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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.*

January / February 2012

.From Mrs. Wade

January is SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH.

Here are some of the responses from students when asked: *“What Does the School Board Do? That we should thank them for?”*

- Kindergarten: Give us our cookies in the lunchroom. Kids have to buy them and they taste good!
- Kindergarten: I think they are like the President and take care of us and the world.
- 1st Grade: They make sure our bus picks us up on time and tells the big kids they can sit in the back.
- 1st Grade: I don't know, maybe they name our school. I like that it is named with a PAW.
- 3rd Grade: The School Board of Education hold meetings about the education in our school and the whole district.
- 4th Grade: They hold meetings that are on the TV. During the meetings they decide rules and make decisions about how to spend money. They also listen to teachers and help them know what students should learn. They also decide if we get new textbooks and more technology.

THANK YOU to our SCHOOL BOARD for all of the things you do and for your sincere dedication to our school and community!

Mew MEAP Cut Scores 5 Things Parents Need to Know

1. Each year, public school students in grades 3–9 take the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test and 11th graders take the Michigan Merit Exam (MME).
2. The Michigan State Board of Education recently approved new MEAP and MME “cut scores” for Mathematics, Reading, Science and Social Studies. A cut score is the score that separates test takers into various categories, such as advanced, proficient, partially proficient and not proficient.
3. The new cut scores are higher and “raise the bar” for our students. They are intended to be a better measure of student progress toward being career and college ready.
4. While we anticipate an initial decline in the number of students reported as “proficient,” we are confident this change will be temporary due to our ongoing school improvement efforts and student support.
5. If your student is reported as “not proficient,” it does not mean that your student isn't gaining academic skills or is falling behind. It means that on the day of the test, your student was not yet proficient on the material being tested. Several other measures are used in our district throughout the year to insure that your student is making academic progress.

We maintain high standards for our students and their test scores are consistently among the highest in the state. We anticipate this trend will continue even with the new cut scores.

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

Please be aware that the side of the school, area along the creek, is for receiving and maintenance ONLY. All other vehicles should not be in this area. Please do not use this area for student drop off or pick up.



PARKING LOT PROCEDURES

Please read the safety guidelines for both of our parking lots.

Due to the level of safety involved when children and cars are in the same area, the following guidelines will be enforced and drivers are requested to respect and honor these guidelines.

We are fortunate to have two parking lots that allow us to ensure SAFETY.

FIRST LOT: STAFF & BUS & HANDICAP ONLY

- o All school buses have priority.
- o Only vehicles with current staff and handicap stickers will be permitted in this lot.
- o Only vehicles for latchkey (during latchkey hours) may continue around the building to the latchkey door.

STUDENTS should NOT be dropped off or picked up in this lot!



SECOND LOT: STUDENT DROP OFF/ PICK UP PARENT PARKING

- o Students are to exit the vehicle along the **sidewalk** only.
- o Drop off along the playground sidewalk or pull your vehicle up as far as possible without blocking the traffic flow. Exiting the Passenger's / sidewalk side of the car.
- o **DO NOT GET OUT OF YOUR VEHICLE** while in the line of traffic.
- o Unless directed by the guard, Please do not stop at the crosswalk, this stops the flow of traffic.



With your cooperation we can ensure the safety of our students and crossing guards.

Thank you for being
SAFE, RESPECTFUL, and RESPONSIBLE!



Mrs. Wade and Staff

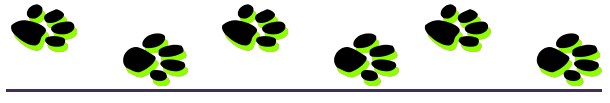
Adult crossing guards are employed to enforce these guidelines and are expected to report all violations. Violations are subject to be turned into and addressed by the Macomb County Sheriff's Office.



FOX PAWS NOVEMBER WINNERS

Congratulations to:

Mrs. Taylor	AM	ECSE
Mrs. Gower		CUBS CLUB
Mrs. Harris	PM	Kindergarten Class
Mrs. White/Sarvello		1 st Grade Class
Mrs. Nothdurft/Sheridan		2 nd Grade Class
Mrs. Conrad		3 rd Grade Class
Ms. Noel		4 th Grade Class
Mrs. Skorupski		5 th Grade Class



FOX PAWS DECEMBER WINNERS

Congratulations to:

Mrs. Taylor		ECSE
Mrs. Gower		CUBS CLUB
Mrs. Harris	Am/Pm	Kindergarten Class
Mrs. Marola		1 st Grade Class
Mrs. Nothdurft/Sheridan		2 nd Grade Class
Ms. Weidenbach		2 nd Grade Class
Mrs. Mlynarek		3 rd Grade Class
Mrs. Skorupski		4 th Grade Class
Mrs. O'Brien		5 th Grade Class

FIFTH GRADERS

Pictures from our “Authentic Pilgrim Feast” which was held on Monday, Nov. 21. The students had read *Eating the Plates: A Pilgrim Book of Food & Manners*. They now had the chance to try out the recipes printed in the book!

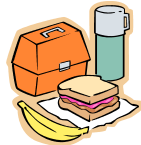




Please make every effort to help your child remember their things for the school day. It is disruptive to a classroom and your child's learning day if we have to call them to the office. When delivering lunches, notebooks, money, etc. PLEASE make sure your child's name and teacher are clearly marked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

Lunch Money



Please make check for lunches out to:
**Chippewa Valley Food Service or
 CVS Food Service.**
(not Chippewa Valley Schools)
 Thank You.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Temporary School Staffing is Servicing Chippewa Valley Schools to employ Substitute Employees for Assignments paying \$7.80 - \$9.00/hr. for daily assignments for Custodians. Interested applicants should contact:
www.TemporarySchoolStaff.com.
 EDU Staff is Servicing Food Service Helpers, Lunch monitors, and Crossing Guards. Interested applicants should contact: **www.edustaffonline.com**
Phone: (877) 974-6338



PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS

Please help your child remember to bring their tennis shoes on their P.E. Day. Now that the cold weather is here and the children are wearing their boots to school, it is easy to forget. They cannot play in Gym class in their boots. Please have them place their tennis shoes in their backpacks to change into when they get to school.



Music Notes

The Fifth graders will be presenting their "Potpourri Concert" on Thursday, Feb. 16th at 2:15 and 7:00 p.m. Come and join us for a variety of musical styles.

Please have students wear tennis shoes to music. There are a number of activities coming up that will be unsafe to do in boots, despite the cold weather. So toss the tennies in your backpack so you can join in the fun on Music day!

Fourth graders and fifth graders should always bring their folders, pencils and recorders on their regular Music Day. Fridays are our "rotation days" and students need only come with tennis shoes on those days---folders can stay at home or in their lockers! ☺

January

- 4 Classes Resume
- 6 School Store Open @ Lunch
- 10 PTO Meeting @ 8:30 am
- 16 **Dr. Luther King Day - NO SCHOOL**
- 20 School Store Open @ Lunch
Night with Numbers



February

- 2 Valentine Grams Go Out
- 3 School Store Open -
Dr. Seuss Hats for Sale
- 7 PTO Meeting @ 8:30 am - Fox Cafeteria
- 8 **COUNT DAY**
Sorrento Pizza Night
- 14 Valentine Parties
- 17 100th Day/School Store Open-
Hats for Sale
- 20-24 Mid-Winter Break
- 27 Classes Resume



March

- 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 Day
- 23 School Store Open @ Lunch



April

- 2 - 9 Spring Break
- 10 Classes Resume
- 11 Sorrento Pizza Day
- 13 School Store Open @ Lunch
- 18 5th Grade Parent Orientation at Iroquois
- 26 5th Grade visit Iroquois
- 27 School Store Open @ Lunch



May

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



Fox Student Council News

The Souper Bowl of Caring

On Friday, February 10th and Monday February 13th, Student Council Reps will be gathering donations for "The Souper Bowl of Caring". While some folks enjoy Super Bowl Parties on February 12th, others in our community deal with hunger every day. If every Fox student could donate just \$1.00, we could make a significant difference for those in need. Donations will be given to the Salvation Army's Bed and Bread program. \$120.00 will feed and house someone for an entire year. Last year we were able to raise enough to take care of 6 people for a year! So scrounge up that loose change, and donate what you can to The Souper Bowl of Caring!!!!

Thank you so much to all who donated baked goods to the Student Council Bake Sale, or stopped by to purchase something. We raised \$274.00, which the Council decided to donate to the Michigan Humane Society.

Our recycling program is up and running. Student Council Representatives are responsible for recycling water bottles from their classroom, and the fourth and fifth grade representatives handle our paper recycling needs in the building on Fridays, every other week. Thank you to everyone who is involved---you are doing a great job!

The Student Council sponsored Variety Show will hold auditions March 6th and 7th after school. Interested students can pick up Act sheets and permission slips just before Mid-Winter Break in February. Acts only need to audition on ONE of the two dates. The final cast list will be posted on Friday, March 9th. The show itself will be presented May 10th at 9 am and in the evening for friends and family members at 7:00. Participating students must attend both rehearsals (May 3rd and May 9th after school until 5:00) and both shows. Please contact Mrs. Hilliard with any questions at 723-5685.



NEWS AND INFORMATION

ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION



January 2012

Community Education offers a variety of *enrichment* classes that have been designed to include new and extended learning experiences according to individual needs and interests. Classes are close and convenient within the community, reasonably priced, and taught by qualified staff. Enrichment classes begin the week of January 16, 2012. Register now!

<https://onlinereg.cvs.k12.mi.us>

Fitness Classes For Employees Only

- **Total Body Workout / Little Turtle**

Thursday, 1/19 4:50-5:50pm

- **Zumba / Erie**

Monday, 1/23 4:45-5:45pm

- **Zumba / Mohegan**

Tuesday, 1/24 4:45-5:45pm

All classes will meet for 6 weeks. Cost \$40
Register online, by phone, or in-person

TRAVEL

- Detroit Institute of Arts
Wednesday, 1/18 **Cost: \$39**
- "A Stone Carver" Purple Rose Theatre
Wednesday, 2/8 **Cost: \$75**
- "Ravishing Rachmaninoff" DSO
Friday, 2/10 **Cost: \$47**
 - Toledo Glass Tour
Thursday, 2/16 **Cost: \$60**
- Soaring Eagle Resort Casino
Wednesday, 2/29 **Cost: \$38**

AQUATICS

SESSION 155- Seven weeks
1/9-3/03/12
DHS/CVHS Pools

All Ages Welcome!
Water Aerobics M/W/F
Open Swim Friday 6:30-7:30 PM
Pool Parties: call 586.723-6954

NEWS FROM ADULT ED.

GED Preparatory, ABE, ESL, and High School Completion Classes are **free** for students 20 and over.

Work independently using GED Preparation, ESL, and High School Completion Software in a computer learning lab while receiving support from trained and certified teachers.

High School Credit Recovery is a program for high school students who need to earn academic and elective high school credit.

Program is held at Mohegan High School. Cost: \$204 per half credit.

GED Testing is taking place on
January 10 & 11
February 7 & 8

Register now for MOM/SON Night! February 17, 2012 * 6:00-8:00pm * Dakota High School \$32 per couple/\$10 each additional son * Includes Dinner and Dessert/Gym

For information on any of the above programs, contact the Community Education office at (586) 723-2050
View the winter brochure in its entirety at www.chippewavalleyschools.org

2011-2012

Breakfast is Served!

Cherokee	8:10-8:40am
Clinton Valley.....	8:30-9:00am
Erie	8:00-8:30am
Fox	8:05-8:30am
Huron	8:00-9:00am
Miami	8:40-9:05am
Ojibwa	8:15-8:35am
Ottawa	8:10-8:40am



Breakfast is available
to all students:
Paid - \$1.50
Reduced - \$0.30

F/R Meal Application
@ www.Lunchapp.com
Prepay for Meals @
Sendmoneytoschool.com

Menu is on line at
www.chippewavalleyschools.org/
Lunch Menu and the school office.

Department policy – Students without money or money on account are not allowed to charge or be given FREE food.

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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 contact.

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 provide 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.

FOX POLICIES & PROCEDURES

SCHOOL DAY TIMES

First Bell	8:24 a.m.
Full Day:	8:30 – 3:18 p.m.
Kindergarten	8:30-11:39AM 12:09-3:18PM
Childcare:	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 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.

- 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 up 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.

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 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

(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.