



CV MONTESSORI NEWSLETTER



AT A GLANCE

- 9/30 Fall Fun Day & Mum Pickup
 - 10/03 Governance Board Meeting
 - 6pm in the School Library
 - 10/04 Stay&Play
 - 10/05 Volunteer Open House
 - 10/10 Dairy Queen Night
 - 10/11 Stay&Play
 - 10/12 Fall Conferences
 - 10/13 No School
- Stay up to date with all the school happenings by following us on [Facebook](#), joining the [CVMCS Parent Group Facebook](#), and checking our [school calendar](#).

TEACHER CONFERENCES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12
WHAT TO EXPECT

- Good communication between families and teachers has a huge impact on student success. Conferences is an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and build that line of communication.
- For new students, the beginning of the year is focused on getting to know each other, and building that relationship.
- Assessments and Goal setting: Star testing takes place during September and helps teachers understand where each student is in different areas. This helps us build informed and attainable goals.
- Talk with your child: How are they feeling about classroom life and what are their goals for the school year?
- Make your appointment: If you haven't booked your conference yet, please do so as soon as possible. Be sure to reach out to your child(ren)'s teacher with any questions about scheduling your conference.

FALLING INTO AUTUMN

Celebrate the changing of the seasons with a Fall Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt (click here for pdf):

- Pinecone
- Spider web
- Leaf with 2 colors
- Acorn
- Flower that doesn't smell good
- Flying insect
- Flock of birds
- Puddle
- Pumpkin
- Mushroom

SCHOOL SCOOP



EC Fire Department showed us all how to be safe in case of a fire



New library seating and counter



Children's House is learning the ropes of being school



Picture Day was a success!



GOVERNANCE BOARD

»»» WHAT IS THE GOVERNANCE BOARD AND WHY DOES OUR SCHOOL HAVE ONE?

The Governance Board is a governing body made up of parents/guardians, community members, and teachers that is responsible for overseeing the operation of the Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School. We work closely with the Eau Claire Area School District and the CVMCS principal to advance strategic goals related to creating a more diverse and equitable learning environment, strengthening our Montessori roots, and building a community of stakeholders (parents, students, teachers, staff, and the Chippewa Valley as a whole) interested in supporting this type of alternative education model. Unlike traditional schools, the role of the Governance Board is written into our contract and bylaws because we are a charter school.

»»» WHEN DOES THE GOVERNANCE BOARD MEET?

The Governance Board meets every first Tuesday of the month from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the CVMCS library. Virtual attendance is also an option.

»»» HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

New Governance Board members are elected/appointed in May. We also have committees that work on EDI initiatives, staying true to the Montessori philosophy, and communications. You do not need to be an official Governance Board member to join these committees and they offer a great way to get involved without committing to a three-year member position. If you have an interest in learning more about these opportunities to get involved, please reach out to cvmcsgovernanceboard@gmail.com.

CVMCS SCHOOL FACT SHEET

2023-2024 Governance Board Members

Sara Meeks, President, Parent Representative

Josh Christianson, Vice President, Community Representative

Nick Foiles, Secretary, Parent Representative

Jillian Gottsacker, Treasure, Parent Representative

Becky Johnson, Community Representative

Mindy Braun, Community Representative

Frank Fucile, Community Representative

Melissa Kleven, Teacher Representative

Amanda Palser, Community Representative

Nichole Smith, Teacher Representative

Jef Whitfield, Community Representative

Rebekah Moua, Teacher Representative

Pam Hermodson, Principal



A LETTER FROM THE LIBRARY



Hello!

I am Ms. Carling, your Montessori Librarian. I also am the librarian at the Eau Claire Virtual School and am a Montessori parent to Rosalie in E2 and Clara in E1. During these first weeks, we have been working on getting to know each other, re-learning library routines, and finding great books and resources.

- **Children's House** is working on rhymes, routines, and finding and checking out books. Ask your CH student about the "Apple Tree Chant"!
- **E1** students have been learning about Hispanic Heritage Month. Ask your E1 student about what gum is made from!
- **E2** has started their work on Online Safety. Ask your E2 student about "If You Give a Mouse an iPhone" and discuss your own family's screen time expectations.

Here are the book checkouts by age:

Children's House: 2 books

E1: 4 books

E2: 5 books

Students have the freedom to check out books from sections that they have been shown, however, there is flexibility. While not every book is for every child, my hope is that every Montessori child can find a story in our library. Please contact me if you have any questions! 715-852-6969, cmclaughlin@ecasd.us





»» THE GARDEN

Come Visit us for Fall Family Day

We're coming to the end of the 2023 garden season. Our growing space is full of wonderful fruits, vegetables, and flowers planted by students.

We will celebrate the end of the growing season at Fall Family Day on Saturday 9/30 .

If you are interested in helping with the 2024 garden season, please reach out to vwinter@ecasd.us

FALL

FAMILY

DAY

THE LINE UP

CRAFTS
PUMPKIN BARS
COFFEE / CIDER
FALL GAMES
GARDEN PLAY

SEPTEMBER 30TH / PLAYGROUND

SATURDAY / FREE / 9:30-11:30 AM

»» THE WHOLE CHILD

Montessori values the human spirit and development of the whole child - physically, socially, emotionally, and cognitively. The Montessori Method of teaching aims for the fullest possible development of the whole child, ultimately preparing the child for life's many rich experiences.

FOUNDATIONS

- Concrete to Abstract Thinking
- Deep Concentration
- Four Planes of Development
- Absorbent Mind
- Sensitive Periods
- Independence
- Love of Learning
- Self-Construction
- Self-Regulation
- Universal Respect



Want to learn more? Our school library has resources for you!



Thinking about getting involved but aren't sure where to start? Join us for a...

VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE



OPEN HOUSE PROGRAM

- 15 minute SCHOOL TOUR
- 30 minute PANEL of current volunteers and their experiences
- 15 minute Q&A SESSION

THURSDAY, OCT. 5

6:00-7:00 pm OR
7:00-8:00 pm
CVMCS Cafeteria

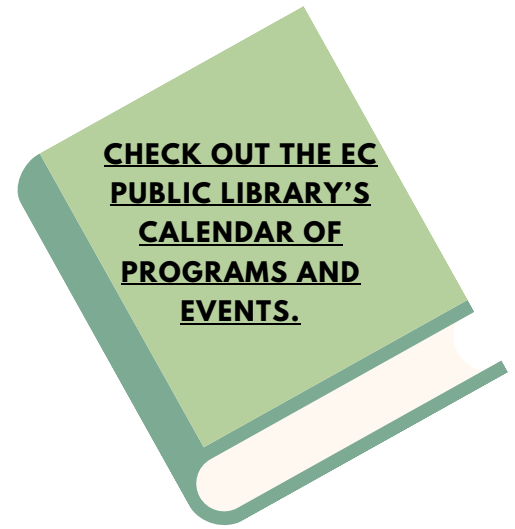
Children welcome to attend with their parent/guardian.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our school thrives when it is supported by volunteers in many different capacities. Join us for this Open House to learn all about a wide variety of volunteer opportunities—some that you might not even know were an option! Even if you've been a part of the school community for years, please join us to complete your paperwork and potentially discover a new way to get involved.

Walk away with information about new ways to get involved that will fit any schedule!

Email vwinter@ecasd.us with questions.



CHECK OUT THE EC PUBLIC LIBRARY'S CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS AND EVENTS.



Click here for October Breakfast & Lunch menu

Stay & Play

Wednesdays

10/04

10/11

Please remember to coordinate plans with your student(s), and let teachers know, beforehand so there's no confusion about whether they're staying for the events. Reach out to the Parent

Group with any questions:
cvmcsparentgroup@gmail.com

**As a reminder, these Stay & Play events are not school-sponsored. Kids will be playing at their own risk. Because of this, grown-ups must stay with their child for the entirety of the events. Dropping off is not allowed. **



Back to School Emotional Wellness

Returning to school can be stressful! It's normal for children to feel anxious during this time. Here are a couple tips on how to ease their worries:

1. **Communicate:** Check in with your child(ren) often. Acknowledge your child's fears and let them know you understand and that it's normal to feel anxious.
2. **Encourage In-Person Social Interactions:** Spending time with friends outside of school can make the transition smoother and more enjoyable.
3. **Create and Continue Routines:** Establishing bedtimes, eating healthy meals, and setting aside time for homework and relaxation can help your child adjust to the school year.

This information is provided by the Eau Claire Health Alliance - Substance Misuse Action Team, which works to prevent alcohol, tobacco, and other drug misuse. Learn more at: www.getinvolvedasap.org



Teaching Safe Bicycling

Train the Trainer Workshop

Learn to teach children bike safety skills

- Learn to develop and organize a successful child bicycle training event in your community
- Find out how children differ from adults as riders and how their crashes are different
- Understand safe riding tips and how to avoid the most common crashes between kids and drivers
- Experience hands-on hazard identification and how to reduce hazards

Bring a bicycle and a correctly fitted helmet. Wear comfortable clothes and closed-toe shoes; bring cooler or wet weather gear. Lunch is not provided, please bring your own bag lunch.

Receive useful bike safety materials to take back home!

There is NO REGISTRATION FEE, but pre-registration is required.

For more information, contact us at MichelleB@wisconsinbikefed.org

EAU CLAIRE

FRIDAY

AUG,11th

9am-3pm

Banbury Place, 800

Wisconsin St, Eau Claire,

WI 54703

SCAN QR code to register



WISCONSIN BIKE FED



Join us for an exciting crosstown match!

SEPT 28

LOCATION NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

TIME 7:00PM



FREE Immunization Clinic On-site

Skyward & Canvas Assistance

Snacks Provided



Eau Claire Area Elementary and Middle School Students!
Varsity players from EC North and EC Memorial will be signing autographs and cake will be provided after the match for students and players!