

FOX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOLS

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Fox Families,

I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer vacation. As the principal of Fox Elementary, I am extremely excited to begin my fifth year with our Fox Family. I honestly can't wait to see the smiling faces of our students and work with our wonderful staff, parents, and Fox community.

Some of you may be new to our Fox family and many of you have been a part of our family for years. Once at Fox, you will quickly realize that each team member, no matter their role, will be working to make this the most memorable school experience for your child that we can. A school should feel as comfortable as a home. A school should be a family. At Fox, we are a family and the most important thing that we will do each day is build relationships with our students.

Throughout the year your child will engage in many different opportunities and experiences that will have a positive impact on their education. Continue to remind your children that they can and will continue to succeed in the various subjects at school. Remind your child to always try their best and celebrate even the smallest successes with them throughout the year.

As a parent, I can understand that we always want our child to shine the brightest, but what's most important is instilling the mindset of hard work and effort into them. Rather than competing with each other we should be seeking personal continuous improvement. Having a growth mindset-knowing that we will face challenges but can always learn from them and improve, is far better than a fixed mindset in which we already have decided something is just too tough for us. It's the struggles and obstacles in life that make us tougher. The Fox team will be partners in learning for our students. Together we will work to help instill a Growth Mindset and a love for continuous learning and improvement.

The Fox staff and I look forward to helping your child grow both academically and socially throughout the year.

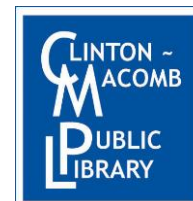
Thank you for being a part of our Fox Family.

Mr. Bellomo

Principal

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.

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 Day

Fall Picture Day will be held on Wednesday, September 26th. If your child will be absent that day, Picture Makeup Day is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7th from 10:00 am. to 1:30 p.m.

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 Director: Mrs. Mary Ann Lents 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**.

DRESS CODE

FLIP FLOPS are **not** permitted.

- Sandals and shoes with high heels are very dangerous on the playground; tennis shoes are a much better choice.
- Hats, sunglasses and bandanas are **not** permitted in school.
- Clothing should not disrupt the educational process by being distracting with inappropriate elementary aged sayings or pictures.
- Sagging or extremely baggy pants are not acceptable.
- No tops that expose any area of the midriff or hang off the shoulders.
- Halters and tank tops are NOT acceptable.

Count Day

is **Wednesday October 3rd**. Please try to have your child attend this day.



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.

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

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.

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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Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at:

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