

### MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As always, the spirit of learning, community building, and hard work shines brightly each day at CVA. This past week has been quite busy, culminating in the end of the quarter today, while also celebrating Spirit Week as we wrap up the first quarter.

It's hard to believe that we've already completed 25% of the school year. It feels like just yesterday our staff gathered to prepare for the first day with students. We are continuously working to adapt to the challenges of our ever-changing world, and this is no small feat.

Every day at CVA is a fresh start; we greet one another with renewed energy, striving to give our best in every moment. In the coming weeks, we look forward to welcoming more new students who seek a community that caters to their unique needs and interests, allowing them to become the best version of themselves each day!

As a reminder, there will be no school on Monday as we prepare for the start of quarter two. Enjoy the extended weekend!

Warm regards, Nicole Rasmussen





As a part of the "village" focus at Cyber Village Academy, we are asking that each child participate in community and service activities throughout the school year – it is quite possible that they are involved in one of these activities already. Students should volunteer regularly throughout the year, hopefully finding something they enjoy doing to help others...and do it often (weekly, monthly, etc. depending on the activity).

Advisors will have monthly information to share throughout the year!

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 3: No School Teacher Workday
- November 4: Whole School Field Trip
  Arrive no later than 8:45am. See below.
- November 14: Online Day No Study Center (Professional Development)
  - November 21: U of MN Marching Band Performance Optional field trip more to come next week.

# Nov. 4 Whole School Field Trip & Interactive Experiences

Purpose of day is to inquire, explore cultures, activities and expand our knowledge across a variety of setting.

Please complete permission slip. K-2: <u>Children's Museum</u>

Gr. 3-7: <u>Bell Museum</u> - On Native Land Exhibits

Gr. 8-12: <u>Hocokata Ti Cultural Center</u>

## Principal's Corner

One thing that sets CVA apart is our Thursday/Friday Study Center program. I highly encourage all CVA Hybrid and 100% Online students to come to the building on Thursday (K-12) and Friday (K-8). Here is a sample of what CVA staff and students say about Study Center:

- It's a good opportunity for a quiet distraction-free place to complete work. High School Student
- Study Center is one of my favorite things about my job. I get to learn stuff right along with the students. Teachers coming around to help is great. High School Paraprofessional
- It's a different environment from M-W. It's calm and you get one-on-one help. I like being able to see the teachers. I get to socialize, which is important. HS 100% Online Student
- Every student that has engaged in IXL learning on Fridays for Reading have made notable progress on their reading goals since the beginning of the school year! Elementary Classroom Teacher
- It's time to get my work done. After I finish everything, I get to play catch, talk, and play games with friends. 8th Grade Student
- I'm impressed with what students do when they are finished. They are so creative! They'll do Scratch, art projects, and make their own games. Elementary Paraprofessional
- Come on down! All are welcome! Middle School Paraprofessional
- Thursday study center has provided a great opportunity for students to participate in 1:1 and small group speech/language sessions without being pulled from classes M-W. Speech Pathologist
- During study center days, we have tried to implement more art! Recently we have made Halloween decorations like skeletons, scarecrows, pumpkins and more! Art Specialist
- This is what we use to keep kids on track and motivated. We plan something fun, cool and creative for the afternoon or Friday. That motivates them to get as much work done as early as possible so they can enjoy the cool activity planned-stress free! Elementary Paraprofessional

Can't make it to Study Center? Here are links to Tips for Success on Online Days: ES MS HS

Please understand that Th/F assignments are essential for academic success. Make sure you are supporting your child with this integral part of the CVA experience. Keep in mind, Study Center is available to ALL!

In closing, Quarter 1 is wrapping up. Next week, students will reflect on their progress and make goals with action steps for Quarter 2. Individual Learning Plans (ILP) will be introduced in advisory. Data is showing our efforts are making a difference!

Thank you for trusting us with your child's educational journey. Feel free to reach out with questions or

concerns.

In partnership, Principal Peggy Palumbo



## **Snapshots of the fun at CVA this week!**

It was a busy and fun week of learning and celebration at CVA! Spirit week, Halloween and the end of the quarter. CVA staff and students making it all happen!





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