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DECEMBER / JANUARY 2016-17

Mission Statement: Inspiring and empowering learners to achieve a lifetime of success.
Vision Statement: Preparing students today for the challenges of tomorrow.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Ojibwa Families,

It is hard to believe that the holidays are right around the corner. Where did the time go?

As we start the month of December, I want to once again thank you for your endless support. We are fortunate as a staff to have a community of families that partners with us. I value your endless dedication. Whether you are able to help out in the classroom, volunteer for PTO events or sit with your child and read each night, we thank you. Your support is reflective of the great things we are able to accomplish as partners in your child's education. The holidays are a reminder of how lucky I am to serve this community, be your child's principal and work with such an extraordinary staff.

In an effort to constantly meet our school improvement goals, I ask that students continue to sharpen their reading and math skills. I find it pleasing to monitor skill achievement and know that the extra time that students are spending on IXL and reading programs such as RAZ, Lexia and AR are truly making a difference. I encourage all families to read together as much as possible. I hope you can find joy in bonding with your child over a great book. My favorite book this time of year happens to be *The Polar Express*, by Chris Van Allsburg.

I would like to recognize the many staff changes that have occurred over the past two months. Jaime Walker is our new building secretary. As our previous clerk, Jaime is well prepared for the daily responsibilities of an elementary secretary. Also, Lauren Kern and Claire Clor are sponsoring our Student Council and guiding the students as they help out the school and community. If you have not had a chance, please consider donating a pair of gloves or mittens for the latest Student Council sponsored community service project, Mittens for Detroit. Jeannine Moriconi is also our new Science Olympiad Coach and she is prepping the students for a great season. It is evident that Ojibwa's staff is committed to the success of all children and will continue to go above and beyond to make a difference.

The month of December is short but we certainly have many great events planned. The Holiday Music Concert will take place on Wednesday, December 14th and the Santa event will take place on Friday, December 16th. In addition, our classroom holiday parties will take place on Tuesday, December 20th and be limited to those that have signed up to host with the teacher.

The last day of school before holiday break is an exciting time for Ojibwa students and staff. It is our long standing Ojibwa tradition to plan a school wide sing along. Mr. Mallare, our music teacher, will provide musical direction and the staff will entertain the students. This great event will take place on Wednesday, December 21st. Students are also invited to dress in their pajamas for PJ Day. Wednesday, December 21st will not only be entertaining but also a half day of school. We anticipate great fun and memories to be made as we celebrate our 2016 accomplishments.

Have a wonderful holiday season and I wish you a fantastic 2017.

Yours in Education,

Marina Licari

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Character Counts at Ojibwa

Kindergartener ***Luke Suzore*** is one of Mrs. Abdo's model students. Since day one, Luke has demonstrated respect and cooperation in their classroom. He uses good listening skills and waits his turn to speak. Luke also shows great cooperation during creative play time and recess. On top of all that, Mrs. Abdo said Luke has a warm heart and his kindness is spread throughout their classroom. Keep up the great work, Luke!

Mrs. Casasanta has proudly nominated ***Gianna Mazzola*** for being respectful and responsible. She said Gianna is a very sweet, hard-working girl, and she takes the initiative to help out any way she can. Mrs. Casasanta also praised Gianna for being a great listener and always following directions. Gianna is off to a great start at Ojibwa!

Lily Johnston is setting a wonderful example for her peers on a daily basis. Mrs. Danko said Lily comes to school with a positive attitude, and she displays respect for herself, peers, adults, and school materials. Lily always works to her highest potential, gets her work done in a timely manner, and demonstrates fantastic cooperation skills. Mrs. Danko is very proud of Lily for all of her accomplishments this year!

Mrs. Geck couldn't say enough good things about ***Leighton DeSantes!*** She said Leighton is respectful to others and demonstrates wonderful cooperation skills. In addition, Leighton is a hard worker, always striving to reach her highest potential. Leighton's love for learning is contagious, and Mrs. Geck is extremely proud of the leader she is becoming in their classroom.

Olivia Milana is a superstar second grader! Mrs. Gold said Olivia has a kind heart and is respectful to her classmates and teachers. She is a responsible, hard-working student who comes to school with a positive attitude and puts 100% into everything she does. Mrs. Gold knows she can always count on Olivia, and she's proud of her for the way she lives up to Ojibwa's student pledge.

Mrs. Matway proudly nominates ***Brayden Krebs*** to represent her class **and** second grade. Brayden always tries to turn in his best work. He also participates often and is a good listener during class discussions. Brayden turns in his homework on time, treats all classmates with respect, and is a great friend to others. Brayden is a wonderful example of what it means to follow the three "Hoots"!

Third grade's first nomination goes to ***Madeline Guthrie***. Mrs. Grzadzinski said Maddie has a tremendous work ethic, and she shows compassion and respect for others. Maddie is self-directed in setting goals, which she then works tirelessly to achieve. Students and teachers alike are drawn to Maddie's politeness and positive nature. Maddie is truly a model student, and Mrs. Grzadzinski feels fortunate to have her in class.

Ella Pihalja is another outstanding 3rd grader who Mrs. Thorpe described as responsible and polite. Ella comes to school eager to get started on her work, and she regularly completes her assignments on time. Mrs. Thorpe is also proud of Ella for the way she encourages her classmates to do their best and gets along with others. Ella's great attitude and work habits make her a perfect Character Counts nominee!

Mrs. Adamo has high praises for her student ***Mechelle Gin***. Mechelle uses her class time wisely and completes her work with care. Mechelle puts forth extra effort by always completing the "Challenge" questions on assignments, and she is an avid participant in class. Mechelle's diligence as a reader has enabled her to surpass her Accelerated Reading goal well before the end of the trimester! Mrs. Adamo truly appreciates Mechelle's enthusiasm for learning and the positive role model she is for her classmates.

Fourth grader ***Jenna Higgins*** is making Mrs. Jones and Ms. Neale very proud. They said she is a hard-working student who always follows directions. Jenna displays motivation and responsibility by turning in her classwork and homework on time. She also shows kindness by helping her classmates whenever they need it. For these reasons and more, Mrs. Jones and Ms. Neale thoroughly enjoy having Jenna in their class!

Mrs. Lewis' student ***Austin Collier*** is a perfect *Character Counts* representative because he is kind, respectful, and responsible. Austin is also trustworthy, and Mrs. Lewis knows she can count on him to always make good decisions. Austin is clearly a model citizen and is setting a wonderful example for others to follow.

Sarah Myziuk is a stand-out student in the 5th grade ranks! Mrs. Reeves applauds Sarah for the hard work and self-discipline she shows on a daily basis. Sarah's drive to succeed is evident in the detailed answers she gives on daily assignments, quizzes, and tests. Mrs. Reeves said Sarah demonstrates outstanding character by always working toward excellence. Keep up the great work, Sarah!!

Congratulations to all of our *Character Counts* nominees for November and December! We appreciate the excellent behavior you display every day, and you can be very proud of yourselves. Keep up the great work!!

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Thank you to all the families that contributed to the Student Council Canned Food Drive during the month of November. Together we can help alleviate hunger in Macomb County.

Thank you,
Student Council

STUDENT COUNCIL 2016-17

Congratulations to the Student Council Representatives for the current school year!

5th Grade

Reeves: Julia Lewis, Arianna Knight
Lewis: Parker Cipriano, Isabella Ritter
Trzasko: Isaiah Hines, Emily Dailey
Zarzycki: Jordyn Carter, Amelia Khami

4th Grade

Jones: Tyler Krebs, Breanne Balsamo
Adamo: Natalie Bienkowski, Kensington Pitonyak
Kimmel: Nicole Paul, Sophie Seidl
Sobel: Carlee Shafer, Alivia Abraham

3rd Grade

Thorpe: Sophia Stevenson, Matthew Sehnert
Grzadzinski: Jackson Hundrieser, Elena Daigneau
Verstraete: Teodora Peroska, Lindsey Dailey
Alessi: Austin Denomme, Audrina Rizzo

MITTENS FOR DETROIT

Ojibwa's Student Council will be collecting ***NEW*** mittens/gloves for the organization, ***Mittens for Detroit.*** This organization is a non-profit that collects, purchases and distributes brand new gloves and mittens to kids and adults all over southeast Michigan. Mittens can be dropped off in the atrium. The mitten drive will start on Monday, November 28 and go through Tuesday, December 20. Thank you and 'tis the season for giving!

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Jackets, hats, gloves or mittens and boots are essential during this time of year especially on the way to and from school. Dress your child in layers of clothes that can be removed if they get too warm. All students should wear warm clothing to school every day.

Outdoor exercise is good for children. They need the chance to run, jump and get exercise every day. Unless there is rain or severe weather, students will go outside during lunch time.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FUNDRAISER

We would like to thank all the families who sold Entertainment Books, as well as those who returned their books and money on time. We were able to raise almost $6,000 which will be used to offset the cost of field trips and grade level activities.

HOLIDAY CONCERT

Join Ojibwa's 2nd and 5th Graders for a Holiday Concert on **Wednesday, December 14, at 7:00 PM** for parents, family and friends. There will be a dress rehearsal/performance on **Tuesday, December 13th at 9:00 AM** for the staff and students here at Ojibwa. Students are asked to wear white shirts, and dark pants, or skirts for both performances. For the evening performance, students are to arrive at Ojibwa at 6:30 PM. Students will meet in their respective classrooms. For safety reasons, your student should be picked up from these respective areas at the end of the concert.

Thank you for your cooperation. I look forward to seeing everyone at the concert.

Mr. Mallare

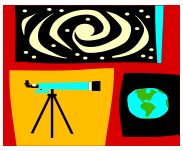
SAVE YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Media Center is collecting fronts of Christmas, birthday cards, etc. These will be made into bookmarks that the students can choose in the Media Center. When the cards are cut up, they are like a puzzle piece. The students love to choose their bookmarks and see what part of the puzzle they have. This activity also supports our Michigan Green School status as we are reusing the cards. Card donations can be sent to the Media Center.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Congratulations to the 2016-2017 Science Olympiad team members who have been selected to represent our school at district and county competitions!

Simon Davis
Marc Bienkowski
Alivia Abraham
Jack Aranowski
Rocco Raiola
Breanne Balsamo
Chandler Boos
Alex Salamone
Nadia Bednar
Akyra Bell
Shane Hammond
Rachel Jimenez
Hayes Clayton
Sefin Sinjari
Emma Hutchins
Johanna Glinz



JANUARY IS SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

January is School Board Appreciation Month. We would like to thank our wonderful board members for the important role they play in our district by supporting and leading our schools.

2016-2017 Lego Robotics' Team – Coach: Mrs. Lewis

Quinn Allison
Nadia Bednar
Alex Carlson
Katie Carlson
Emily Dailey
Simon Davis
Carter Finzel
Rachel Jimenez
Trevor Lasater
Emily Lesnak
Julia Lewis
Adam Perron
Julia Rutkowski

Parent Saturday

Is Coming on March 25, 2017!

Great Workshops for Preschool through High School Parents

Chippewa Valley High School

Sponsored by the
Chippewa Valley Coalition for Youth and Families & Chippewa Valley Schools

Workshops will include:

How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk
Preparing for Kindergarten
Helping Your Child Transition to Middle School
Effectively Managing Families in Transition
Parenting with Love and Logic
Navigating the TWEEN Years
Your Child/Teen's Brain Development
Effective Discipline
Guidelines for Parents: How Old is Old Enough?
For Dads Only
Mothers and Daughters – A Very Special Relationship
Social Media
Navigating the Teen Years

Free Childcare for Children Ages 4 – 10 Years
(Fun activities and snacks for children)

On-Line Registration through Chippewa Valley Schools Community Education will be available in early January 2017

ALL NEW FOR 2017

FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 10TH | 2017

GIRLS MAKING AWESOME DECISIONS

(G-MAD) EMPOWERED FOR THE 21st CENTURY

Fun Workshops for Girls in 4th - 8th Grade:

- Self Esteem
- Tae Kwon Do
- Drumming Circles
- Teen Chat
- Line Dancing
- Cool Careers: A panel of successful women
- Social Media Safety

And Much More!!!!

A Beautiful ME

ThinkFirst McLaren Macomb

Registration fee $5 per person (girls & parents/other adults)

Register by February 1, 2017 • NO WALK IN REGISTRATIONS

Friday February 10th, 2017 5:30PM - 9:00PM

DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL
21051 21 Mile Road - Macomb, MI 48044
Enter through MAIN/EAST Doors (Where flag pole is)
Questions??? Call 586-723-2280
Pizza served from 5:30 – 6pm | Program starts promptly at 6pm

SPECIAL WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS

EMERGING BRAIN RESEARCH - HOW TO RAISE A SELF-CONFIDENT GIRL, A TEEN PANEL, & GROWING EXTRAORDINARY GIRLS

REGISTRATION IS LIMITED SO REGISTER EARLY!

Clip Off and Mail Registration to
Chippewa Valley Schools, 19120 Cass Avenue, Clinton Township MI 48038, Attn: Coalition/GMAD
Registration Fee is $5 per person (girls and parents/other adults)
Make Checks Payable to the Chippewa Valley Coalition for Youth and Families | Register by 2/1/17

Please Print:
Parent/Adult Attendee Name(s)_____

Email Address_____ **Daytime Phone Number**_____

Girl Attendee Name_____ **Grade**____ **School**_____

Girl Attendee Name_____ **Grade**____ **School**_____

Chippewa Valley Coalition for Youth and Families

Sponsored by the Chippewa Valley Coalition for Youth and Families, Dakota High School Student Assistance Program and CVHS Student Assistance

DECEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Hearing Screening CVS Board Meeting Administration Building 6:30 2nd Grade Troy Historical Museum Field Trip (Gold/Moriconi)	6 Hearing Screening PTO Santa Shoppe 	7 Report Cards 3rd Grade Historical Museum Trip (Grzadzinski/Verstraete) 2nd Grade Troy Historical Museum Field Trip (Kern/Matway)	8 Hearing Screening 3rd Grade Historical Museum Trip (Alessi/Thorpe)	9	10
11	12	13 Hearing Screening Holiday Concert School Performance 9:00 am Student Council Mtg 7:45 am	14 Holiday Concert Evening Show 7:00 pm 	15	16 SANTA EVENT 6:00 – 8:30 pm Donut Day	17
18	19 CVS Board Meeting Administration Building 6:30	20 Classroom Holiday Parties 5th Grade Maturation	21 Half Day of School Holiday Sing-a-long	22	23	24
25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	31 Happy New Year's Eve

Holiday Break!

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy New Year 2017!	2	3	4 Classes Resume	5	6	7
8	9 CVS Board Meeting Administration Building 6:30	10 Student Council Meeting 7:55 am 	11	12 PTO Meeting 7:00 pm 	13 Bagel Day	14
15	16 No School - Teacher Professional Development Day ********** Martin Luther King Day 	17 Yearbook Group Picture Day!	18	19 Fitness Night 6:30 – 8:00 pm	20 5th Grade Winter Birthday's Celebration 	21
22	23 CVS Board Meeting Administration Building 6:30	24	25 3rd Gr High Touch High Tech In-School Presentations	26	27 Progress Reports Go Home Today ********** HOOT CART Donut Day	28
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Star Lab during Science Specials All Week

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Ojibwa SACC News

December 2016

(586)723-6473

December Calandar

21st-Half Day-SACC Holiday P.P.P Party (p.j.s, pizza, popcorn)**Sign up by Dec. 16th**

Dec. 22-Jan. 3-Holdiay Break! Enjoy!

We are encouraging Random Acts of Kindness, so please remember to do a kind deed each day!

Thank you to the families that generously donated their extra Halloween candy to use as treats for our prize jar.

Out with the old, in with the new! Consider donating gently used toys and games to SACC when you are making room for all those new holiday gifts. We greatly appreciate all donations of non-violent, school appropriate items.

P.P.P. Party!!!
Pajamas, pizza, popcorn & more…

Wednesday, December 21st is a half day and the last day before the holiday break. We will celebrate with a Holiday Party including pizza lunch, holiday crafts and a movie with popcorn for $4.00 per child. Sign-up deadline is December 16th.

**Payment for these activities will be charged to your SACC account.*

*If not purchasing pizza lunch, please remember to pack a lunch. The cafeteria does not serve lunch on partial/half days.

Afterschool Activities/Attendance

For the safety of the students, please make director aware of any changes in your afterschool schedule prior to 2:30 p.m. Contact us through e-mail dlong@cvs.k12.mi.us, or phone (586)723-6473. You may also call the office at 723-6400 if your child(ren) need to be informed of a change in schedule for that day.

Please remember to inform us if children are attending afterschool activities and will not be coming directly to SACC.

This communication avoids unnecessary bus departure delays and staff concern regarding missing children. Thank you for helping us to keep your children safe and accounted for☺.

Reminders

*Children must be signed in/out of the program by a parent or person listed on the Emergency Card. Please write in the time of arrival/departure for each child and initial. Children cannot sign themselves in/out.

*We have a variety of games and toys available for the children; therefore we ask that all toys, personal items and stuffed friends be left at home where they are safe! Please be aware that per school rules, cell phones and other electronics are to be kept in backpacks and not to be taken out or used without staff permission.

Our Lost & Found is growing! Please label ALL items, including coats, lunch boxes and back packs.

$$ Billing Statements $$

Billing Statements are e-mailed each Monday afternoon for hours attended the previous week. In order to avoid exclusion from the program, the balance must be paid in full by the next Friday, following each week of attendance. You may pay online through the Click to Pay link on your e-mailed statement, place payment in the drop box located in the SACC room, or by our new EZ-EFT process, in which you fill out a form authorizing CVS to charge your credit card each week for services rendered. If you are not receiving your statements, please verify your e-mail address with us.

****Please note that per the Payment Agreement, a $5.00 Late Fee is accessed each week payment is not made in full. Chippewa Valley Schools will be enforcing late payment fees and exclusion from the program for non-adherence to this policy.**

Coming up in January....

Science in SACC Club! Join us on Monday afternoons in January for science exploration! No extra charge or pre-sign-up required, just attend SACC on Monday afternoon for science fun!

Note to Parents-
If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to share in person or contact me at: dlong@cvs.k12.mi.us, (586)723-6473. Thank you, Debbie Long, Director

Happy Holidays
From the Ojibwa S.A.C.C. Staff

Ms. Debbie-Director
Assistants: Mrs. Angela, Miss Hannah, Miss Mackenzi, Miss Mikayla, Miss Renee, Miss Sam