



PARENT GROUP NEWSLETTER

FALL 2020

Welcome back to school CVMCS Parents and Families!

My name is Abby Reilly and I am the Chair of the Parent Group for the 2020-2021 school year. I have been a parent at CVMCS since 2013 when my oldest child, Keller, entered 4K. While he is now a 6th grader, my Lucy is a 4th grader with Mr. Kirk and Raegan is a 2nd grader with Ms. Jamie. I have previously volunteered my time in the library, as volunteer coordinator, fundraising coordinator, and as co-chair. I enjoy volunteering because it allows me access and involvement in decisions within the school which is important for me.

Typically, as your new chair I get to write a welcome filled with all the wonderful events and volunteer opportunities but like so much else, this will be different. We are all experiencing the start of school in new and unique ways with some families choosing the all-virtual experience and others hybrid, and let's just avoid the conversation about cohorts all together!

With so much being changed for at least the fall semester, the plans we have made as a parent group are also changing. Instead of our beloved Footslog 5K & 1-mile Nature Walk and the wonderful Mallternative we typically use in the fall as fundraising, we will be keeping it simple. Families will be seeing a letter coming home simply requesting a donation directly to the school. It falls into the category of a No Buy/No Sell fundraiser and there are no requirements for participation and minimum/maximum amounts. If students choose to participate, they are welcome to be creative and raise funds on their own to donate during the donation period as well.

As always, the parent group continues to directly support our school, staff, classrooms, students, and families. Funds will again be available for each teacher this year to assist in the cost of creating a classroom and each member has voiced support for future funding approval for needs such as cleaning supplies, masks, lanyards, walking fieldtrips, etc. Our teachers have worked hard to hold on to as many truly unique Montessori experiences as possible while also creating the safest, healthiest environments for our children. We say it a lot, but we are truly lucky to have the staff and educators here at CVMCS!

Member information is included in this newsletter and I encourage any parent who has questions, wants to be more involved, needs support, or simply wants to connect to reach out to any of us! We are here to serve you too!

I wish all the best to each of you as we all navigate our way through this year!

Abby Reilly, CVMCS Parent Group Chair

Save the Dates

**Dairy Queen Nights -
2nd Tuesday of Every Month
5:00pm - Close
Birch Street Location**

**Parent Group Meetings -
2nd Tuesday of the month
6:00pm**

**Governance Board
Meetings-
1st Tuesday of the month
6:00pm**

**Conferences -
11/16 4:00pm -8:00pm
11/23 8:00am - 4:00pm**

**No School
11/23 - 11/27**

**Keep up with all school
events by subscribing
to the school calendar
using the link below:**

Subscription Link: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar?cid=ZWNhc2QuazEYLndpLnVzX291cDJwNjVycGd0ZGI0b3E1c3JkMXBvMGVvQGdyb3VwLmNhbGVuZGFyLmdvb2dsZS5jb20>



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WELCOME, NEW PARENT GROUP MEMBERS!



Lisa Nelson- I am your Family Events Coordinator; and this is my first year on the parent board. I am very excited to help facilitate family events in a new way. My husband has lived in Eau Claire his entire life; and when I moved here 18 years ago, he did a great job of selling this city as we are still here today. As an Early Childhood Education major, I have a passion for seeing children to their highest potential. Our daughter is currently in Ms. Leslie's room in first grade and loving her "adventure" this year. As a family we love outdoor activities, but I prefer the ones in warmer weather; gardening, swimming, hiking. I also like to bake and craft. You may also find me at the YMCA, working in Child Watch when that is open again.



Bob Boyd- I have been a lifelong Wisconsin resident, with over half of that in Eau Claire, and yet I knew nothing about the Montessori schooling system. Nothing, that is, until my wife Lisa and I started looking at schools for our daughter, Moxie. Through a coworker, I was introduced to the Montessori Charter School, and with a bit of luck, Moxie made it through the waiting list and has been a student since 4k. Now a 1st grader, Moxie is plugging along during the pandemic, with both Lisa and I able to work from home with flexible enough schedules (and plenty of coffee) to keep up with an energetic six-year old. I am in my second year as a member of the Parent Group, starting as a classroom advocate in the 2019 school year and being elected to be a representative to the Family Advisory Council for the 2020 school year.



Pa Thao - Ms. Thao is a mother of five children with two children (K4 and E1) at the Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School. Thao co-founded and is the current Executive Director of the Black & Brown Womyn Power Coalition, Inc., a statewide gender-justice and social justice coalition. She served two terms on the Governance Board and has volunteered for the Parent Group. She enjoys gardening and is an aspiring florist.

OPEN PARENT GROUP POSITIONS

Co-Fundraising Chair: This is a 1-year term commitment.

The role of the co-fundraising chair is to assist the head fundraising chair with elements related to fundraising events such as brainstorming, promoting, coordinating, tracking finances, etc. This position requires attending the Parent Group meeting once a month (90 minutes) and then time spent helping the Fundraising Chair (variable; averages 60 minutes a week with many weeks with no needs).

Garden Chair: This is a 1-year term commitment.

Our school benefits from planting, tending, and harvesting a garden each year. We are seeking a parent who could take on the role of coordinator/facilitator of our school garden. This role requires attending the Parent Group meeting once a month (90 minutes) and a variable amount of time committed throughout the year depending on the season (planning, planting, tending, harvesting). The person to fill this position would oversee a Garden Committee that aids in all aspects of caring for the garden. Together with the Garden Committee, the Garden Chairperson coordinates our annual garden events: Harvest Fest (fall) and the Seed Sale (late winter).

TREASURER REPORT

Jeannine Fisk- Treasurer

Balance as of 10/13/20
Checking - \$10,106.50
Savings - \$5.23

NEW TO MONTESSORI?

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/175449549224277/>