NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE
November 16, 2018

Cyber Village Academy

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Greetings!

Change is in the air! Cooler weather is upon us, schedules at school have been different because of the Science Fair, Math Day at the Zoo and the upcoming break. Take time to recognize and embrace the change we so easily forget about until it throws off what our "normal" routine is. Change comes and goes, but with it new opportunities arise. I have embraced the change of being in a new environment and am grateful for the amazing community the surrounds me at CVA!

Our mission is alive and well:
"Cyber Village Academy prepares students to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing world with confidence by helping them to become inquiring, knowledgeable, caring and active citizens who value academic rigor, integrity, self-reliance and compassion."

Each day we strive to engage our students in academics and self-exploration to move out into the world and be their best, thank you for partnering with us on this venture.
Make it a great day!

Nicole
Director

Calendar of Events

November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19	20 Online Day	21 Online Day	22 **Thanksgiving** **No School**	23 **Thanksgiving Break** **No School**
26	27 Board Meeting 4:30	28	29	30

SCHOOL BUS

Due to a resignation there will be no CVA school bus this coming week (11/19-11/23). Monday is the only on-campus day of the week and families will need to provide their own transportation for students that day. We are in the process of looking for a new bus driver or contracting with an alternate service provider. We would like to remind you that absences due to transportation issues are not excused. -Nicole Rasmussen

Thanksgiving Break

Monday, November 19th is a regular school day. Tuesday, November 20th and Wednesday, November 21st are online days. Study Center will run from 8:30am – 3:30pm both days. **Thanksgiving break** is Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd. There is NO SCHOOL on Thursday or Friday

Give to the Max day

Give to the Max Day was Nov. 15. We have raised $1750 in a day. Please donate to our "Access for All" campaign by the end of the November to help us provide opportunities to students!

CVA Senior Pictures for the Yearbook

Hello Seniors!

Your high school career is coming to a close and CVA would like to honor your achievement with a Senior Page in the yearbook! Click here Senior Photo submission form to submit a senior photo and your preferred name by March 31st, 2019. If you would like to include a school appropriate senior quote and your plans after high school, you can do that here as well! Congratulations!

SPECIAL PARENT BOARD NOMINATION:

Nominations due on Monday November, 19 at 4:00pm.

There is an open seat due to a resignation. Therefore the current board will appoint a nominated parent member for the remainder of this school year and a nomination and an election will take place in the spring to finish off the term, which ends June 2020.

Nomination Form

Elementary Team - Food Drive

We are excited to grow our hearts three sizes bigger, just like the Grinch!   To make this happen, the elementary team will be participating in the #GrinchforGood campaign by organizing a food drive from November 19 - December 19. We have set a goal of 100 cans of food that we will donate to a local food pantry. We would love your participation! Please bring cans of food to the K/1 classroom starting Monday, November 19. Every can will make a difference in our community.

    Don't just look in your own pantry! Ask neighbors, friends, and relatives to contribute as well. Look for healthy, high-protein, wholesome foods, like canned vegetables, beans, or soups, to donate. Make sure all of the cans aren't past their use-by date and are undamaged.

Thanks for your help!
Ms. Christy, Mrs. Pint, Ms. Claire

Cybercat Parent Organization

Hello All!

We are going to be officially starting the Cybercat Parent Organization this winter.
Thank you to all who filled out the survey to indicate their interest in helping with this group. Please keep an eye out for emails coming soon from Kelley Velleux and Emily Eggers. If you still have interest in being a part of this group please contact Kelley Velleux at kvelleux@cva.k12.mn.us.

Cyber Village Academy Equity Committee

The mission of Cyber Village Academy's Equity Committee is to collaborate with and lead the Cyber Village Academy community in cultivating a culture of equity that includes restorative practices and reflects the contributions, perspectives and interests of diverse racial/ethnic groups.

The Equity Committee began meeting in August of 2017 to address issues related to race and education at Cyber Village Academy. During the 2017-2018 school year, members of the Equity Committee conducted an equity audit

at CVA and selected areas of focus for that school year and the 2018-2019 school year. Using the *Pathway to Education Equity Tool*, we identified those focus areas as *Chance to Learn* and *Fair Discipline*.

The Equity Committee is currently working with the Leadership Team, teachers, and staff to aid in developing lesson resource materials and training around implicit bias, culturally relevant curriculum, and social justice education. The Equity Committee is also supporting the Leadership Team in their efforts to address school discipline through restorative practices
.
As the Equity Committee continues to move forward and create a multi-year plan, we will be seeking additional information, support, and involvement from the broader CVA community, including staff, students, parents, and community members. If you would like to receive information related to the ongoing work of the Equity Committee at Cyber Village Academy, please contact Melissa Onyango-Robshaw.

Attendance is Important!

Whenever possible, parents should send a note to the school prior to the absence. If that is not possible, parents

are required to send a note to school with the student when they return including the date, student's name, reason for absence and signature of the parent/guardian.

If a student misses school for more than three consecutive on-campus days due to illness or other medical reason, they must provide a note from a doctor indicating the illness and reason for extended absences. Three consecutive absences can be a Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, or it could be a Wednesday and the following Monday and Tuesday.

For more information regarding attendance review page 15 in the 2018-2019 Student/Parent handbook.

Physical Activity Club

Starting Quarter 2:

7th Grade students (and 8th Grade who don't have Semester 1 Physical Education), along with any PASCAL 5th-12th Graders have the opportunity to come and participate in a Physical Activity Club.

The club will be open only to the students listed above and will include:
· Structured learning opportunities with a licensed Physical Education & Health instructor
· Movement time with equipment
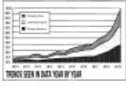· Game-style play
· Individual physical activity engagement

Please fill out this short form ASAP with your interest and availability: CVA Physical Activity Interest Form (Fall 2018)

PAC (Physical Activity Club) will be:
· Starting Quarter 2
· Fridays- 9:00-10:00AM
· First Meeting: Friday, November 9th

Note: As this is a club of CVA, our handbook states that all students must be receiving passing grades in classes to be eligible to attend. (So get those assignments in every week!)

Science Fair

The annual science fair on Wednesday was a big hit this year! Congratulations to all of the students who participated. It was clear the students put a full effort into developing their experiments and created some terrific looking boards as well. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the open house, and a special thank you to all the volunteers and parents who worked so hard to make the fair a success!

Study Center

Helpful Tip: Please be sure students are set with work for the day. Study Center is a fairly independent time, so it is important that parents help students make a plan for their day at study center.

Thank you to so many of you for making time to come to the Study Center Orientations. These orientations are designed for families new to study center to promote a more productive and consistent Study Center program. Returning study center families are welcome to attend orientation again, but it is not necessary. If you weren't able to sign up for an orientation but are planning on bringing your student(s) to study center, please sign up for the next orientation which is on Thursday, December 6 @ 8:30 in the music room. The orientation will last roughly 20-30 minutes, depending on how many people attend and if there are any questions.

If you would like to reference the Study Center Agreement that is discussed at orientation, you can find it on CVA's website on the "Resources" tab.

Here are the schedules for study center, so you can see what students will be up to:
K-4
Middle School
High School

Taco Dinner and Silent Auction - **Date Change**

CVA's annual Taco Dinner and Silent Auction has been changed to Thursday, January 17. This event helps to fund the annual 8th grade trip to Eagle Bluff Environmental Camp. Mark your calendars now. More information to come!!

The Real World Communications class needs your help!

Hi everybody!

There are many juvenile detention facilities around the country and we want you to help us support one from our own community. Statistics often show that kids in juvenile detention often experience problems after they get out, such as trouble getting jobs or finding housing. They often end up back in juvenile detention for another conviction. Our goal is to keep that from happening by donating books to help educate kids and keep them out of juvenile detention.

We've decided to donate books to Stadium View High School which is part of the Hennepin County JDC system, but we don't have enough on our own. That's where you come in!

They are looking for high-interest chapter books of all reading levels, as well as comic books and graphic novels. Please avoid picture books and reference materials like dictionaries and encyclopedias. If you have any books you are done reading or willing to donate, bring them to us! We will be collecting books until Thanksgiving Break.
We will have a bin by the main door in front of the office to collect them. Thank you (in advance) for your donations!

-Mrs. Eggers, Eli, Anna, David, Michaelee, Mary, Martin & Teddy

Volunteers:

Throughout the year there are a variety of opportunities to volunteer for school events and happenings. We need to have background checks for volunteers who are working with our students. With is in mind, if you plan to volunteer throughout the year, please fill out the **Background Check** form and send a check to CVA for $8 to cover the cost of the background check. If we do not have a background check form on file we will not be able to have you volunteer at school events. If you have questions please contact Rishma at radam@cybervillageacademy.org .

After school pickup

Reminders to make this process as smooth and safe as possible:
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    CVA students are dismissed at 3:30 pm**. High school students should be picked up at the Hamline Avenue entrance, middle school students should be picked up at the main entrance, and elementary students should be picked up at the Ford Parkway entrance.**
·   Please do not park in the turnaround, bus cut-outs, or in any other place that might block the flow of traffic.
·   Please stay in your car in line. We will call students by name and load the first 3 cars at a time. Students should not load cars anywhere other than the loading area. This means students cannot cut across the parking lot to their ride, but they CAN walk around the turnaround to get to a parked car.
·   If you need to come into the school, please park in the parking lot or on Pinehurst Avenue to do so.
·   Students are to wait outside in the loading/unloading areas for their ride to pick them up. Staff members are there to supervise for student safety and to ensure the process goes as smoothly as possible. This means students should not be on the playground if their ride has not yet arrived.
·   Students who are not picked up prior to 3:45 pm will be asked to wait in the after-school program room. Starting at 4:00, families will be charged the daily rate for the after-school program ($10/day).

Study Center Pick up on Thursday and Friday is at the front door.

Yearbook Club

The yearbook club is holding an art and design contest for the yearbook cover! All grade levels are encouraged to submit artwork and one winner's work will be selected to be the cover of the 2018-2019 yearbook!

Our theme this year is Blue and White – CVA colors! Entries must be submitted to the Art room by December 14th. They can be submitted digitally or in hard copy form. Please include the school year, school name, white and blue colors, and your signature.

One lucky winner will receive a CVA mystery prize pack

Family Coding Event at Cyber Village Academy

On Thursday, Dec. 6 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cyber Village Academy will be hosting a family coding event as part of the Hour of Code 2018 during Computer Science Education Week. There will be opportunities for beginners through advanced coders. Families with students from Kindergarten through high school are welcome to participate.

Coding is basically giving the directions to tell a computer what to do. Research shows that kids can pick up programming concepts before they know how to read and write. In fact, their brains are more receptive to computer languages at a young age, just like foreign languages. Although participants are requested to bring their own devices (laptops, tablets, smartphones, etc.), there will also be unplugged sessions. A small number of devices will be available to use as well.

A cash-only concessions table will be available that will help fund the CVA technology program.

Volunteers needed! If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact **Emily Eggers** or **Christy Buxman** as soon as possible. We will need room hosts, facilitators, greeters, and more!

Environmental Club Needs Paper Bags!

We have begun recycling our milk cartons, plastic bottles, and cans during lunch time. We need your paper grocery bags to collect our lunch recyclables! If you have extra paper bags, please consider donating them to CVA. Bags can be dropped off in room 213, or at the front office. Thank you!

November Book Orders

Each month we place an order for Scholastic books. The orders usually come within 10 days. If you would like to purchase books as a surprise gift for your student, simply send

Christy an email and she will be sure to contact you when the order arrives. Otherwise, the books will be sent home with the student. Happy Reading!

Shop Online: https://clubs.scholastic.com/

One-Time Class Activation Code: DWYCB

- VISIT https://clubs.scholastic.com/
- ENTER the one-time Class Activation Code DWYCB
- SHOP from a carefully curated selection of the best books and value packs

SUBMIT this month's order online by November 28, 2018   If you have any questions, please contact Christy.

Logo Design Contest

CVA is planning to revamp and expand our online presence this year, starting with a brand new logo for the school. We are asking our entire community (staff, students, and parents) to participate in this process by voting for their favorite design next month and if you're feeling creative, you can even submit your own design to be part of the vote! All submissions must be copyright-safe high resolution image files and also keep in mind that we are not changing our school colors (blue and white) or our mascot (the Cybercat) at this time. Logo designs are due by Friday, December 14th and you can send them to Frank Leo as well as any questions you might have about this project.

Yearbook

It's never too soon to order your 2018-2019 CVA Yearbook. Follow this link to get your CVA yearbook from Treering.com. All purchases will be made through the website. Just use the pass code 1015083450683269. Purchase your book by November 30th and receive 5% off the total price! Each yearbook comes with 2 free customizable pages that you can design yourself! Add pictures of your family, friends, pets, or favorite activities. Get your CVA yearbook today and start making memories!

School Pictures

We have been informed by Lifetouch that school picture packages for students still waiting to get them should arrive within the next 2 - 3 weeks. Sorry for any inconvenience this has caused. Retakes are now available to be viewed on the lifetouch portal.

Minnesota Student Survey

"CVA will be participating in the 2019 Minnesota Student Survey (MSS) conducted by the Minnesota Department of Education. We will administer the survey to 5th, 8th, 9th, and 11th, graders next semester.

Students can decide not to take the survey or stop at any point while taking it. Parent/Guardians may also opt out their students. You are invited to review the survey questions here:

2019 MSS Level One Questions (Grade 5)
2019 MSS Level Two Questions (Grade 8)
2019 MSS Level Three Questions (Grades 9 and 11, ALCs)

If you would like to opt out your student or if you have any questions, please contact Willa Taylor."

CVA Arts Night!

Come to CVA Arts Night! December 13, 2018

Doors will be open 5-7pm.
Visit the art gallery featuring work (mostly 6th and 8th graders)

Enjoy two concerts;
·   5:30 pm 5th grade, Hand Bell Choir, and High School Music Performance AND/OR
·   6:30 pm 7th grade, Hand Bell Choir, and High School Music Performance

Short on time? Plan on dinner here. We will have—sloppy joes, chips and drink for $5/ (traditional and vegetarian) and assorted snacks/treats.

DONATIONS APPRECIATED! Please consider contributing cookies, candy, cans of water/pop, small bags of chips/snacks to sell.
Email msatherpeterson@cybervillageacademy.org if you can do this: with the exception of baked

goods, donations should be brought to the music room by Monday, December 10, 2018.

Funds raised by this event will be used for art materials, improved microphones, additional Orff mallets and other classroom instruments.

This is the official newsletter from Cyber Village Academy, the school's primary means of communication with parents/guardians of students enrolled at CVA. The newsletter will be sent weekly to keep you updated on what's happening at the Village.