones, iPods etc. to be recycled. I recycle them and the money is used for the library.

Thank You. Mrs. Ida







Please make every effort to help your child remember their things for the school day. It is disruptive to a classroom and your child's learning day if we have to call them to the office. When delivering lunches, notebooks, money, etc. PLEASE make sure your child's name and teacher are clearly marked on the item. This helps to avoid mistakes.

Please make after-school arrangements with your child in the morning before they leave for school. This will eliminate numerous interruptions to the classrooms during the day to notify the students and avoid a lot of confusion at the end of the day.

Thank You.



*"Together We Will Make A Difference"* D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Abuse Resistance and Education. Our fifth graders have been a part of this drug abuse prevention education that is designed to equip elementary and junior high school children with knowledge about drug abuse. On Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will graduate from the D.A.R.E. program at 1:30 pm in the Gym at Fox Elementary School.

The D.A.R.E. Essay Award winners will read their essays for the audience. Other special awards will also be presented to various students in each class during the ceremony.

# Music Notes



All classes will start studying about the instrument families of the orchestra when we return from Mid-Winter Break. Kindergarten through second will be learning about why the instruments are grouped the way they are, and about the basic instruments in each Family. Third through fifth will be learning to identify the instruments by sound and by Family.

Fourth and Fifth graders will continue to play Recorder, and should bring their folder, Recorder and a pencil to Music class every regularly scheduled Music Day.

# **Student Council**



The cancelled Student Council meeting will be re-scheduled after Mid-Winter Break. Watch for a flyer with the date and time to come home with your Student Council member. The Student Council sponsored Variety Show auditions will be held March 6 and 7 after school until 5:00. Information letters and permission slips can be obtained from Mrs. Hilliard the week we get back from break. Students need only audition once, and need not stay the entire time. The show will actually be presented May 10<sup>th</sup> in the morning for the school audience, and the evening for family and friends. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Hilliard through the Fox school website, or call (586) 723-5685 and leave a message.

The Student Council Walk-a-Thon will be held Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Money raised in the Walk-a-Thon will be donated for Multiple Sclerosis Research. All Student Council Reps must walk in the Walk-a-Thon, and everyone else in the Fox community is invited to join us in our fund raising endeavor! We hope to see everyone there!

## <u>March</u>

- 2 Dr. Seuss Day Fox Fair 5:00 to 9:00 pm
- 9 School Store Open @ Lunch
- 12 Report Cards Home
- 13 PTO Meeting @ 8:30 Fox Cafeteria
- 14 School All Day Parent/Teacher Conferences – Evening Sorrento Pizza Night
- 15 School AM Only-PM Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 16 School AM Only AM Kindergarten Donuts with Dad
- 23 School Store Open @ Lunch

## <u>April</u>



- 10 Classes Resume
- 11 Sorrento Pizza Day
- 13 School Store Open @ Lunch
- 18 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation at Iroquois
- 26 5<sup>th</sup> Grade visit Iroquois
- 27 School Store Open @ Lunch

## <u>May</u>

- 4 Progress Report Home
- 8 PTO Meeting @ 8:30 Fox Cateferia
- 11 School Store Open @ Lunch Muffins with Mom
- 18 School Store Open @ Lunch
- 25 No School
- 28 Memorial Day No School
- 31 Fun Day

# <u>June</u>

- 1 Fun Day Rain Day
- 12 Students Attend Am Only Pm Kindergarten Attends in Am
- 13 Last Day of School Students Attend Am Only Am Kindergarten Attends



## ATTENTION FIFTH GRADE PARENTS:

## **Immunizations**

Schools in Michigan are required to assess and report the immunization status of all  $6^{th}$  grade students. In the fall of 2011 all  $6^{th}$  graders must have documentation showing they have had the following immunizations:

Complete series of: DtaP/Td with one dose in the last 5 years Three doses of polio Two doses of MMR Three doses of Hepatitis B One dose of Meningococcal Conjugate (at age of 11) Two doses of Varicella vaccine (chicken pox) or documented history of the disease.

All doses must be given at appropriate ages and must be spaced properly. This requirement will help assure that school-aged children are up-todate and protected against vaccine-preventable diseases. All fifth grade parents have received a letter, with documentation (in green), from the Chippewa Valley Board Office regarding these requirements. Please return the completed, signed documentation to the Fox office as soon as possible. **Students must have one dose of each vaccine by the first day of middle school or they will be excluded.** 

## Iroquois Middle School Parent Night

Parent Orientation Night at Iroquois for parents of current fifth grade students (parents only) will be Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. In the cafeteria. **Fifth Grade Visit to Iroquois Middle** <u>School</u> on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:15 am to 10:45 am.



## FUEL UP TO PLAY 60



FYI...Did you know that Fox Elementary School has teamed up with the Fuel Up To Play 60 program. This is a program that encourages students to become active in their health and wellness by becoming active and learning how to eat healthy.

The National Football League (NFL), National Dairy Council (NDC), along with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) are helping to inform students to make smart choices through eating healthier and getting more physical activity.

In short, the Fuel Up To Play 60 program is designed to help improve the health, achievement and long term well being of students in school.

Fox has been awarded a grant to run this program. The program is currently being piloted through our school Latchkey system.

To learn more about this program please visit the website. FuelUpToPlay60.com

Mrs. McAlpine



## MAIL OUT

Another way to receive news by email, you might consider using the Mail Out System. To find out more information on how to do this, please go to the Fox home page from this website:

www.chippewavalleyschools.org





This event is on Friday March 16<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria from 7:00 to 8:15 am. PTO could use moms to help set up and serve so that the dads and their students have a great breakfast.

## FOOD SERVICE



Food Service would like to say "Thanks" to all those who participated in our debit program this school year. We hope you found it an easier and quicker way for your students to purchase food.

It is our policy to 'roll' all ending balances over for the next school year. However, if your student is leaving the district you will need to request a refund. *This would particularly pertain to 12<sup>th</sup>* graders who will be leaving the district upon graduation.

Food Service will provide green "ATTENTION DEBIT USERS" forms to each school office and kitchen. These forms give specific instructions on our refund procedures. They will be available for pickup by May 7, 2012. It is your responsibility to submit this form to the Food Service Dept. before refunds are issued.

Again, thank you for your patronage and we look forward to serving you in 2012-2013.

May 11, 2012 will be the <u>LAST</u> day Food Service will accept checks to be deposited in debit accounts for all students. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS!!! We will, however, continue to accept cash deposits until the end of the school year.

Food Service Department



## FIFTH GRADE COLONIAL DAYS

This will be celebrated on Friday, March  $23^{rd}$ . If you have a fifth grader, please watch for notes from their teacher to find out what they may need to make this a success.



# **Little Turtle Early Childhood Center**

Registration for Chippewa Valley Schools Little Turtle Early Childhood Center 2012/2013 school year is taking place at Little Turtle (50375 Card, Macomb) beginning April 20, 2012 from 4-8pm. There will be an open house on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 5:00-7:30pm

Programs offerings include: Full day or half day care for Infants (6 weeks –14 months), Full day or half day care for Toddlers (14 months – 3yrs), 2 ½ hour Preschool classes (AM or PM), All-Day Preschool, and Young Fives.

Summer programs for ages 6 weeks – age 7 begins June 18<sup>th</sup>. 2012.

Registration forms and tuition rates can be found on our CVS web page:

www.chippewavalleyschools.org under schools: Little Turtle.



# Tornado Watch and Warning

The procedures listed below are to be followed in the event of tornadoes or other natural disasters:

When the National Weather Service issues a TORNADO WATCH, the Civil Defense Headquarters notifies the Superintendent<sup>16</sup> s office.
During a watch, students will remain at school until normal dismissal times.
In the event a tornado appears in the area without warning or when the U.S. Weather Bureau issues a TORNADO WARNING, students will remain in school and take shelter.

**Tornado Watch** – There is a possibility of a tornado in the area.

**Tornado Warning** – A tornado has been sighted or detected by radar, seek shelter!



# JOB OPPORTUNITIES

EDUStaff www.edustaffonline.com Phone: (877)974-6338

Food Service/Kitchen Subs: \$8.00/hr. and Long Term \$9.00/hr. Lunch Monitor Subs: \$7.40/hr. and Long Term \$7.80/hr.





Spiritwear is available for sale! Please see the attached link to browse our selections! To order, you only have to e-mail Mrs.Dawson at <u>ldawson@cvs.k12.mi.us</u> with the item number and size! Then your order will be placed in the office for you to pick up at your convenience! We accept checks or cash payments!

www.cvs.k12.mi.us/iroquois/SpiritWear.htm



# DR. SEUSS CELEBRATED

Dr. Seuss is on the loose in Fox Elementary School! All of Fox is engaged in Read Across America for the month of March. The kick-off was held on February 29, when the winners of the school-wide bookmark design contest were announced. Each grade revealed their reading goal for the month with a grand total of 4,140 books for the entire school. Watch the totals climb the hat on the huge cat in the foyer!

Fox students and staff celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2nd. Many students wore tall striped hats in the style of their favorite cat as they listened to our special guest readers. The guests included Assistant County Executive Mark Deldin, Sheriff Anthony Wickersham, Prosecutor Eric Smith, County Commissioner Joe Sabatini, Judge Doug Shepherd, Superintendent Ron Roberts, and a host of others!

When visiting Fox, be sure to visit the media center to see a display of "The Places We've Gone." Patterned after Dr. Seuss' book, <u>Oh, the Places You'll Go</u>, the Fox staff members chose photos of their favorite vacation spots.

On March 20th, the brother-sister author team, Laura and Robert Sams, will visit Fox to discuss their books and the process of writing and publishing a book. We are looking forward to their visit!

An activity calendar was sent home at the beginning of March with a variety of suggestions to encourage reading. Use the calendar to help your Fox student to achieve their reading goal! We hope that all of our students and families enjoy this exciting month as we Read Across America!

Bookmark Winners: K ~ Ben Pelkey 1 ~ Paris Durie 2 ~ Alyssa Ricci

- 3 ~ Jonathan Murawski
- 4 ~ Natalie Adams
- i 5 ~ Johnny Lightbody

# Rita Hughes - Board Office



Sue Grenier - Board Office

# County Commissioner Joe Sabatini



Prosecutor Eric Smith



Barb VanDeCar



Craig McBain - Board Office





# 2011-2012 Breakfast is Served!

Cherokee	8:10-8:40am	1 2
Clinton Valle	28:30-9:00am	
Erie	8:00-8:30am	
Fox	8:05-8:30am	203
Huron	8:00-9:00am	$(CZ_{3})$
Miami	8:40-9:05am	
Ojibwa	8:15-8:35am	
-	8:10-8:40am	LX4
	t is available udents: \$1.50 ed - \$0.30	F/R Meal Application @ <u>www.Lunchapp.com</u> Prepay for Meals @ Sensimonevtoschool.com
	Menu is on line at	A
www.chippewavalleyschools.org/		
Lunch Menu and the school office.		

<u>Department policy</u> - Students without money or money on account are not allowed to charge or be given FREE food.

In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or discrimination. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

## HOME INTERNET GUIDELINES ON SAFETY

Parents often inquire about recommended guidelines and safety precautions for the use of the internet at home by children. The Chippewa Valley Technology Department provides the following information, courtesy of the Microsoft Safety & Security Center, which is accessible at:

http://www.microsoft.com/security/family-safety/childsafety-age.aspx

## Age-Based Guidelines for Kids' Internet Use

If your children use the Internet at home, you already know how important it is to help protect them from inappropriate content and con-tact.

The American Academy of Pediatricians (AAP) helped Microsoft develop age-based guidance for Internet use with the family safety settings in both of these products. It's important to remember that these are guidelines only. You know your child best.

### Up to Age 10

Supervise your children until they are age 10. You can use Internet safety tools to limit access to content, websites, and activities, and be actively involved in your child's Internet use, but Microsoft recommends that you sit with your child when they use the Internet, until the age of 10.

Here are some safety tips to consider when you go online with your 2-10 year old:

1. It's never too early to foster open and positive communication with children. It's a good idea to talk with them about computers and to stay open to their questions and curiosity.

2. Always sit with your kids at this age when they are online.

3. Set clear rules for Internet use.

4. Insist that your children not share personal information such as their real name, address, phone number, or passwords with people they meet online.

5. If a site encourages kids to submit their names to personalize the web content, help your kids create online nicknames that don't give away personal information.

6. Use family safety tools to create appropriate profiles for each family member and to help filter the Internet.

For more information, see *Windows Live Family Safety*, *Windows 7 Parental Controls*, or *Windows Vista Parental Controls*. Help protect your children from offensive pop-up windows by using the pop-up blocker that's built in to Internet Explorer. 7. All family members should act as role models for young children who are just starting to use the Internet.

### Ages 11 to 14

Children this age are savvier about their Internet experience, but it's still a good idea to supervise and monitor their Internet use to help ensure they are not exposed to inappropriate materials. You can use Internet safety tools to limit access to content and websites and pro-vide a report of Internet activities. Make sure children this age understand what personal information they should not give over the Internet.

When your kids are this age, it might not be practical to physically supervise their Internet use at all times. You can use tools such as *Windows Live Family Safety, Windows 7 Parental Controls,* or *Windows Vista Parental Controls.* 

Here are some safety tips to consider when you go online with your 11-14 year old:

1. It's a good idea to foster open and positive communication with your children. Talk with them about computers and stay open to their questions and curiosity.

2. Set clear rules for Internet use.

3. Insist that your children not share personal information such as their real name, address, phone number, or passwords with people they meet online.

4. If a site encourages kids to submit their names to personalize the web content, help your kids create online nicknames that give away no personal information.

5. Use family safety tools to create appropriate profiles for each family member and to help filter the Internet.

For more information see Windows Live Family Safety, Windows 7 Parental Controls, or Windows Vista Parental Controls.

6. Set family safety tools on the medium security setting, which should have some limitations on content, websites and activities.

7. Keep Internet-connected computers in an open area where you can easily supervise your kids' activities.

8. Help protect your children from offensive pop-up windows by using the pop-up blocker that's built in to Internet Explorer.

9. Encourage your children to tell you if something or someone online makes them feel uncomfortable or threatened. Stay calm and remind your kids they are not in trouble for bringing something to your attention. Praise their behavior and encourage them to come to you again if the same thing happens.

### Helpful reminders of things that do not change throughout the year.

First Bell Full Day: Childcare: SCHOOL DAY TIMES 8:24 a.m. 8:30 – 3:18 p.m. 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.



ECSE a.m.8:30 a.m. - 11:06 p.m.ECSE p.m.12:39 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.Half Days:8:30 a.m. - 11:42 a.m.Breakfast:8:15-8:25 a.m.Students are not to arrive before 8:24 a.m. unless attending Childcareor purchasing breakfast

### Absence Line (586) 723-5699

# If your child will not be in school, please call the schools 24 hour absence line (not only the teacher)

- State the students first and last name, grade, teacher,
- Date of absence and reason for absence.

### Arrival - Late Arrival & Early Dismissal

Parents must come into the office to sign students in and out when there is a change in the daily schedule.

- Adult must sign student in & out from office
- Identification necessary for all early dismissals.
- Students will be dismissed ONLY to person(s) listed on the student EMERGENCY CARD.

### **Emergency Cards**

• In case of an emergency at school, please make sure that current work numbers and emergency numbers are available to the school office.

### LATE PICK UP AFTER SCHOOL: STUDENTS WAITING

If you are late in picking your student up from school they are instructed to wait by the flag.

### **Contacting Fox Staff**

You can contact the school staff one of two ways: E-mail. Type first initial of the staff member's first name and full last name coupled with this suffix @cvs.k12.mi.us (dwade@cvs.k12.mi.us)

# Call 723-5600. If you know the extension dial 723 and the extension directly.

### **Food Service Program**

- Lunch must be ordered the day before. Ex: Lunch on Tuesday is ordered on Monday
- Fox Pizza Day is Thursday!
- Menus and or nutrition information @: http://www.chippewavalleyschools.org/lunch.asp or http://www.chippewavalleyschools.org/LUNCH%20MEN U/pdf/Nutrition%20Info.pdf
- FAST FOOD IS NOT PERMITTED in our lunchroom
- Our food service offers lunch options for all students. If your student does not choose to order a hot lunch, they may bring a bag lunch from home. **Outside restaurant food** will not be allowed or delivered to your student during the day.

### **Visitors**

- Our lunchrooms are not equipped to handle guests, including parents and or family members.
- Please send lunch with your child in the morning.

## FOXPOLICIES & PROCEDURES

### **Immunization Requirements**

The State of Michigan requires all students to be properly immunized. Failure to provide the office with proof of proper immunization documentation may result in exclusion from school. If you have any questions, please call the office at 723-5600. During the year the Macomb County Health Department

visits the school and tests for vision and hearing.

Medication Policy (forms are available in our office and on-line @ www.chippewavalleyschools.org)

- Chippewa Valley Schools provides a form and requires written instructions from the physician before any **Prescription** medication, is dispensed.
- A form is necessary for **over-the-counter medications** that will be dispensed at school.
- 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.
- 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.
- All medications MUST be transported to and from school by parents only and include the proper forms.

### Visitors Welcome

- Please remember that all visitors must report to the office.
- Sign in and pick-up visitors pass.
- This pass must be worn while you are in the building.
- At the conclusion of your visit, please stop by the office to sign out.
- It is important that our visitors restrain from walking around the building once they are done with their volunteer activity.

### Parking Lot and Traffic

- Lot closest to the creek BUS AND STAFF ONLY
- Lot closest to the cat-walk VISITOR & STUDENT DROP OFF
- Please <u>keep all cross walks clear</u>. DO NOT stop your vehicle in the middle of this area.
- DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR unattended along the sidewalks

• ALL pedestrians MUST cross at the crosswalk with a Crossing Guard

### Childcare

#### (586) 723-5684

• Childcare program is available from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day that school is in session.

### **Policy on Personal Items**

- Students should **not** bring toys, game boys, Nintendo DS or any hand-held electronic games, CD players, PDA's and iPods, memorabilia, special cards or other collectible or expensive items to school.
- Fox School will not be responsible for personal items that may be lost or damaged.
- Such items will be collected and kept throughout the year.
- Items may be picked up by a parent in the main office.
- Cell Phones must be OFF and kept in student lockers during school hours.

## Skate Boarding, Smoking, Pets and Roller Blade Hockey are NOT ALLOWED on School Grounds.