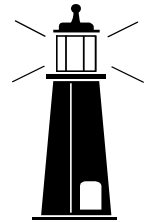


November Newsletter



Cape Vincent Elementary School



2009

Dear Parents,

The end of our first marking period is upon us and teacher conferences with parents and (in the intermediate grades) students are fast approaching. Accomplishments and areas on which to focus for improvement for your child are highlighted in this meeting. It also provides the teacher with valuable information about your child from your perspective as a parent. Please be sure to seize this important opportunity.

As is our practice at CVES, students in **grades 3, 4, and 5 will attend** and take a role in their conference. Children in grades **K, 1, and 2 will not attend**. Childcare for school age children will be provided in the gymnasium during Parent/Teacher conferences.


I'd like to thank the PTO for sponsoring our Halloween Dance this year. The students/staff enjoyed this annual activity. **The next PTO meeting will be Wednesday, November 4th, at 7:00 PM.**

CVES PTO is sponsoring a Christmas Wreath sale again this year. This fundraiser supports the activities and transportation costs for the students at Cape Vincent Elementary. Wreath order forms will be coming home in the near future, be on the look out for them. We will not be offering poinsettias this year as the cost to grow them continues to climb, hence the price is high.

Lars N. Hauck, Principal

P.S. Please see the article on PM dismissal on page 4.

CVES Special Dates

- 11/2- School Picture Make-Ups in AM
- 11/3— Election Day and Physicals
- 11/4—PTO Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- 11/6-Awards Assembly@ 9:05AM;
School Store Open;
Blue and Gold Day
- 11/11 – Veterans' Day
No School
- 11/16 & 17 – 5th Grade State Social Studies Testing 
- 11/17—Board of Education Mtg.—7PM
- 11/16-24—Library Book Fair
- 11/23 & 24 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
No School for Students
- 11/25, 26, 27– Thanksgiving Break



CLINIC CORNER – *Mrs. Susan Kellogg, School Nurse*



The State of New York mandates health related screenings be completed in our schools each year. All students will have vision and hearing screening during the school year. In the event additional evaluation is needed, I will contact the parent and a referral form may be sent home for you to take to your private healthcare provider.

Beginning last year, schools in New York State were mandated by the New York State Department of Health to report Body Mass Index (BMI) on all students requiring a physical (new entrants, 2nd and 4th graders). TICSD will be reporting BMI information to the state in January of 2010. There will be no identifying information (name, address etc) included on the report. If you do not want your child's information reported please contact me. If you would like to know what your child's BMI is, I will be happy to send a copy of the report home to you.

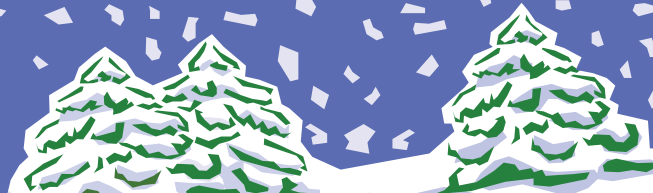
From the Gym



Early this November we will be completing our Presidential Fitness Testing. One way the students can practice for the actual fitness test in the spring is to start stretching before they go to bed at night. Recent research has discovered many benefits of stretching each night before bedtime, including increased flexibility and sounder sleep.



November is a big month in Cape Vincent Physical Education. K-5 students will be doing their annual equipment unit, which is always a student favorite. We will also be completing our tumbling unit.



SCHOOL CLOSING/DELAY

In case of inclement weather, the decision for closing or delaying the school will normally be made by 6:00 a.m. If school is closed or delayed, the announcement will be made over radio/TV Stations: 790 AM WTNV, 1240 AM WATN, 1410 AM WUZZ, 93.3 FM WCIZ, 97.5 FM WFRY, 100.7 FM WOTT Real Rock, 103.1 FM WTOJ Majic, 106.7/102.7 FM WBDI/WDBR The Border, TV 7 WWNV, TV 50 WWTI, and TV 3 WSTM Syracuse. In the event that school is delayed, it will always be a two-hour delay. Parents should be advised that bus students will be picked up two hours later than normal. Any special education runs to Watertown will be cancelled.

The schedule for grades K-5 for the two-hour delay is 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.



LIBRARY NEWS



It is Book Fair time again in the Library! The book fair will begin on Monday, November 16th. Students will have had preview time, so look for their lists to come during this week. The book fair will be open every morning during this week and also during Parent Teacher conferences. Remember books make great Christmas gifts!

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call me at school at 654-2142 ext. 2077 or at home at 654-3368.

Congratulations to all of the 2nd and 3rd graders who completed their “Catch A Great Book” challenge! They will be having lunch in the library with Mrs. Hall on November 5th.

Thank you, Mrs. Sheri Hall



Music Notes



From Mrs. Wiley

This past month in October, students at the Cape refined old skills in singing, rhythm and instrument playing while also learning new music vocabulary and other musical concepts.

Kindergarteners explored moving in their 'space', the sounds and shapes of different instruments and keeping a steady beat. We have also been singing on the pitches la, sol, and mi with the Curwen hand signs.

First and Second graders performed speech pieces and songs while moving to a steady beat. We have also been learning new rhythms and performing them on our body percussion.

Third grade experienced songs through moving and dancing, performed canons, learned the value of a whole note and practiced their mallet technique on the Orff instruments.

Fourth and Fifth grades have also learned new rhythms. We played measures containing sixteenth notes and syncopation. Fourth graders are learning how to read notes on the staff. Ask your fourth grader if they can tell you the names of the lines and spaces on the staff. Fifth graders learned a few new notes on the soprano recorder.

During November, ALL students will continue to perfect their rhythmic skills and utilize their singing abilities. We will also begin rehearsing pieces for the Holiday Concert.

Mark Your Calendars!

Cape Vincent Holiday Concert

Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 7:00 pm

PM PARKING LOT PROCEDURE

I have re-established the parking lot procedure at the afternoon dismissal. Students will be lined up on the sidewalk to the gymnasium as they exit the side door. Parents/guardians who are picking up a student will be required to come and escort the child(ren) from the sidewalk. This process will help ensure that the child is picked up by the appropriate adult. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Mr. Hauck