



PARENT GROUP NEWSLETTER

MAY 2018

May is always an eventful month and at CVMCS it is no different. The Parent Group has been busy, but your assistance has made it a breeze.

We began the month with Staff Appreciation week. With your support, we celebrated the teachers and staff each day with a different theme. **Monday** we Raised the Bar! with delicious snacks brought in for the staff by all of you. The teachers also received a surprise delivery of bouquets: A Beautiful Balloon Bouquet from Kevin's Balloons and Juggling for the Staff Lounge and Dry-Erase Marker Bouquets delivered to each classroom from Alizah Felling and Magnolia Gilles. **Tuesday** staff were given the opportunity for a little self care time with lunchtime Acupuncture sessions with Sarah Aiken-Felling, MAOM, C.Ac and after school Yoga Class with Heather White, RYT. **Wednesday** staff were able to skip packing their lunch and enjoy a delicious Taco Bar with the help of the parent volunteers. **Thursday** Acoustic Cafe donated specialty coffee drinks to any staff that wanted one, and the following parents/businesses made it an extra special day with raffle prizes!

N7 Café: 4 pack of Cold Brew Coffee from Katy Stevens

Northbound Supply: Coffee package from Matt Schwahn

Shift Cyclery and Coffee Bar: Free tune up and drink from Dan Green, Laura Lash and Aaron Salmon

Aveda lotion package from Estillo Salon from Mindy Braun

The Yoga Room: 10 punches and \$30 gift card from Heather White

Sans Souci Massage: Free 1 Hour Massage from Sarah Heinze

Amber Inn: 5x \$10 gift certificates from Jenna Gilles

Finally, on **Friday** Melissa Gargulak, Parent Group Treasurer, put together all your donations for "Sanity Bags" and jazzed up a Big Thank You!

This past week the Parent Group wrapped up our final fundraising event of the year with a Chicken Barbeque. We served 915 meals and raised \$2211.98! The extra meals at the end of the day were donated to the Sojourner House. Thank you to all the parents who brought in plastic delivery bags, large coolers, and pop up tents. Thank you to Barbeque Express and all the parents who helped package and deliver meals. Give Abby Reilly and Mindy Braun a high five if you see them for managing this event so smoothly.

We also installed our new officers on the Parent Group. Please welcome Rebekah Ulwelling as our new Volunteer Coordinator, Erica Zerr as the new Chair Elect, Brittany Hattrem as our new Family Events Coordinator, Abby Reilly as Fundraising Events Coordinator, and me, Sarah Aiken-Felling as your new Chair.

It won't be long before the last day of school is here! I'm looking forward to hearing the joyous shouts and laughter as the kids play soccer, make giant bubbles, check out Mr. Bart's race car and pie the teachers! The Parent Group is still looking for some assistance with face painting, handing out Freezies and water, and other small responsibilities that make the Carnival a blast for the kids. Please share your time to make this event a success, sign up using the Signup Genius link on the Chippewa Valley Montessori Facebook page.

I look forward to working with you this upcoming school year!
Sarah Aiken-Felling, Parent Group Chair

Save the Date

June 6

E1/E2 Variety Show, 9am

June 7

Last Day Carnival

August 27

Back to School Picnic
4:30-7:30, Riverview Park

September 4

Signing Day

October 13

Footslog 5K and 1 mile
Nature Hike, Lowes



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GET INVOLVED!

Did you know that without parent volunteers we would not have:

Footslog 5K and 1 mile Nature Hike

Parent Education Nights

Mallternative

Family Night Out

Winterfest

Read-a-thon

Culver's Nights

Night At the Museum

Chicken-Q

Student Field trips

Last Day Carnival

We are short parent volunteers for 2018-19 school year, and the Parent Group needs your involvement. Please contact us if you can share a few hours of your time and talents.

TREASURER REPORT

Melissa Gargulak – Treasurer

Balances as of 5/21/2018

Checking: \$9,362.39

Savings: \$5.23

Outdoor Environment:
\$8347.49



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The CVMCS Parent Group prides itself on supporting our students, teachers and staff by hosting events and fundraisers, sponsoring field trips, purchasing supplies for staff and so much more. Over the years, we have raised tens of thousands of dollars to support things like the purchase of snow shoes, new playground equipment and more. As we have streamlined our events process to focus on a few larger events as opposed to multiple small ones (ie. Footslog, Mallternative, Read-a-thon and Chicken-Q), we have seen our financial situation improve steadily over time. This allows us to support more great endeavors and initiatives around our school!! This year, we were approached by the CVMCS Odyssey of the Mind team following their first place performance at the state competition. This win offers them the opportunity to attend the World Championship in Iowa this summer. The Parent Group was happy to support our students with a \$150/student (and coach) sponsorship totaling \$900. We wish them the best of luck at World's! Going forward, we look forward to opportunities to continue to support our school when needs like this arise. All of this is possible because of you!! Our generous, gracious and attentive families are what make this work possible. Thank you!



Rebekah Ulwelling *Volunteer Coordinator*– I am the parent of Mavis (E1) and Malcolm (entering CH in the fall). I have volunteered in the classroom on a regular basis since Mavis started school, as well as at various events. I really enjoy being around the kids and helping them to learn. I look forward to contributing to the wonderful support and activities the parent group offers for the Montessori school body.



Brittany Hattrem *Family Events Coordinator, PAC*– I have two students at CVMCS, Shayla is in Ms. Pam's EI class and Layna is in Ms. Anna/Ms. Lisa's CH class. I have been on the parent group for three years as one of the two PAC representatives. I am continuing in that role next year as well as taking over as the new Family Events Coordinator. I love being involved and helping out with different things in the school.