Principal’s Message

Dear Echo Valley Community Middle School families,

At this week’s board meeting I was asked (by one of our board members) “What is the purpose of student led conferences?”. I very much appreciated this question and you might have the same question. The purpose of student led conference is for a child to be able to articulate how they are doing academically and socially emotionally (using our Habits of Success) in their own words. Our goal as educators is for students to understand where they are and where they need to be in all areas of their education. Another goal of ours is to be the facilitator of student’s goals and learning objectives. Yes, at times we need to teach skills explicitly. Children do not learn the code of reading on their own, we must start by teaching the alphabet and then building on those skills to help them become fluent readers. Eventually however, we want children to be in charge of the direction of their education and understand how to get there. That process starts with student led conferences in the fourth grade and eventually (in middle school) drafting a Personalized Learning Plan (Portfolium will document their progress, still on its way) that will drive their education through high school and beyond. I am sure that most of you already have appointments for student led conferences. Your child will be sharing with you where they are academically and where they intend to be by sharing their goals with you. Be sure to ask them lots of good questions and if you still want an appointment with your child’s teachers please make that appointment with them.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

I hope you all have a wonderful long weekend!

Principal Francke

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**Upcoming Events**

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CVSU Habits of Success of ALL LEARNERS

- Respectful Learner = Personal Development
- Responsible Learner = Work Ethic
- Engaged Learner = Critical Thinking
- Effective Learner = Communication
FROM: Nurse Chantelle

Parents / Guardians:
The **FLU CLINIC** is coming to school **10/29/19**.

**If you wish to sign your child up:**
- Please return the flu immunization form to your school nurse
- Please be sure to fill in the HEALTH insurance information. The Flu shot should be covered by your insurance. If your child doesn’t have insurance the charge will be $25.00. If you are billed and your child has insurance/Medicare, please call South Royalton Health Center @ 802-763-7575 and speak with Sara Durkee, R.N.

**BASKETBALL**
Basketball season is fast approaching. The winter sports meeting to sign up to play and meet your coach will be on Thursday, October 24th at 6:30pm at the middle school campus gym. Practice schedules will be handed out at the meeting. Players grades 3 to 8 and their parents are encouraged to attend. The upcoming season and expectations will be reviewed. There will be no late sign-ups. Attendance at the meeting lets us know the number of students playing and shows commitment to the program. Parents of students in K,1,2 are encouraged to attend to get the paperwork and complete contact information for the coaches.

The Echo Valley Band is up and running!
Students involved in the band have a weekly lesson on Tuesday or Thursday so PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING THOSE INSTRUMENTS IN TO SCHOOL. If your child is interested in joining, see Mr. Hamel and we’ll do our best to find an instrument for you. If renting an instrument interests you, contact Mr. Hamel (jhamel@cvsu.org) or ELLIS MUSIC (ellismusic.com).

If anyone has old Brass, Woodwind, or Percussion instruments at home and would like to give them a new life, we would appreciate the donation at our school. They will absolutely get fixed and used.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Reminder to all …**
Your child (ren)’s Breakfast & Lunch accounts **may** need MONEY

Payments can be made by:
1. Check written to Orange Center School
2. Online at

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us at 476-3278 or abbeygroup.net.