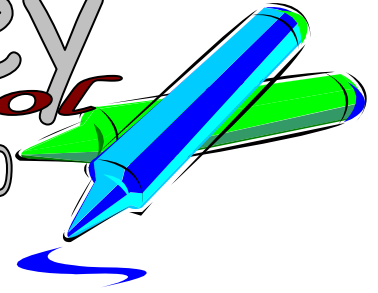


Choconut Valley

Elementary School

January 2010



Parents and friends,

I hope everyone had a wonderful relaxing holiday. This past year our family has grown with the addition of our second son, Evan Leo. Thank you to everyone who has helped us welcome him. My family and I are truly grateful for all of the community support that we have received and consider ourselves extremely fortunate to be part of this community.

This time of year can be challenging for all of us due to the inclement weather and health concerns. Please remember that there is no substitute for your best judgment when struggling with the decision of whether or not to send your child to school when they are not feeling well. If you have questions about this or any other health related topic, please do not hesitate to call the health office 278-7302. Mrs. Ochse will be more than happy to assist you with your questions or concerns.

*Mr. Christopher McComb
Choconut Valley Elementary Principal*



PTO Movie Night

PTO will be having a movie night in the
Choconut Valley Gymnasium Thursday,
January 21st
@ 6:00 pm.

We will be featuring
"Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs"

REMINDER:

In order to ensure that we continue to provide a safe and secure learning environment for all of our students, please remember that all visitors must report to the main office.

We will be happy to assist you with questions and provide visitors' badges when you need to visit a classroom or are staying for any reason.



School Dress Code

With the winter weather here to stay, it is important to remember that children should be coming to school dressed appropriately. Please take the time to review the dress code with your child or children, and make sure they understand that you care about what they wear to school. The dress code can be found within the student handbook that every child received at the beginning of the year. If you would like a copy for yourself at home, please contact the school, and I will be happy to get you one. Remember, in most cases your common sense will lead you in the right direction.

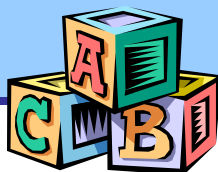


No-School January 18th

Just a reminder that there will be no school Monday, January 18th. This is an In-service day for teachers.

Kindergarten

Just a reminder if you have or know of someone who has children who are going to be coming to kindergarten next year, kindergarten registration will be here before you know it. We are currently working on dates and will keep you informed as more information becomes available.



Registration

Motivating students is probably the most successful way to get children to succeed in school.

Unfortunately, finding the proper motivation is often a difficult proposition. To compound things even more, what motivates one child, will not work for another. Therefore, a more general approach to motivation rather than specific rewards, are usually much more effective.

Here are a few suggestions to try, if you ever find yourself looking for motivational techniques.

📖 Make it Personal:

Look for ways to tie in school lessons to your child's life. For example, if he or she is learning about verbs, ask them to name their favorite actions- eating, pretending, skateboarding. Finding a way to relate their learning to things that are important to them builds interest.

📖 Reward Effort:

When your child works hard on an assignment, let them know you noticed. For example, "I am so proud of how much work you put into solving that math problem!" Focusing on progress, not just grades, encourages hard work and discourages the give-ups.

📖 Be a Guide:

Invite your child on your own learning journeys. For example, try tackling a craft project together using a how-to book; let him or her help you find information in the phone book or atlas. The desire to learn can be contagious.

-Resources for Educators

Parent Corner