



## Cherry Valley Elementary Home of the Cheetah Pride

March 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians of the 'Class of 2030',

Welcome to Cherry Valley for the 2017-2018 school year! Our goal is that you find Cherry Valley a warm, welcoming and child-focused school, where everyone is valued and accepted. There is always a place for you to invest your time, energy and talents on behalf of all our children, and we are delighted to welcome you.

Cherry Valley has an excellent **Full Day Kindergarten** program that is now free of charge for all students! Our All Day program is structured to meet the needs of young learners through developmentally appropriate learning activities, play, rich social interaction opportunities and enrichment/intervention supports as needed. The curriculum is based on Washington State Standards and best instructional practices for Kindergarten learners.

Full Day Kindergarten operates on the same daily schedule as the rest of the school. Kindergarten students have three recesses each day in addition to regular "specialist" time for library, PE and music. Families concerned about their child's readiness for an All Day Kindergarten program are encouraged to visit with the school principal and teachers to learn more about what a typical day in All Day Kindergarten looks like. While Cherry Valley Elementary no longer offers a traditional Half-Day Kindergarten program, should a family have significant concerns about their child's readiness for All Day Kindergarten they may elect to pick their child up just prior to lunch time each day for "early dismissal". Families who elect for "early dismissal" in Kindergarten are responsible for transportation. Afternoon content missed in the form of academics or specialist time is not treated as make-up work. A family who may have elected for "early dismissal" retains an All Day Kindergarten slot and is encouraged to switch to All Day attendance as soon as they feel their child is ready.

We are excited this year to implement Wa-KIDS Conferences as a transition into our Kindergarten Program! These conferences will be between 30 to 60 minutes long and will be held on the first days of the school year (Sept. 5, 6, and 7). You and your child will attend your scheduled conference appointment to work with your child's teacher one on one. The first day of kindergarten will be on Friday, September 8th. Please plan to join us on Friday, Sept. 8 at 9:15 am for our parent orientation!

We invite you to a Parent Orientation Meeting on Wednesday, March 15th from 6:00 - 7:00p.m. in the gym. The kindergarten teachers and related staff will be available to answer your questions and information about the first few days of the school year will be shared. Childcare will be available that evening upon request by calling the office number below. Please remember that we will only take registration packets if completed immunization records and a copy of their birth certificate are submitted. If immunizations are not due until summer, please include proof of a scheduled appointment for the required immunizations with the registration forms. **MAIL verification of immunizations (type and dates) within 5 days of immunization/s being administered to the school office at the address below.**

We will begin taking completed packets on March 15th after the Parent Meeting and in the school office each day **after 10:30 a.m. only.** Packets are due on **Thursday, April 6 at 3:30 p.m.** but we will continue to register students after this date. Once again, welcome to Cherry Valley Elementary, home of the Cheetahs! We look forward to meeting you on March 15th, and to a wonderful first year for your child at Cherry Valley Elementary.

Sincerely,

Roxanne Luchini, Principal

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