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FOX FACTS

November - December 2018
Students will develop the strategies
and skills necessary to **become life-long
learners in a safe, respectful,
and responsible environment.**

Mr. Frank Bellomo, Principal
Mr. Anthony Lewis Asst. Principal
Mrs. Kathy Ahonen, Secretary
Mrs. Mary Casango, Clerk
Mrs. Ellen Scibilia, Clerk

Fox Families,

Just recently we celebrated Halloween; one of our favorite days as a child. It was great to see all of the children dressed up in their costumes and all of the family members who came here to both help out and see our Halloween parade.

Now, we are full swing into the month of November. The holidays are fast approaching. Very soon we will be celebrating Thanksgiving as a Fox family and with your own families. No matter who you are, there is much to be thankful for. As a husband and father, I am thankful for my family. As the principal of Fox, I am thankful for our wonderful students and families, our talented and dedicated staff, our excellent PTO, and lastly our opportunity as a school community to continuously seek improvement in everything we do.

As the weather continues to get colder, please remember to bring coats, hats, and gloves to school. Boots will also be needed in case we go outside and snow is on the ground. Yikes, this scares me just thinking about winter and snow.

SAFE SCHOOLS STRONG SCHOOLS BOND

Safe Schools, Strong Schools

Ensuring the safety of our students and staff is our top priority. I am writing today to provide you with important information and facts regarding the upcoming Safe Schools, Strong Schools Proposal. **On November 6, Chippewa Valley residents will be asked to vote on a bond proposal designed to keep our kids safe.** This proposal will allow us to fund necessary improvements **without raising taxes** by extending our current bond repayment millage.

The Safe Schools, Strong Schools proposal would:

*Allow us to fund necessary security enhancements in our building, including the addition of a panic button in our school office, new security cameras (some of our cameras in the district are 10 years old and out of warranty), new door locks, and improved interior corridor systems.

*Replace buses that are oldest in the fleet, and replace roofing, plumbing and mechanical systems throughout the district to keep students safe, warm and dry.

*Enhance our classroom technology to give our students real life, hands-on experiences and a head start on careers through state-of-the-art instructional technology and increased access to Career and Technical Educational programs so our students can compete for the jobs of tomorrow.

I urge you to visit our website and click on the **Safe Schools, Strong Schools** link to see a complete list of improvements and to learn more information about this important proposal. I also invite you to contact me at 586-723-5600 with any questions you may have.

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Chippewa Valley has a proven track record of fiscal responsibility. We work hard to be good stewards of your taxpayer dollars and to provide your children with an outstanding education.

Together, we can continue this tradition of excellence.

See the links below: **Vote on November 6th.**

Brochure:http://www.chippewavalleyschools.org/downloads/community_relations/2018_bond_-_safe_schools_strongs_school_brochure.pdf

Link to School Specific Information: <http://www.chippewavalleyschools.org/our-district/safe-schools-strong-schools/building-improvement-list/>

What are some of the things we will do at Fox if the Bond passes?

http://www.chippewavalleyschools.org/downloads/community_relations/fox_bldg_list.pdf

Don't forget to vote on the **Chippewa Valley: Safe Schools Strong Schools Bond** on **November 6th.**

Thanks For Your Support,

Mr. Bellomo

Positivity Project

This year at Fox our whole school is working on the Positivity Project. I am very excited for all of our classrooms to be devoting time to this very important topic. Fox is truly a special place with wonderful people. I can't wait to see the Positive Impact this has on our students!

The Positivity Project focuses on Relationships.

Click the link to access the website:

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

Why Relationships?

Our 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.

This year our students have been discussing CURIOSITY, TEAMWORK, OPEN-MINDEDNESS, INTEGRITY, and PERSPECTIVE. The next important thing we will be talking about is CHARACTER

What conversations in your home can you begin to have with your children regarding Integrity, Perspective, and Creativity.

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A few things I like to remind my children and others:

1. You don't have to be the smartest kid in your class or the best athlete on your team, but you can be the hardest worker. Don't let someone outwork you!
2. A's and B's mean nothing if you don't know how to work hard. School and life in general can and will be tough at times so you have to be ready for it.
3. Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.
4. Hard work and how you treat others will take you far in life.
5. Be better today than you were yesterday and be better tomorrow than you were today!
6. Be the kid who stands up for others.
7. Don't ever say you Can't when it comes to being able to accomplish something in life. Every time you hear the word "Can't", add a "Yet" behind it. I Can't Yet.....Have a Growth Mindset!

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

Click on the link below:

<https://www.smore.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://www.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>

Thank you for all that you do to support our school!

Sincerely,

Mr. Bellomo

New Assistant Principal

My name is Anthony Lewis, and I am happy to announce that I will be the Assistant Principal at Fox Elementary. As a child, I attended school in the Chippewa Valley School District and graduated from Dakota High School. I then attended Oakland University and earned a Bachelors in Elementary Education and a Master of Educational Leadership.

During my time in Chippewa Valley, I have taught at Fox Elementary and Iroquois Middle School; I also served as an Intern Assistant Principal at both Cherokee and Ojibwa Elementary schools and as a district English Language Arts Curricular Leader. I coached baseball at Dakota High School, served as a student council advisor, and coordinated the Chippewa Valley Schools' LEGO Robotics program at both the elementary and middle school level.

I am looking forward to working with all students this year. Together, we can help our children reach individual excellence and begin to prepare them for future success. If you need to contact me, please do so by either email or telephone. To contact me by email, please send your emails to alewis01@cvs.k12.mi.us. To contact me by telephone, please contact the main office.

You can count on the entire staff at Fox to be dedicated to serving our students by providing a learning environment that is safe and supportive. We strive to prepare our students, so they may successfully advance toward their goals and become successful members of our community. If anyone at Fox can be of assistance to you and your family, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Anthony Lewis

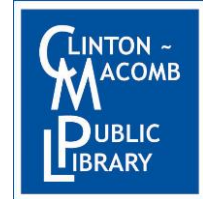
Assistant Principal

Fox Elementary and Ojibwa Elementary

Chippewa Valley Schools

Research-Based Tips for Parents: The Growth Mindset

What YOU SAY can positively affect your child's success in school and life. Research shows that parenting with a **GROWTH MINDSET** better ensures your child's success in school, sports and life! Giving children specific praise for their effort, perseverance and practice can greatly improve their achievement. Please see below for a list of growth mindset books you can share with your child. All titles are available at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library.



Growth Mindset Books Available at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library

- Beautiful Oops by Barney Saltzberg
- The Dot by Peter Reynolds
- Dream Big, Little Pig! by Kristi Yamaguchi
- Everyone Can Learn to Ride a Bicycle by Chris Raschka
- The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes by Mark Pett
 - Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae
 - It's Okay to Make Mistakes by Todd Parr
- Keep Going! A Guide to Facing... by Mayra Diaz
 - Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus
 - Leo the Lightning Bug by Eric Drachman
 - Lily the Unicorn by Dallas Clayton
- The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper
 - Making a Splash by Carol Reiley
- Mistakes That Worked by Charlotte Jones
- The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires
 - Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty
 - Thanks for the Feedback by Julia Cook
- The Tortoise and the Hare by Jerry Pinkney
- Walk On! A Guide for Babies of All Ages by Marla Frazee
 - What Do You Do With an Idea by Kobi Yamada
 - What Do You Do With a Problem by Kobi Yamada
 - Your Fantastic Elastic Brain by JoAnn Derek

FOOD SERVICE DEBIT PROGRAM ALL SCHOOLS

How to open an account:

- See CV website for DEBIT FORM:
www.chippewavalleyschools.org
- Online debit deposit: www.SendMoneyToSchool.com
(need student ID number)
- Send check (payable to CV Food Service) or cash to school with student
- Student hands check/cash to Cashier in Cafeteria – account activated/deposit applied!
- **NOTE:** If ID card is lost or stolen, it must be reported to cafeteria cashier immediately. Food Service is not responsible for fraudulent usages. Yes, it's that simple! If you need further assistance, please feel free to contact the Food Service Department Hotline at 723-2294.

ELEMENTARY Meal Prices

Student Lunch \$2.75
Lunch Plus \$4.25
Reduced lunch \$0.40
Regular Breakfast \$1.55
Reduced Breakfast \$0.30
Milk \$0.60



School Messenger

Our goal is to have 100% of the Fox community signed up for School Messenger. School Messenger provides us with a quick and easy way to communicate important information and is just one more great way for us to keep you informed of all the exciting happenings here at Fox.

Choosing Notifications for School Messenger

School Messenger allows you to receive phone, email and text notifications from your child's school. You can select which of these notifications to receive and which format(s) you prefer. These settings are managed through the Parent Portal.

To change your School Messenger Settings:

1. Log into the Parent Portal.
2. Click on School Messenger Link at the bottom right of your parent portal page.
3. The following page will appear: All messages within the last 30 days appear on this page.
4. Click on Contacts and the following will appear
5. Students will appear here. Click on edit to change contact information.
 - a. You can add one number for text messages (SMS).
 - b. You can add up to 5 email addresses.

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c. The 5 main phone numbers come from PowerSchool. If the numbers you want to include are not listed please contact the building to update your phone numbers. Subscribe to School Messenger today.

Parent Portal

The CVS Parent Portal allows parents to access important information about their children. Parents can access lunch account balances, attendance, bus route information and student schedules for students in grades K-12.

Picture Retake Day

Picture Retake Day will be held on November 7th from 10:00 – 1:30. Bring your original picture packet to give to the photographers. Forms are available in the office if you missed the first picture day.

Absence Line

If your child will not be in school:
PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL'S 24 HOUR ABSENCE LINE



(586) 723-5699 by 9:00 a.m.

In order for their absence to be excused and verified. Please state the students first and last name, grade, teacher, date of absence and reason for absence. It is essential for the welfare of the other children that you do not send your children to school if they are sick.

Leaving early:

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

CHILD CARE

SACC 586-723-5684

Our Child Care Program will be operated each school day from 6:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Registration is \$20.00 per family. **The cost is \$4.75 /first child and \$4.25 /each additional child per hour.**

A late fee of \$1.00 per minute will be applied after 6:00 pm. Families with chronic late pickups will be subject to a late fee of \$5.00 per minute per child.

More information is available by calling the childcare office at **586-723-5684**.

SCHOOL DRESS

The weather is getting colder and it is now time for students to begin dressing warmer. We would like the children to be able to go outside for recess as much as possible. Some recommended clothing includes:

- ☑ Warm jackets
- ☑ Gloves
- ☑ Winter hats
- ☑ Boots when necessary



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Visitors

All doors are locked while students are in session.

Enter through the main doors by pressing the **word Office**. The buzzer is located to the left of the doors.

A visitor will be greeted prior to entering the building. Be prepared to show your identification.



Giving Tree

PTO will be sending home information regarding the Giving Tree. If you would like to help, fill out the form and return to school. Students will pick tags from the Christmas tree on November 20th. Please wrap items when returning them to school.

Buy image at <http://vayimages.com/image/field/5764467> YAY: Quality Images, Low Prices



Student Council Food Drive

Donated foods will be combined with additional food purchased and delivered by the
KIWANIS CLUB of Clinton Township to local families in need.

November 1st – 13th

Consider donating:

Rice/Pasta

Boxed Meals

Canned Beans

Peanut butter/Jelly

Canned Meats, fruits and veggies

PLEASE NO GLASS CONTAINERS



DARE Graduation for 5th grade will take place at Fox on
November 20th at 1:45

Santa Shop

The PTO Santa Shop will be open December 3rd – December 7th. Flyers will be coming home
soon that will have a date for your child's shopping day.

There will also be a chance for you to volunteer.



UNITY DAY at FOX

October is National Bullying Awareness Month. We participated in Unity Day on October 25th. Staff and students were encouraged to wear orange to show that we are united together and support students being bullied everywhere. We are showing them that they are not alone - that someone cares by wearing orange! All classes/grades met out at the track and locked arms while saying the bullying pledge together "as a stand against bullying". But most of all, this was also to demonstrate our school's commitment to accept differences in each other and have "Unity in Diversity".

On my honor as a kid/adult against bullying, I promise:

To speak up when I see bullying
To reach out to others who are bullied
and to be a friend whenever I see bullying



PEN NIGHT WORKSHOP

This special evening is created for you and your child to attend together. You and your child will participate in math and reading centers modeled by classroom teachers and staff members. All of the activities are designed for you to use at home to help your child succeed in school and will be given to each student who attends.

This is a FREE event, and includes DINNER.

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade:

Monday November 5th - registration at 5:45

3rd, 4th and 5th grade:

Wednesday, November 14th - registration at 5:45

Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family application @ www.lunchapp.com

www.lunchapp.com allows you to fill out a family application for Free and Reduced Meal Benefits on-line. This website is very user friendly, quick, easy and confidential. By using this method, you will not need to complete a paper application and, in most cases, your application will be reviewed and determined within ten business days. www.lunchapp.com will be available for the 2018/19 school year August 1, 2018.

If you would rather use a paper application, the 2018/19 paper application will be available in the main office of every school building that last week in August, 2018.

Students receiving benefits last year must submit the 2018/19 Free and Reduced Meal application and be approved prior to October 12, 2018 to prevent loss of benefits.

The Food Service Department is pleased to offer you our Point of Sale Debit Card Register System. This COMPUTERIZED system has many benefits: Convenience Students will have shorter waiting time in lines Complete privacy for Free and Reduced Priced Lunch Students Creates a Safety Net when money or bag lunches are lost/forgotten A budgeting convenience for parents Easy tracking of account activity

Why is this system efficient and accurate? The Meal Magic program offers parents the ability to go online to sendmoneytoschool.com to make real-time deposits on a meal debit card that can be used in any of our school buildings. Meal Magic provides a single data base system for the entire district! This means students can travel between buildings and their account history goes with them. It also allows parents to apply credit that can be split between multiple children located in different school buildings! A photo identification process is used to prevent unauthorized users from using your child's debit card. With sendmoneytoschool.com parents have 24/7 secure access to their child's account, can make one deposit for multiple children, and have the ability to review each child's account through the Internet.

How does the system work? With this system, each student is issued an account that is based on his/her student I.D. number, whether they use it or not. As money is deposited into the account, the student may purchase any food item or meal sold through the Food Service Department. This advanced system keeps an accurate account of the student's balance, his/her purchases.

Is it easy to use? Students simply "swipe" their I.D. cards through an electronic scanner at the cashier station. The cashier will enter the student's purchases and the total will be deducted from their account balance. We continue to accept cash for food purchases, but it is less efficient and takes more time in the lunch line.

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Should our family/student participate? This system has proven itself to be efficient, accurate and an excellent financial tool for students to use. If you think this may be an option for your family, please fill out the attached form or visit the link for Send Money to School on our website under 'Lunch Menu' at www.chippewavalleyschools.org. For a direct link please visit www.SendmoneyToSchool.com Thank You!

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http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442 3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Thank you,

C. Van Wormer

Director of Food Services Chippewa Valley Schools