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FOX FACTS



February - April 2019

Students will develop the strategies and skills necessary to **become life-long learners** in a **safe, respectful, and responsible environment.**

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Mrs. Kathy Ahonen, Secretary
Mrs. Mary Casango, Clerk
Mrs. Ellen Scibilia, Clerk

Fox Families,

I want to take a moment to give you a quick Fox update for the month of February and March. We are now in the heart of winter, one "ice day" is now behind us, and spring is in our sights! The months of February and March bring some exciting events to our Fox Family. Check out below for some of the upcoming Fox events below:

Internet Safety

On February 7th, all 1st, 3rd, and 5th graders will be learning about internet safety. This important presentation will let your children know how they can be safe when using the internet. The tips and information that your child will receive are valuable lessons to have before using the internet and social media.

New 1st-5th graders

On Wednesday, February 13th, all new 1st-5th grade Fox students will meet in the morning with Mr. Bellomo for bagels, refreshments, and a Fox Culture and Climate discussion. This event will only take about 30 minutes but in doing so our new students from throughout the year will have an opportunity to meet other new Fox students and also review important Fox information.

Midwinter Break

Please remember that Mid-Winter break will begin at the end of the half day on Friday, February 15th. Students will be dismissed at 11:23am and students will return from mid-winter break on Monday, February 25th.

PBIS- Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports

This year as a part of our schoolwide Culture and Climate goal, one of the items we have been working extremely hard to strengthen is our Positive Behavior systems and supports. Throughout the year all Fox students have been learning about ways to demonstrate positive behavior and character in our school. Each month our school holds a Fox PAWS assembly and all positive behaviors are celebrated along with various students receiving Growth Mindset and Character Matters awards. Additionally, our school staff has been working hard to perform skits to model the Positivity Project character traits that we learn about in all classrooms each week.

Positivity Project

At Fox, our school has spent a great deal of time over the past several years focusing on Growth Mindset. Now, our school has added the Positivity Project. The Positivity Project focuses on character education and a couple of their motto's include, "Other People Matter" and "Character Matters".

The Positivity Project at Fox is going wonderfully! I just love hearing the conversations and Positivity when I go into the classrooms. Our kids are truly wonderful and POSITIVE things are happening.

From the Positivity Project:

<https://posproject.org/why-relationships/>

Why Relationships?

"The Positivity Project's mission is to empower America's youth to build positive relationships."

"Why relationships? Because they are the cornerstone of health, happiness, and resilience...and (according to experts) many jobs of the future. That is why we developed a strategy that schools use to inspire positive relationships (student-to-student and student-to-teacher) and cultivate a school-wide #OtherPeopleMatter Mindset." ~Positivity Project

Positivity Project at Fox:

This year our students have been discussing CURIOSITY, TEAMWORK, OPEN-MINDEDNESS, INTEGRITY, PERSPECTIVE, CREATIVITY, BRAVERY, COURAGE, CHARACTER, and GRATITUDE, Knowing Our Words and Actions Affect Others, Kindness, Humility, Self Control, Perseverance, Hope, Optimism, Prudence, and Supporting Others Who Are Struggling.

Each week, I look forward to which character trait our students will learn next! I truly believe that our Character Matters Most! Character is what will separate our students from the rest as they get older. Character is what will allow them to rise to the top!

Check out our Principal's Update: (Updated each week)

Find out about some of the upcoming events taking place at Fox each week.

Click on the link below:

<https://www.smores.com/5fqh6>

Fox is on TWITTER - Connect with Us!

Fox Elementary is on TWITTER. TWITTER is a social media platform that allows people and organizations to post photos and information online. The Fox TWITTER page is used to announce various Fox events and to post various photos of things that take place in our school and classrooms during the week. To access this page please create a TWITTER account at <https://twitter.com/>. Once you create a TWITTER account you can follow our school at **@Fox Elem CVS**

Connect with us on Remind for Important Updates

Using your phone, enter 81010 and text the following message: @foxfamily2

Help our school by completing the important School Improvement Parent Survey

Click on the link below:

<https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/86052/12417>

As always, thank you for being a part of the Fox Family!

Sincerely,

Mr. Bellomo, Principal

To access our Fox YOUTUBE page please click on the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZ4JnlZ8P4umgcThAW0cldw>

Fox is on TWITTER – This is an awesome way to see videos and photos of our day at Fox!

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Are You Missing out on Important Information?

Although I love communicating with all of you using the old fashioned telephone when I make important school announcements, it would be much easier for everyone to also have the ability to email or text important school information. In order to receive emails or text messages from our school on School Messenger, you will need to update your School Messenger account settings. Click the following link for help adjusting your School Messenger settings.

http://www.chippewavalleyschools.org/downloads/sarah_white/sm_parent_directions_for_website_20140625_094513_6.pdf

School Improvement

Each year our school goes through a comprehensive School Improvement process. One very important part of the school improvement process is the parent surveys that are completed. The results from this survey help us to recognize the positive things our school is doing and also what we can do to improve in certain areas.

Please take a moment to help our school in the School Improvement process by completing the parent survey. This can be done on a cellular phone, i-pad, or a computer. The survey is also available in languages besides English. The survey link is below (Use Google CHROME) and can also be accessed on the main page of our Fox website. <http://eprovesurveys.advanced.org/surveys/#/action/35893/12417>

Look for this logo below in the bottom left corner of the Fox *the link underneath the Parent Survey photo on the Fox*



Website. **Click on website.*

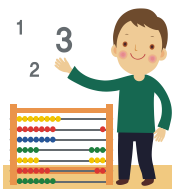
Thank you for being a part of the Fox Family,

Sincerely,

Mr. Bellomo

Principal

Count Day



Count Day is Wednesday, February 13th, 2019. Please make sure your child attends school that day.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will begin on February 1, 2019 in the Fox office from **10 am – 2 pm ONLY.**

Forms are available on-line or in the office. Forms must be filled out, and birth certificate, immunizations, hearing and vision, and proof of residency must be turned in.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, March 20 – Elementary Students attend school all day. Evening Conferences.

Thursday, March 21 – Elementary Students attend school all day. Evening Conferences.

Friday, March 22 - Elementary Students attend in the AM only.

Lunch News

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 permitted or delivered to your student during the day.



School Closing Information

When there's a winter storm, you can get School closing information on:
www.chippewavalleyschools.org
Comcast Cable Channel 20
Local Channels: 2, 4, 7 and 62
WWJ AM 950 or News/Talk 760 WJR

Mid –Winter Break

Mid-winter break begins at the end of the day February 15th (this is a half-day with dismissal at 11:23 am). School resumes on Monday, February 25th.

Spring Picture Day

Spring Picture Day is March 27, 2019. Forms will be coming home.



Spring Break

Spring Break begins at the end of the day March 29th (this is a half-day with dismissal at 11:23 am). School resumes on Monday, April 8th, 2019.



February

1st Kindergarten Registration Begins

8th School Store
PTO Night with Numbers

12th Talent Show 7:00 pm.

13th Count Day

15th Half Day of School
Dismissal at 11:23 am.

15th-22rd Mid-Winter Break

25th Classes Resume

March

1st PTO Candy Sale Begins

7th PTO Meeting at 8:30 am.

15th Fox Fair 5:00 to 8:30 pm.

20th Parent/Teacher Conferences
Evening only

21st Parent/Teacher Conferences –
Evening only

22nd Half-day dismissal at 11:09 am.
School Store at Lunch

27th Spring Pictures

29th Half-day dismissal at 11:23 am.



April

1st -5th No school - Spring Break

8th Classes Resume

12th PTO Skate Night

19th No School

25th Half-day dismissal at 11:23 am



May

9th PTO Meeting at 8:30 am
Half-Day of School –
Dismissal at 11:23 am

10th PTO Donuts with Mom

18th PTO Mom to Mom Sale

27th No School – Memorial Day

30th Fun Day

31st Fun Day (Rain Date)



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

SCHOOL DAY TIMES

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| First Bell | 8:27 a.m. |
| Full Day: | 8:33 – 3:18 p.m. |
| Childcare: | 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. |



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| ECSE a.m. | 8:33 a.m. – 11:11 a.m. |
| ECSE p.m. | 12:41 p.m. – 3:19 p.m. |
| Half Days: | 8:33 a.m. – 11: 27 a.m. |
| Breakfast: | 8:10-8:25 a.m. |

Students are not to arrive before 8:27 a.m. unless attending Childcare or 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.

- Adults must sign student in & out from office
- Identification is 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.

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 (fbellomo@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/departments/food-service/>
- **Fast food is not suggested** 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** is not suggested to be delivered to your student during the day.

Cafeteria and Visitors

Our lunchrooms are not equipped to handle extra guests, including parents and or family members.

- Please send lunch with your child in the morning.

FOX POLICIES & 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, and on our school website.)

- 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 keep all cross walks clear. 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/SACC (586) 723-5684

- Our Childcare program is available from 6:30-8:30 a.m. and 3:18-6:00 p.m. each day that school is in session.

Policy

- Students should **not** bring toys, any hand-held electronic devices, or other expensive items to school. Bringing in electronic devices is available when your child's teacher has given them permission.
- Fox School will not be responsible for personal items that may be lost or damaged.
- Toys, electronic devices, or other items will be collected and kept in the office should they be used without permission or at inappropriate times.
- Items may be picked up by a parent in the main office.
- Although your child may have a cell phone on his or her possession, all phones should be kept off during the school day. Failure to comply with this policy could result in the phone being turned into the office.
- **Please refer to Student-Parent Code of Conduct for new policies**
- **Skate Boarding, Smoking, Pets and Roller Blades are NOT ALLOWED on School Grounds for various safety reasons.**