



GOVERNANCE BOARD NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

We hope you are settling into the new routine of the school year! Each month, the Governance Board issues a newsletter to keep you informed of the happenings around the school as well as let you know about upcoming events.

About Our School

Established in 2001, CVMCS is a public elementary school and part of the Eau Claire Area School District. It is overseen by a Governance Board and school board.

What is the Governance Board? Our school is unique in that we are a charter school and maintain a contract with the Eau Claire Area School District Board of Education (the school board).

That contract gives some of the responsibilities of running the school to the Governance Board. Some of the responsibilities include:

- Establishing the school budget
- Creating/implementing school policies
- Monitoring all hires and contracts
- Overseeing expenditures
- Assisting the district in evaluating the principal

The Governance Board members for this year are:

- **President:** Anna Rybicki
- **Vice President:** Elizabeth Harder
- **Secretary:** Shelly Peters
- **Treasurer:** Kristen Gundry
- **Teacher Reps:** Lisa Sylvester, Jen Peck, Kirk Jansen
- **Parent Reps:** Danielle LeBarron and Shelly Peters
- **Principal:** Todd Johnson
- **ECASD Board Rep:** Eric Torres (not pictured)
- **Community Reps:** Barb Barkley-Ellingson, Jeremy Gragert, Sarah Klenz, Adrienne Dorig Leland, Mark Lundin



Anna



Elizabeth



Shelly



Kristen



Lisa



Jen



Kirk



Danielle



Todd



Eric



Barb



Jeremy



Sarah



Adrienne



Mark

MONTESSORI RESOURCES

Our school library has a variety of books and videos on the Montessori method, philosophy and history that are available for parents to check out.

The resources are behind the library desk; you can use your child's account to check them out.



Save the Dates!

Join us for Parent Education Workshops!

Each year we hear feedback from CVMCS parents that they would like more information and education about Montessori concepts and ideas. So this fall, Governance Board members will be facilitating two nights of parent learning.

Please join us as we learn together about key Montessori concepts that can help and support our children at home – which will lead to more learning at school! We hope you will come away with a deeper understanding of your child’s development from a Montessori perspective, inspiration and practical tips to try at home.

Thursday, Oct 5th 6:30-8:30pm- Four Planes of Development

Dr. Maria Montessori recognized that children pass through four stages of development on the path to adulthood. Every stage is different, presenting a particular set of strengths, qualities and – yes – needs that have to be met! These four planes of development lay the framework for Montessori’s educational theory.

Come and join us for a fun, workshop-style evening exploring this topic! We will learn from internationally-recognized Montessori experts via webinar, combined with discussion, group work and Q&A. You will go home with an understanding of Montessori’s four planes, a deeper insight into key developmental forces that drive your child, and how to apply these concepts to our parenting.

Thursday, Oct. 12th 6:30-8:30pm- Practical Life at Home (for children of all ages)

Practical Life does not end with Children’s House! Dr. Montessori recognized that children benefit enormously from feeling like necessary parts of their families and communities. This evening will be dedicated to understanding why Montessori believed that practical life and contributing to the community is so important to children of all ages. You will go home with specific examples that you can apply to your home life to support this essential aspect of childhood development.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 2, 2017 at noon in the school library. All meetings are open to the public.

SEPT. MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed the 2017-2018 school goals (writing and math)
- Discussed the upcoming Parent Education nights
- Heard about the plan for renovations on the building and toured the areas of the school that will be reconfigured
- Approved the hire of Nancy Mortimore as a Children’s House Aide in Ms. Julie’s room

SAVE THE DATE!

- October 5 - Parent Ed Night
- October 12 - Harvest Festival
- October 12 - Parent Ed Night
- October 13 - No School
- October 16 - Culvers Night at 4:30, Brackett Ave Location Only
- October 26 - No School - Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 27 - No School - Fall Break



2nd Annual Footslog September 16

This 5k trail run and 1 mile nature walk was another great event this year. A huge thanks to the Parent Group for coordinating this great fundraiser for our school.



Butterfly Release September 11

Ms. Ellen Wynkoop, paid a visit to Ms. Jen’s classroom to teach the children about Monarch butterflies. Later in the week, the class got to release a butterfly they raised in their classroom.



Farmers Market September 13

Two EI classes got to take a field trip to the Farmer’s Market. Each student had \$1 to spend and could choose to spend their dollar by themselves, OR they could pool their dollars with friends and purchase something.



Back to School Picnic August 28

We were so happy to see many of you at our annual back to school picnic.