

#### MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The seasons are changing and so are our students academics. Our students are showing strong growth in reading and math, with recent progress monitoring highlighting steady progress. Thank you to our students, staff and families for the hard work and support focused on student outcomes.

We continue to build community through fun activities for the whole community to participate in. Next week we will be having Students vs. Staff Basketball Game—a chance to celebrate school spirit and bring our community together.

As we head into winter, we want to make sure we have resources to support families in need. If your family could use assistance, please contact us by completing this <u>form</u>. We're also accepting donations of gift cards and non-perishable food items to help support our community.

Warm regards, Nicole Rasmussen





# Support CVA!



The largest giving day in the state of Minnesota is coming on November 20! CVA is excited to be using a new payment platform, Zeffy, to collect donations that will provide tax receipts and not collect fees.

We are excited to continue to provide a high quality education to students throughout the state of MN and your donations are one way to help us make this happen!

Donate by clicking <u>here</u> or snap a photo on your phone!



### DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 20: Gertens Winter Plant Delivery
- November 21: U of MN Marching Band Performance Optional field trip more to come next week.
- November 25-26: Online Days
  November 27-28: Thanksgiving Break
  No School
- December 2: Picture retakes (9-11am)

  Available for all students and staff.

# Nov. 21 U of M Marching Band



Optional field trip, limited tickets, transportation available.

Cost \$5 per student

First come, first served.

Student priority for tickets, parent/guardian option if extra tickets are available.



Permission Slip



# MN Goes to College Webinar Nov. 18 7-8pm

College Planning Series (formerly Ready, Set, FAFSA) will be offered to students and families.

**Topic: Scholarships 101** 

Registration is open now for families



## **Cyber Cat Corner**

a.k.a CVA School Store, Snack Shack

Come one, come all to the NEW
Cyber Cat Corner store!
We will be selling drinks, snacks,
and merchandise M-W from
11 a.m.- 12 noon at our new store
front located next to the
cafeteria/gym doors
Grand Opening on Monday,
December 1, 2025



## Principal's Corner

On Friday of this week, students learned from home as our staff spent time on campus learning new ways to support and engage our learners. We also continued to work on our goals of monitoring progress and increasing academic achievement through engagement.

We decided to go with a "choose your own adventure" format. Staff chose from a menu of options including:

- 1. IXL Training: This personal online learning platform is new to us this year. (You may have noticed IXL assignments in your students' Thursday/Friday assignments.) Staff were able to ask questions and increase their knowledge of this assessment and teaching tool. As we continue to focus on progress monitoring, IXL has given us valuable data and next steps to increase achievement. Quick shout out to our 8th students. A score of 10 is expected growth each month. The first two months of using the program our students average growth was 24 in reading and 21 in math!
- 2. <u>Universal Designs for Learning (UDL)</u>: UDL is a framework to design learning experiences to elevate strengths and eliminate barriers, based on what we know about the human brain. Session participants learned various UDL strategies to make challenging readings accessible to all.
- 3. <u>Fastbridge</u>, <u>Direct Behavior Rating (DBR) Training</u>: This screening tool measures a student's social, academic, and emotional behaviors in order to identify if they need additional support. It screens for getting along with peers, completing assignments, and managing emotions. The results help educators plan interventions in these areas.
- 4. Counselor Connect Digital Content: Staff were able to choose from a menu of webinar options with topics such as De-Escalation & Mindfulness Strategies for Students, Preparing Students to Own Their Future, Understanding the Impact of Trauma and Chronic Stress on the Brain, Learning, and Behavior.

Throughout the day, I was continually impressed with CVA staff's desire to improve their practice. Their level of engagement demonstrated their commitment to our unique and amazing students.

Thank you for choosing CVA. Please spread the word about our special village. In partnership, Principal Peggy Palumbo

## More snapshots from our whole school field trip day!

Honoring Native American Heritage



#### It's Native American Heritage Month



Celebrate it by honoring those who walked before you

Protect the Earth Honor the Women Guide the Children Respect the Elders Follow the Traditions

Ben Adair Shoemaker, Artist

























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