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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.*

# MAY / JUNE 2012

From Mrs. Wade

Another year is coming to a close. We would like to thank all of our families for everything you have done to support our journey together. This is a reflective time of year, as we celebrate the unique personality of our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. These students represent tomorrow's leaders. Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will have many cherished memories from the past 6 years. They were here the year that Mr. FOX arrived at school, when Mr. Len detailed the lunchroom poster with a milk-mustache, and when Mr. Jay began working in the lunchroom! There are many Fox stories that will now begin with the phrase, "Remember when...." We all pause as we say goodbye to our 5<sup>th</sup> graders and their families. We will MISS YOU! Continue your Future of Excellence in Middle School – "Remember Fox Always!"

"How lucky we are to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." ~ Carol Sobieski. Our PTO is changing! We have had many awesome PTO volunteers over the years. Together and individually, each of them has had an impact in making Fox a special place. This year, two of our officers are moving on to other places. Thank you Mrs. Renee' Agosta for everything you have given us! After over 8 years with the PTO, Mrs. Agosta will be leaving. We will miss her many stories and her depth of experience as she closes her last year at Fox. It is also important to express our great appreciation and fond memories for Mrs. Dorothy Goll, Rene's wonderful mother. Ms. Dorothy has worked at many of our events and without her, our celebrations at Fox would not have been the same.

There are many other changes coming to PTO! "Mrs. C's" presidential term has come to an end and therefore she will be serving our PTO in a different capacity. We look forward to new faces filling roles in our PTO. These positions will be voted on in the upcoming month. We are excited to know that Doreen has promised to continue with several events. We are also grateful for Carolyn and Don Cope, Doreen's parents. Together they made the team unbeatable! Thank You!

Please help me in expressing a *Sincere Thank You* to all of our PTO Board and parents who have been instrumental in so many wonderful experiences at Fox.

Have a RELAXING SUMMER! We look forward to seeing everyone in August! **Please watch the Fox Website for Opening School Events 2012-2013.**

Mrs. Wade

## 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  
APRIL WINNERS**

Congratulations to:

Mrs. Taylor PM	ECSE
Mrs. Gower AM/PM	CUBS CLUB
Mrs. Harris PM	Kindergarten Class
Mrs. Buckley AM	Kindergarten Class
Mrs. Sarvello	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Class
Ms. Weidenbach/Braun	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Class
Mrs. Kahnt /Conrad	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Class
Mr. Maz	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class
Mrs. Fanelli	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class

**PLEASE  
Make sure to check  
the  
LOST & FOUND!**



**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 request for a Kindergarten registration packet. Kindergarten Orientation is August 28<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 to 6:30 pm.

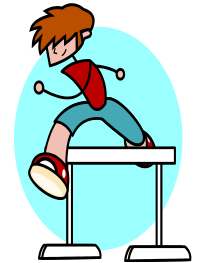
**ACES DAY**



Wednesday, May 2, 2012 is ACES Day. At 2:30 (weather permitting) we will do our usual lap around the school promoting the importance of exercising. If it should rain, the staff may do some exercises with your students in their classroom (jumping jacks, leg lunges, arm circles, squats, toe touches, windmills, etc...).

Mrs. McAlpine

**Attention All  
Volunteers!!!!**



**Fox's Fun Day** is quickly approaching. It is scheduled for Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> with the rain date on Friday, June 1. Please be on the look out for the volunteers sheets in your child's back pack soon. We need lots of help in order for this day to be a fun filled, action packed day for all of the children. You can volunteer for 1/2 day a.m., a 1/2 day p.m., or for all day. Please consider joining in on the FUN!!

Even though the weather is getting nicer, it is still very important that your child wear their tennis shoes to PE class. They will not be able to participate if they show up in flip flops, crocs, sandals, etc.

Contact Mrs. McAlpine for more info

## May

- 4 Progress Report Home
- 8 PTO Meeting @ 8:30 - Fox Cateferia
- 9 Variety Show Rehearsal  
Sorrento Pizza Night
- 10 Variety Show 9:00 am & 7:00 pm
- 11 School Store Open @ Lunch  
Muffins with Mom @ 7:00 to 8:15 am
- 12 Science Olympiad @ MCCC South
- 18 School Store Open @ Lunch
- 25 No School
- 28 Memorial Day - No School
- 29 PTO Skate Night 6:30 to 8:30 pm
- 30 Last Bagel Day
- 31 Fun Day

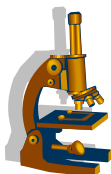


## June

- 1 Fun Day Rain Day
- 11 Kindergarten Completion 8:45 & 10:00am
- 12 Students Attend Am Only  
Pm Kindergarten Attends in Am  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Completion @ 8:45 am
- 13 Last Day of School  
Students Attend Am Only  
Am Kindergarten Attends

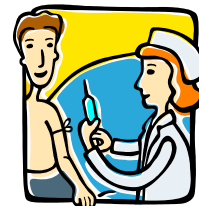


## **Fox Science Club!**



This is Fox Elementary's third year running a Science Club for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. We started our first year with only about 20 students, and today we have over 80 students enrolled! The purpose of this club is to provide students an opportunity to learn how to work cooperatively while completing hands-on science explorations. "We want students to learn to LOVE Science and have FUN learning," states Dr. Bochenek. Topics such as: Force and Motion, Electricity, and Integrating Technology have been explored. Science Club started in early October and has continued once a month since then. May 15<sup>th</sup> will be the last meeting of the year. Students will celebrate with cake and we will launch their parachutes for all to see!

## **ATTENTION FIFTH GRADE PARENTS:**



### Immunizations

Schools in Michigan are required to assess and report the immunization status of all 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. In the fall of 2012 all 6<sup>th</sup> 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-to-date 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.**



### 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](http://www.chippewavalleyschools.org)

## 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 **LAST** 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

## Media Center News



All books should be returned to the Media Center by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please return to avoid a late charge. You can contact me at 723-5622 if you have any questions. Have a safe and wonderful summer. Thanks for another great year with your kids!

Mrs. Ida

## Dress Code



As warm weather approaches please adhere to the following guidelines:

- On **May 1<sup>st</sup>** students are allowed to wear shorts that are fingertip length. Short-shorts are not permitted.
- **FLIP FLOPS** are strongly discouraged.
- Sunglasses and hats are **not** permitted in school.
- Tank tops must have straps that are 2 fingers wide..
- Undershirt type shirts are not permitted.
- Tops may not expose an area of the midriff or hang off the shoulders.
- **Halters and tank tops are NOT acceptable.**
- Sagging or extremely baggy pants are not acceptable.

Shorts that are considered “too short” are unacceptable, as are skirts and skorts that are “too short”. Recommended length is mid-thigh or at least fingertip length. Sandals are very dangerous on the playground; tennis shoes are a much better choice. Also, no sunglasses, hats or bandanas are permitted in school. We ask that each family exercise good judgment with regard to their child’s appearance.

## MEDICATIONS



Please remember to pick up your child’s medication the last day of school, or Monday thru Thursday the first week the children are out of school. Medication must be picked up by an adult; unfortunately, we will not be able to give it to the student to take home. Any medication left will be thrown out.

Thank you for your cooperation with your child’s medication.

**September 4, 2012**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Day of School 8:30 am-3:18 pm**

## Elementary School In-District Transfer Forms Now Available Online



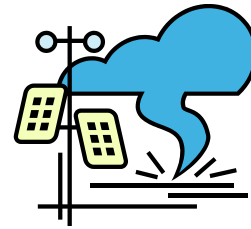
Parents who reside within the Chippewa Valley School district have the option of choosing their child's elementary school **based on available space**. Through an In-District Transfer request, parents/guardians may choose to enroll their child in a school outside of their home attendance area as long as there is appropriate programming, **staff and space available** at the school. Parents that choose to transfer their child to different elementary school will be responsible for that child's transportation to and from school. To apply for an Elementary In-District Transfer complete the form on our website under "Parents". Forms must be completed and sent to the Administration Building by **May 30, 2012**.



## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

EDUStaff  
[www.edustaffonline.com](http://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.



## 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'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!

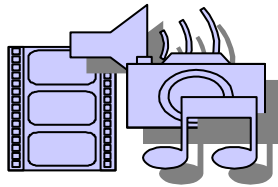
## ATTENTION INCOMING 6TH GRADE PARENTS:



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 [ldawson@cvs.k12.mi.us](mailto:ldawson@cvs.k12.mi.us) 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](http://www.cvs.k12.mi.us/iroquois/SpiritWear.htm)

## Music Notes



All grades have just completed our instrument units. Kindergarten learned how music can tell stories, and how the orchestra is organized and about how instruments are grouped into families. They also explored how music can make people feel different ways. We are now starting to prepare our songs and dances for our Completion Day Ceremony, which will be held at Fox on June 11. Check your classroom teacher's notes for the time that morning that your child will be performing. I look forward to seeing you then!

In grades 1-5, we will soon be covering what the difference is between a regular film and a musical. We'll be learning about overtures, reprises, love themes, finales and the role that music plays in the story. Grades 1-3 will also be playing a number of games and learning some new songs, including some for Earth Day.

Fourth graders will continue working on recorder. Please have your student put their recorder and their folder in a safe place over the summer, since we will use them again in the fall. Encourage your student to play their recorder occasionally during the summer—a great activity for out under a tree (so it's not in the house!) when the weather is too hot to run around! Keep those fingers moving!!

Fifth grade will be taking their final written test on music and recorder in the next few weeks, as well as having their music folders graded. (Items marked on playing sheets may be used to review.) We are also preparing a dedication song for the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony on June 12<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you then!

Mrs. Hilliard

## Student Council



Our Walk-a-Thon to benefit Multiple Sclerosis will be held Tues, May 1<sup>st</sup> after school. We will meet in the cafeteria at dismissal. Participants should bring a neat snack and drink, which they'll eat while we get organized. We will then go out to the Fox track behind the school for our two mile walk. **ANYONE IS WELCOME TO GET PLEDGES AND WALK FOR THIS WORTHY CAUSE!!!** You can get pledges by the mile OR a set total amount. Please place all pledge sheets and money and checks (made out to Multiple Sclerosis) in an envelope and turn it in prior to the walk itself. All students walking need to have a permission slip in order to stay. Can't walk with us that day? You can pledge through your classroom student council representatives! Remember: **TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!!** Donations may be sent in to Mrs. Hilliard, as well. ☺



Our Thank You event has been tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of June 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be a note coming home inviting your child to participate in a fun-filled afternoon, courtesy of the wonderful Fox PTO, as we get closer to the event. Call or see Mrs. Hilliard if you have any other questions or concerns. (586)723-5685

Mrs. Hilliard

**Fox Science Olympians take 3<sup>rd</sup> place in District Tournament and won 7 medals and earned 6<sup>th</sup> Place Trophy overall at the County Tournament!!!**



On April 14, 2012, twelve elementary schools within the Chippewa Valley School District competed in the annual Science Olympiad District Tournament. This year Fox took **3<sup>rd</sup> place** overall, and brought home 7 medals! This was a HUGE accomplishment for our school, since our last time winning this type of trophy was in 1993!

Our team consists of 28 third through fifth grade students, 16 competitors and 12 alternates. All students meet weekly with their event coaches and are expected to study independently too! Our dedicated coaches demonstrated great leadership and took on difficult teaching roles. What a FANTASTIC team we have.

Our students are preparing for our County Tournament. This tournament is located on Macomb Community College South Campus. We are hopeful that we will bring home some more medals. GO FOX!

Congratulations to:

1. Madelyn Bochenek, Jon Mika Dela Cruz, & Ella Garza- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Anatomy
2. Jon Mika Dela Cruz, Jennifer Acord, Audrey Knotts, Alex Ormsby, & Isabel Chapa- 1<sup>st</sup> place in Bridging the Gap
3. Amartya Kattamalavadi, Isabella Mecca, & Sarah Acord- 1<sup>st</sup> place Charged Up!
4. Brooke Majewski & Dana MacCallumMhor-3rd place in Grasp a Graph
5. Sebastian Cole & Brooke Majewski- 1<sup>st</sup> place in Zowie Estimation
6. Sebastian Cole & Isabella Mecca- 1<sup>st</sup> place in RockHound
7. Parker McFarlen, Kevin Jinerson, & Fernando Hernandez- 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Starry, Starry Night





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

### SCHOOL DAY TIMES

First Bell	8:24 a.m.
Full Day:	8:30 – 3:18 p.m.
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 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](http://www.chippewavalleyschools.org/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.

## 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](http://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.**