

Fox Elementary School



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FOX FACTS



September/October 2011

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

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Dear Fox Families:

Welcome back to another exciting year at Fox School. Over ninety percent of our students and their families attended the beginning of the year Ice Cream Social and Sneak Peek. Thanks to Fox PTO, students and their families enjoyed ice cream and then were able to come into the building for a peek at their new classroom. Fox welcomes Mrs. Sheridan as she joins Mrs. Nothdurft in teaching 2nd grade, and Mrs. Braun is back teaching 2nd grade. New changes include Mrs. Mlynarek leading our grade 2/3 blended classroom; returning to the 4 / 5 blend is Ms McDonald who was married in August and is now Mrs. Skorupski. Congratulations to Mrs. Fogolini and Mr. Lewis as they both move to 6th grade, Iroquois and Seneca, respectfully. We bid a fond farewell to Ms Locklear, Ms Landa and Mrs. Jenner.

Curriculum Nights will be held Thursday, September 8th. Please note the time for each grade level. This is a night for parents to hear about the year ahead including detailed curriculum and expectations. Please remember this is considered a "business like meeting" and we request PARENTS ONLY.

Curriculum Night

1st	5:30-6:00
2nd	6:00-6:30
3rd	6:30-7:00
4th	7:00-7:30
5th	7:30-7:45

ECSE Open House September 6th at 10:00-11:00 a.m. for morning students and 1:00-2:00 p.m. for afternoon parents. Also, ECSE Parent Night is September 22 at 6:30. Kindergarten Curriculum night was held on August 31st.

Our first PTO Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 13th at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. There are many ways to become involved in school and our goal is to increase parent attendance and involvement in the PTO and school events. PTO supported the purchase of many student lockers. Now all students in grades 2nd through 5th have individual lockers.

We are excited as we realize the tradition of excellence provided by the 2010 Bond Program. This year, Fox improvements and upgrades include additional lockers, teacher storage, new/replace playground equipment, a paved walking path, and a new school sign.

Safety improvements included site lighting and new parking lot lights. In addition, a large variety of video surveillance cameras film all activity 24 hours a day, both inside and outside of the building. These cameras produce the crispest picture with a very high resolution in color and black and white. Outdoor cameras are excellent for surveillance of the school yard, parking lots, driveways and any other tough security places. The line and range of night vision video security is exceptional. Both Fox School and the District Central Office have access to all film.

Please continue to visit the district and school website. Remember it is easy to communicate with all staff members through the email. We look forward to a wonderful school year!

Welcome back! ☺

Mrs. D. Wade, Principal

Elementary Meal Prices for 11-12

Pricing changes are in red:

- Student Lunch **\$2.70**
- Lunch Plus **\$3.95**
- Milk **\$0.60**
- Reduced Lunch \$0.40
- Regular Breakfast \$1.50
(in select bldgs.)
- Reduced Breakfast \$0.30

Student Code of Conduct Handbook

Please make sure you have received The Student code of Conduct Handbook. This easy to read handbook was developed to answer many commonly asked questions that parents may have during the course of the school year. The handbook also contains information about student rights and responsibilities including the district's AUP (Acceptable Use Policy). Please take time to become familiar with it and sign the accompanying letter. Return letter to your child's teacher. You can access the handbook on the web @ <http://www.chippewavalleyschools.org/parents.asp>
Click on: Elementary Student Handbook

SCHOOL DAY TIMES

First Bell – 8:24 a.m.

Full Day: 8:30 – 3:18 p.m.

Kindergarten – AM 8:30-11:39
PM 12:09-3:18



Childcare: 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

ESCE: AM 8:30 – 11:06
PM 12:39 – 3:15

Half Days: 8:30 am. – 11:42 am.

Breakfast: 8:15-8:25 a.m.

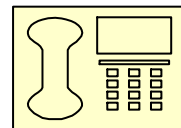
Students are not to arrive before 8:24 a.m. unless attending Childcare or purchasing breakfast.

ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

Regular attendance in school is necessary for children to learn. Often stress and anxiety from missing instruction is evident and makes it impossible for a student to grasp new concepts. Research indicates that for every day a student is not in class they miss two days of learning and instruction. These problems cause gaps in an individual's education that could be the source of difficulties in years to come. Please review this important information that affects a student's attendance record:

- **Tardy:** Less than one hour late. Tardy notations are a cause for concern.
- **Sign Out Early:** Leaving within 45 minutes of dismissal is noted in students' attendance record.

Kindergarten One hour late is an absence.



Absence Line

If your child will not be in school:

**PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOLS
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.

Safety Procedures for 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.

Arriving / Leaving early:

- Adult must sign student in & 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**



CONTACTING FOX STAFF



You can contact the school staff one of two ways:

- By e-mail. Type first initial of the staff member's first name and 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.

Parking Lot and Traffic



- Parking Lot closest to the creek – **BUS AND STAFF ONLY**
- Parking 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

THANK YOU FOR MAKING SAFETY FIRST

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.

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, Food Service Helpers, Lunch monitors, and Crossing Guards. Interested applicants should contact: **www.TemporarySchoolStaff.com**.



MEDICATION POLICY

In order to provide your child with needed **prescription medication**, Chippewa Valley Schools provides a form and requires written instructions from the physician before any 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. Prescription medications **MUST** be labeled to include the dose to be given at school. 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. These forms are available in our office and on-line @ www.chippewavalley.schools.org.



VISITORS WELCOME

Please remember that all visitors must report to the office. You will be asked to 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.

VISITORS & RESTAURANT FOOD

Visitors and food from outside restaurants are not permitted. Our lunchrooms are not equipped to handle guests, including parents and or family members. In addition, to insure safety and consistency in our lunchroom, we will not deliver food brought in from outside restaurants. Please send lunch with your child in the morning.



PICTURE DAY: September 23, 2011

Please help us help your child(ren) to learn and remember the Fox Positive Behavior Support Program rules: BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL and BE RESPONSIBLE. Teachers will talk more to your children about this school-wide effort. We have almost 600 students so it is very important that the children are safe at all times, that they respect one another and are responsible for learning.



FIRE, LOCKDOWN AND TORNADO DRILLS

Fire, lockdown and tornado drills are practiced periodically throughout the year. Children are to leave the building in a quiet, orderly manner during a fire drill. Shelter areas are assigned for tornado and lockdown drills.

In the event of a tornado watch or warning, all of the children will stay at school and we will take cover should conditions warrant such action. Children will not be sent home early from school. Children will be dismissed from school at their regular dismissal time.

Parents Only Curriculum Night

Thursday September 8, 2011

1st grade 5:30 – 6:00 pm

2nd grade 6:00 – 6:30 pm

3rd grade 6:30 – 7:00 pm

4th grade 7:00 – 7:30 pm

5th grade 7:30 – 7:45 pm

STUDENT INFORMATION/EMERGENCY CARD

The office keeps an emergency card on each student at Fox Elementary. This year we will be handing out new emergency cards on the first day of school and ask that they be returned as soon as possible. It is important that all contact information is kept current, so that we may reach someone when necessary.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Chippewa Valley Board of Education meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month. The Board encourages you to attend meetings and to be involved. Board members include:

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STUDENT INSURANCE

The District will again offer student insurance. Brochures will be sent home in the near future. Parents that would like the insurance should fill this form out and send the application/premium envelope directly to the Markel Insurance Company. Please note that applications and payments for more than one child should be mailed in separate envelopes. Please do not return the application/premium envelopes to the school. **Any questions regarding this insurance should be directed to Markel Insurance at (800)431-1270.**

Email: www.markelinsurance.com

The district does not provide for payment of medical bills.



DRESS AND GROOMING

Students' dress and grooming are the responsibility of the student and his/her parent. It is our desire that students come dressed in a manner which would result in an atmosphere conducive to learning. It is our observation that children behave better when they are well dressed. We do not wish to be stern or rigid with our dress code policy. We do, however, want our students to learn what kind of attire is acceptable and in good taste for school.

Following are guidelines regarding personal appearance:

- ❖ Clothing and grooming should be clean and in keeping with health practices.
- ❖ Shoes must be worn at all times. **No flip-flops allowed.** Sandals and shoes must have a back to them.
- ❖ Clothing and grooming must not be hazardous to any educational activity.
- ❖ Clothing and grooming should not disrupt the educational process or be distracting.
- ❖ Sagging or extremely baggy pants are not acceptable.
- ❖ No tops that expose any area of the midriff or hang off the shoulder.
- ❖ Halters and tank tops are not acceptable.

During the months of **September, May and June**, shorts that are appropriate in length may be worn. Shorts that are considered "too short" are unacceptable. The same holds true for skirts and skorts (recommended length is mid thigh or at least fingertip length). Students will be given a warning the first time they wear unacceptable clothing and after that will be required to contact a parent for a change of clothing should they come to school dressed in anything that is unacceptable. **Also, no sunglasses, hats, or bandanas are permitted in school.**

SCHOOL CLOSINGS



If weather conditions are such that school will be closed, announcements will be made over local radio stations. This decision is normally made at 6:00 a.m.

Fox Playground Area



Please be reminded that the playground is an extension of the classroom during the school day. To ensure SAFETY and SECURITY these areas are reserved for Fox Students and Staff only.

Please refrain from playing between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:35 pm. Please remember SAFETY is first and all children should be with an adult and supervised after school hours. Thank you for your support with this matter.

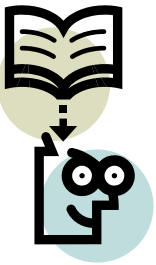
Childcare Program



Our program will be operated each school day from 6:30 to 8:30 am and from 3:18 to 6:00 pm. Registration is \$20.00 per family. The cost is \$4.25/first child and \$3.75/each additional child per hour. A late fee of \$1.00 per minute will be applied after 6:00 pm. More information is available by calling the childcare office at 586-723-5684.

COUNT DAY

is Wednesday October 5th. Please try to have your child attend this day.



LOOKING AHEAD

THE MEAP IS HERE



Tuesday, October 11th, students in grades three, four and five will begin their annual MEAP tests. The Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) assesses students understanding of the State benchmarks in the areas of English, Language Arts and Mathematics. In addition to this, our fifth grade students will also take a test in the area of Science.


In addition to the MEAP results; school performance and report card grades provide parents with valuable information regarding a child's progress. It is important to remember that MEAP results are just one academic indicator of a child's strengths. It is also very important for students not to "stress-out" over taking this one test, nor for them to falsely believe that this one test will impact their grades.


It is important for children to come prepared to do their very best. So please make sure:


- Your child attends school all the days of the MEAP window.
- They get a good night rest & healthy breakfast
- They can bring a water bottle to drink during the test.
- They try their very best and take it seriously
- Testing will begin promptly first thing in the morning for most grades/ classes, so please make sure they are on time each day.


HALLOWEEN

The students will parade outside around the building with their class and teacher at 2:20 p.m. Parents are invited to observe the parade outside the building. The best photo spot will be outside of your child's classroom and wait for the parade to pass. Cheering is most welcome! Following the parade, students will enjoy refreshments in their classroom prior to dismissal. With Halloween only weeks away, we know that families are planning their costumes for the big event. We do want this day to be a calm and enjoyable day for everyone. To accomplish this goal we ask each family to adhere to the following guidelines:

 **Select costume from positive role models. Keep in mind that costumes imitating and/or promoting violence in any way are not appropriate.** The Fox staff works diligently to promote nonviolence. Costumes that promote, model and support violent characters or perpetrators of violence, are contradictory to our efforts and to the ideals we support and teach.

 **Costume accessories such as spears, play-guns, knives, axes, or weapons of any kind are not to be part of the school costume.** It explicitly states in the School Code of Conduct that weapons are not allowed on school property at any time. If a child brings a weapon it will be taken away.

 **Please plan a costume that is simple to change into.** Portions of the school costume may be worn to school in the morning leaving only a final piece or two for your child to put on to complete the costume.

 **Masks of any kind are not allowed.** Thank you for cooperating with our plan to make Halloween a safe and enjoyable day for all!

Thank you for your support and helping us to ensure security and safety first.



OCTOBER IS RED RIBBON MONTH

**TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION NOW**
**Find teachable moments to talk about
substance abuse prevention:**

- When you talk to your five year old about making healthy choices about taking care of their body (food, rest, exercise) and what not to put in their body (medicine without permission, smelling exhaust or magic markers, helium from balloons) you're sending a prevention message.
- When you hold your 3rd grader responsible for the consequences of the choices he/she makes, it's a drug prevention message.
- When you teach your 5th grader how to resist peer pressure to play instead of doing homework, you're getting him ready to make tough choices about drugs and alcohol.
- When you deal with stress in a healthy way without using alcohol/drugs, you're modeling the most important message of all. Red Ribbon Month activities will not prevent alcohol or substance abuse in our children, but it reminds us that if we all find every opportunity to talk to our kids about our values and expectations regarding substance use, we will influence their decisions.

September



- 8 Curriculum Night for Grades 1 - 5
- Grade 1 5:30 to 6:00 p.m.
- Grade 2 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.
- Grade 3 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- Grade 4 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- Grade 5 7:30 to 7:45 p.m.
- 12 Entertainment Book Sale Starts
- 13 Welcome PTO Meeting @ 8:30 am
- 22 ECSE Parent Night from 6:30 to 7:30 pm
- 23 **Picture Day**
- 26 PTO Spirit Wear Sale Starts
- 29 Bagel Sale Starts every Wednesday
- 30 School Store Open @ Lunch

October



- 5 **Count Day**
- 6 National Walk to School Day
- 7 PTO Spirit Wear Sale Ends
- 10 Cookie Dough Sale Starts
- 11 MEAP Begins: Grades 3 - 4 - 5
PTO Meeting @ 8:30 am
- 14 School Store Open @ Lunch
- 18 Halloween Grams Start
- 22 Mom to Mom Sale
- 24 Cookie Dough Orders Due
- 27 End of MEAP
- 28 Halloween Dance @ 6:30 to 9:00 pm
- 31 Parade @ 2:20 pm-Parties in afternoon

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

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- State the students first and last name, grade, teacher,
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Arrival - Late Arrival & Early Dismissal

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- Identification necessary for all early dismissals.
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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

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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%20MENU/pdfs/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

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- 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 are not allowed unless approved by Mrs. Wade.

Skate Boarding, Smoking, Pets and Roller Blade Hockey are NOT ALLOWED on School Grounds.