



CV MONTESSORI NEWSLETTER



AT A GLANCE

- 11/11 Mallternative Craft Fair
 - 9:00 am-3:00 pm
- 11/16 Parent Group Meeting
 - 6:00 pm School Library
- 11/17 STEAM Fair
- 11/20 - 11/24 Thanksgiving Break
 - No School
- 11/21 E1 Blanket Meet-Up
 - 11:30 am-12:30 pm JoAnn Fabric

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](#).

IN SCHOOL

STEAM FAIR

Our E1 and E2 students are working hard on their research projects. Not only are they learning more about their selected topics, but they're learning how to do research and present their knowledge!

We're all excited to show you what they've created at our STEAM Fair. Families are invited to see students' projects on display throughout the E1 and E2 classrooms.

- Friday, November 17
- 1:15-2:45 pm (Clean up 2:45-3:00pm)

More information coming soon!

AT HOME

This month in school we are talking about Gratitude. "Gratitude: choosing to notice and appreciate things in our life, things in others, and things in the world."

Gratitude is a skill that we can practice:

- It's choice about where we put our focus.
- It doesn't have to be about positive things. We can feel grateful for challenges too.

There is plenty of research that shows a strong connection between gratitude and reduced anxiety, increased happiness, and better relationships.

Share with your child(ren) things that you are grateful for and help them find things they can be grateful for.

FROM MS. PAM

>>> TIS THE SEASON!!!

Please make sure your child is ready for the colder temperatures. When there is snow on the ground, students need snow pants and boots to play on the field or on the equipment. They should also have a jacket, hats, and mittens/gloves every day, as well.

I want to send a reminder about drop-off. Starting at 8:10 am, drop off is in the BACK of the school so students can either choose the playground or the cafeteria. We are seeing more and more cars dropping off in the parking lot, or in the office drop-off spots when the back is still staffed. Letting kids out in the parking lot is not safe, and unless there is a need to come into the office, kids should be dropped off in the back. If you want to avoid a line, come at 8:12 and beyond. There are usually three people out there and most cars drive down the road, make a U-turn, and get in the very short or non-existent line. It would take more time to maneuver in the parking lot than drop off in the back.

We've started a new month, which means we start a new virtue in Character Strong! Gratitude is the virtue of the month. Classrooms will participate in daily lessons with gratitude as the focus. Here are some ideas you can incorporate at home.

- [17. CS gratitude K-2 home.pdf](#)
- [18. CS gratitude 3-5 home.pdf](#)

Thank you!

THE MONTESSORI WAY

>>> FOUNDATIONS

In a previous newsletter, we listed the 10 foundations that guide a Montessori classroom:

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

Looking Deeper:

Concrete>Abstract>Critical Thinking - Each concrete material isolates a specific abstract concept in order to make it clear. Initially, lessons and activities are introduced simply and concretely. Later, they become more abstract and complex as children progress, leading to critical thinking and academic achievement.

Deep Concentration - In a Montessori classroom, there is significant respect for children who are concentrating and focused on their work. Concentration produces inner discipline. It is when children are deeply concentrating, without distraction that their brains are constructing themselves.

Four Planes of Development - Based on direct observation by Maria Montessori there are four formative stages of development. Each has specific characteristics that naturally guide children through physical, cognitive, emotional, and social development. [Learn more directly from teachers with this presentation.](#)

Resources for more information:





Children's House - students are really getting the hang of things. They're moving on from learning how to be at school to focusing meaningful works.



Field Trips are getting ready to wrap up for the season. Fall has been a great time for students to get out there for a variety of field trip opportunities. This week, E2 is taking a trip to Banbury Place and E1 is going to see 'The Boxcar Children' play,



Picture Retake Day - Picture retakes were a success. If you missed out, please see page 7 of this newsletter to schedule your pictures.

FROM PARENT GROUP

>>> THANK YOU!

CVMCS Parent Group would like to thank you all for generously responding to our requests for donations of time and money to directly benefit our school community in so many ways. Our Mum Sale raised \$386, No Buy No Sell raised \$612, and our fall conference fundraiser raised \$647! Family support for DQ and Chipotle meals/treats have also earned over \$800 this year so far.

>>> LOOKING AHEAD

Come and shop one at Mallternative - a craft fair including over 40 local vendors. This is one of our largest fundraisers and it supports both our school and wider community. **Saturday, November 11 from 9-3** at our school!

A huge shout-out to all the volunteers who are signed up to help, thank you!

Please consider volunteering; [sign up here](#).

If you do gift card shopping for family, friends, and school classroom wish lists, please consider purchasing them through RaiseRight.com. A percentage of your gift card purchase will go to our parent group to use in reaching our fundraising goals this year. Just enter in our enrollment **code IGYK3T1NY55F** and set up your personal account to start earning donations for CVMCS Parent Group!

Coming this Spring - The Parent Group is organizing a garage sale in the school gym in March 2024, and we are requesting families to donate household items to our sale. Help us by saving your donations before and after the holidays until a drop-off date is announced in March.

FROM FAC (FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL)

>>> FIRST MEETING OF 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR

The first meeting of the 2023-2024 Eau Claire Area School District Family Advisory Council (FAC) was held on October 3. After initial introductions from the family volunteers representing schools and organizations within the district and the sharing of news and events, election of this year's officers took place: Katie Sideri (Longfellow) — Chair; Jamie Kampf (Putnam) — Vice Chair; and Nicole Everson (North) — Secretary. Superintendent Johnson then provided his monthly district update, and the meeting concluded with an agenda-setting session for the remainder of this year's FAC meetings that resulted in the following topics:

- Attendance Policy (overview, issues, educating staff and families)
- Grading & Reporting (update, AI and integrity, accelerated and enriched programming)
- State of the District Update; Safety & Security Update; Mental Health/Behaviors/Student Supports/Special Education Update
- Upcoming Referendum/Demo & Trends/District Long-term Vision Update
- District Year in Review/Looking Ahead to 2024-2025.

The second FAC meeting will be held on November 14, and the district's Attendance Policy will be the main topic of discussion.

About your FAC: The FAC fosters communication between families and district administration and presents family concerns, opinions, and perspectives to the superintendent and school administrators. To learn more about your FAC, please visit: <https://www.ecasd.us/District/About/Family-Advisory-Council>

FROM THE SCHOOL GARDEN

»» TIME FOR REST

This is the time of year that we put the garden to rest, but there's still a lot of work to be done! We are looking for some help with amending the garden beds:

- We are receiving a donation of compost from Superior Fresh on Tuesday, November 14 after school. We need help spreading that out.
- We are also in need of leaves! We're looking for bagged leaves from yards that can be donated to our school garden.

The school garden is cared for by volunteers. We are in search of a School Garden Co-Chair. Someone who can help manage the garden and make planting/lesson plans.

If you're interested in helping in any of these areas, please reach out to Ms. Gin, vwinter@ecasd.us.

FULL

Arts & Crafts Club

Tuesdays &
Thursdays

3:30-4:30pm

Reach out to Ms. Maria
mauger@ecasd.us
with questions

FROM MS. GIN

»» THANK YOU

During the pandemic, parents and non-essential workers were not allowed to help in the building. I'm so excited that we can welcome families back into our school. So far this year we have had regular volunteers helping in the library, classrooms, and at school events. Not only have these helping hands made day-to-day life easier, but having families in our school has created a richer experience for students and grown-ups alike. Grown-ups are making connections with the children, staff, and other Montessori families. Kids are excited to see their grown-ups working in the library as they pass by! If you are interested in volunteering in our school, please reach out to me! vwinter@ecasd.us

Thank you to everyone who has helped so far this year. It has truly been a joy to work with you. Please know that your contribution has made a positive difference here and we are so grateful for your support.

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CHARTER SCHOOL

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OVER 40 VENDORS!

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 11**

400 CAMERON STREET
EAU CLAIRE, WI
9AM-3PM

\$2 SUGGESTED DONATION ENTRY

\$1 BASKET RAFFLE TICKETS



Scan QR Code if attending!

Hmong NEW YEAR

2023



Date
Friday,
November 10th
2023

4:30 PM
DOORS OPEN
5 to 8
PM

Come join us to celebrate and enjoy Hmong New Year!

Hmong Food (Bring cash!) Performances Hmong Play

North High School 1801 Piedmont Rd
Eau Claire, WI 54703

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NOVEMBER 13-17

CONCRETES

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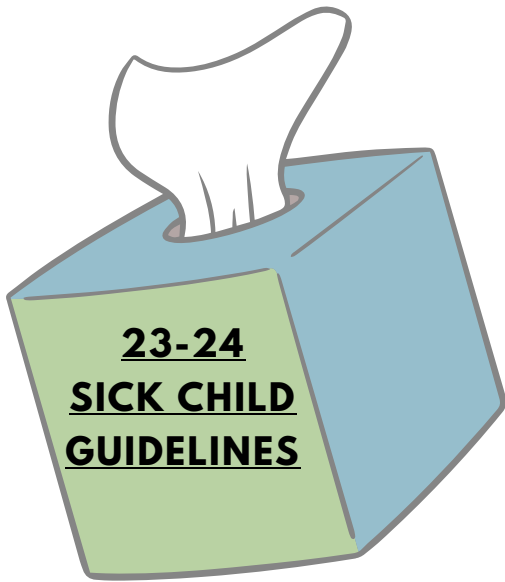
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We will donate \$1 from every Concrete Mixer Purchased to Eau Claire Area School District Meal Help Fund

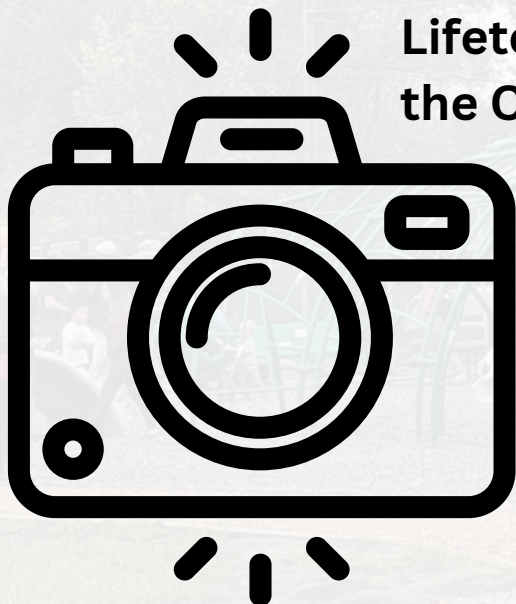


Culver's on Brackett Ave, Golf Road, Folsom St.



Picture Retakes

Lifetouch is having another picture retake day for the Chippewa Valley.



Monday 11/13/2023
3:00pm-6:00pm
Holiday Inn Express
& Suites - River Room
2703 Craig Rd
Eau Claire, WI 54701

[Sign Up Here](#)

Family Engagement Newsletter

Eau Claire Area School District

November 16th is The Great American Smokeout



The Great American Smokeout is a nationwide campaign to raise awareness about the dangers of smoking and support smokers who are ready to quit.

You don't have to be an expert to talk to your kids about tobacco use. Let your kids know how you feel about tobacco and make sure they have the facts they need to make healthy decisions on their own. Learn more at TobaccosChanging.org.

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: EHealthAlliance.org

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