





Cherry Valley Elementary School Family Newsletter

Upcoming Events

JUNE 2018

June Character Trait: Teamwork

June 1	Full day Friday. School is out at 3:45pm
June 1	1st grade to: Imagine Children's Museum
June 1	Student Council and Cheetah Cheers Assembly 2:15
June 5	5th grade transi- tion to Tolt 2:45
June 7	Band/Choir Perfor- mance 7pm CV Gym
June 8	<i>Early Release: 2:15</i>
June 15	<i>Dads n Donuts 8:30am CV Cafeteria</i>
June 15	<i>Early Release: 2:15</i>
June 18	<i>5th grade Promo- tion Assembly 2:15</i>
June 20	
June 21	Last Day of School Assembly 9:45 Half Day Dismissal: 12:45
June 25	<i>Report cards mailed home</i>
Sept. 4	<i>First Day of School</i> 

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<http://cherryvalleypta.ourschoolpages.com/Home>

Dear Cherry Valley Cheetah Families,

June is always a bittersweet month for educators. While we are so proud of our students for what they have accomplished this year: growing as learners, becoming better citizens of our school, and developing perseverance and determination strategies to navigate the challenges that come their way. We are also sad to lose our classroom/school families over the summer, knowing next year starts anew. Students will be in new classes, staff sometimes shift into new roles based on professional/personal goals.

With that in mind, I want to thank Mrs. Teachout, Mrs. Harding, and Coach V. for their incredible service to Cherry Valley. Their passion and dedication to our Cheetahs is matched by few and they will all be missed. Mrs. Teachout is moving to Carnation Elementary as their librarian, while Mrs. Harding and Coach V. are starting adventures out of state. We wish them the best of luck. I also have the pleasure to announce that Mrs. Bellecourt will be moving to second grade next year and is excited for the new challenge that awaits her. Mrs. Stupfel is moving to third grade and is enthusiastically embracing such a great opportunity. While change always brings new perspectives and new members to our Cheetah family, we know friendships and relationships will last a lifetime.

We have some wonderful new staff joining us beginning in September. Mrs. Oates will be welcoming you as our new librarian and Mrs. Scott-Walsh will welcome you to her 1st grade class.

I would also like to thank the Cherry Valley community for embracing my leadership role. I have thoroughly enjoyed my six months and will treasure the friendships I have made. You are an incredible school community and I know Mrs. Luchini will lead you to new heights. Thank you students and families for making this such a memorable opportunity. Remember Cheetahs, always be a Leader and a Reader.

Respectfully,

ERIC RICHARDS

Interim Principal
CHERRY VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Cherry Valley Vision Statement

"Students at Cherry Valley Elementary will learn and grow to their highest potential in a safe, cooperative and productive learning environment".

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LOST AND FOUND

The Cherry Valley Lost and Found bins near the gym are full once again! Next time you are at school, please sign in at the front office and look through the bins for any of your Cheetah's lost items of clothing. All items will be placed in the hallway June 13th and will be donated June 22nd.



Exercise Kids' Minds During the Summer

If students laze away the days of summer without using their minds, they can lose up to a month of learning—especially in reading and math. Stem the summer slide and keep your child engaged with these fun, brain-friendly activities.

Devise a plan. Tell your child that reading and learning activities will be an important part of their summer. Assure them that they'll still have lots of time for play.

Teach mini-lessons. Transform everyday activities into learning opportunities. Children can count change, read directions for a trip, write a shopping list, or calculate a recipe's measurements.

Gather activity books. Give children their own activity book with crossword puzzles or number games customized for their specific age group. Set a "due date" to keep them on track, but let them work at their own pace.

Initiate a writing project. Have your child keep a summer journal, write letters to family members or friends, or craft a play to perform with siblings or neighbors. Or, start a family cookbook with your favorite recipes, instructions, and shopping lists.

Strategize screen time. Educational computer games or apps can engage students' minds, but make sure your child is spending enough time away from the screen. Assign a daily block of time for family members to turn off phones, computers, and the TV, and instead play a board game or read together.

Designate daily reading blocks. Set aside at least 15 minutes a day for your entire family to read. (That means parents, too!) Find reading recommendations by grade level on the American Library Association's book lists (see Web Resources). Organize a summer read-a-thon with goals for each family member, or sign your child up for your library's summer book club.

Go global. Set aside several nights during the summer to have an international evening. Together, cook a meal with recipes from a different nation. Learn basic words in that

country's language. Find the country on a map, and together examine a book or article with information on what life is like there.

Sneak learning into family trips. If your family is able to take a vacation during the summer, include stops at zoos, children's museums, or historic sites. Have your child help you plot out the journey using maps and keep a journal along the way. Older children can tally up miles, keep track of expenses, or compute gas mileage.

Get moving. Build physical activity into your child's summer days. Even if he or she can't participate in a local sports league or community-based team,

encourage activities such as jumping rope, playing catch, and taking family walks.

For more resources, look to your child's school and your local library or community center for ideas to keep kids' brains buzzing during the dog days of summer.



Web Resources

The **American Library Association** compiles grade-level book lists.

www.ala.org/alsc/compubs/booklists/summerreadinglist

The **National Summer Learning Association** offers activities, tools, and links.

www.summerlearning.org/?page=activity_resource

<http://www.readbrightly.com>

<https://www.commonensemedia.org/>