






Cherry Valley Elementary School Family Newsletter

Upcoming Events

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| May 31- June 3 | 5th grade Outdoor Education |
| June 1 | Last day for lunch charges |
| June 3 | FULL DAY FRIDAY |
| June 6 | Library books due! |
| June 8 | Shelter in place drill; 9:45 a.m. |
| June 9 | Band/Choir Concert; gym; 7 p.m. |
| June 10 | School-wide BBQ & Dance Party! Your child's lunch time |
| June 14 | 5th grade promotion; 2:00-3:30 p.m.; gym |
| June 15 |  Field Day! Volunteers needed! sign up here: http://vols.pt/CAS kuT Last day a.m./p.m. Kindergarten |
| June 16 | Last Day Assembly/K-4 Promotion; 10:00-11:00 a.m.; gym |
| June 16 |  Last Day of School! 12:30 p.m. Dismissal; Lunch is served |
| June 20 | Report Cards Mailed Home |
| Sept. 6 | First Day of School!  |
| Sept. 6,7,8 | Kindie Camp! |

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<http://www.cherryvalleypta.blogspot.com/>

Dear Cherry Valley Families,

It has been another wonderful year at Cherry Valley Elementary School. As the year comes to a close I want to take a moment to thank each of you for sharing your children with us and for your tireless dedication as family members to their success at school. It's through our strong school/home partnership that we do such amazing things for our students.

This year has seen many exciting learning experiences. We've added a great deal of technology resources to our campus for students, increased the variety of before and after school intervention and enrichment opportunities for students, continued to deepen our instructional practice at providing differentiated small learning groups for students, implemented school wide participation signals to increase student engagement and to many other things to name. Our school community is one of continuous learning and striving for excellence.

The end of a school year usually brings some staffing updates. I'm elated to share the Cherry Valley Elementary School will move from having a half time counselor to having a full time counselor for the 2016-2017 School Year. Leanne Koenigs, our current counselor, will continue with us and will be full time at Cherry Valley Elementary. We will be adding a 4th Kindergarten Teacher due to our shift to Full Day Kindergarten. As a result of enrollment shifts, Jennifer Freeburg will move from 2nd grade to 1st grade for 2016-2017. Any additional staffing updates will be shared in the Summer Family Newsletter.

The end of a school year is always a little bittersweet as we prepare to advance our students up to the next grade level. I'm hoping you will be able to join us for the variety of activities that take place in June in celebration of our learning and accomplishments this year.

Lastly, I hope that all our families enjoy an active and full-filled summer in our gorgeous Pacific Northwest.

All the best,

Heather Sanchez

Principal, Cherry Valley Elementary School



*June
Character Trait:
Self-Control*

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Cherry Valley Vision Statement

"Students at Cherry Valley Elementary will learn and grow to their highest potential in a safe, cooperative and productive learning environment".

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Exercise Kids' Minds During the Summer

If students laze away the days of summer without using their minds, they can lose up to a month of learning—especially in reading and math. Stem the summer slide and keep your child engaged with these fun, brain-friendly activities.

Devise a plan. Tell your child that reading and learning activities will be an important part of their summer. Assure them that they'll still have lots of time for play.

Teach mini-lessons. Transform everyday activities into learning opportunities. Children can count change, read directions for a trip, write a shopping list, or calculate a recipe's measurements.

Gather activity books. Give children their own activity book with crossword puzzles or number games customized for their specific age group. Set a "due date" to keep them on track, but let them work at their own pace.

Initiate a writing project. Have your child keep a summer journal, write letters to family members or friends, or craft a play to perform with siblings or neighbors. Or, start a family cookbook with your favorite recipes, instructions, and shopping lists.

Strategize screen time. Educational computer games or apps can engage students' minds, but make sure your child is spending enough time away from the screen. Assign a daily block of time for family members to turn off phones, computers, and the TV, and instead play a board game or read together.

Designate daily reading blocks. Set aside at least 15 minutes a day for your entire family to read. (That means parents, too!) Find reading recommendations by grade level on the American Library Association's book lists (see Web Resources). Organize a summer read-a-thon with goals for each family member, or sign your child up for your library's summer book club.

Go global. Set aside several nights during the summer to have an international evening. Together, cook a meal with recipes from a different nation. Learn basic words in that country's language. Find the country on a map, and together examine a book or article with information on what life is like there.



Sneak learning into family trips. If your family is able to take a vacation during the summer, include stops at zoos, children's museums, or historic sites. Have your child help you plot out the journey using maps and keep a journal along the way. Older children can tally up miles, keep track of expenses, or compute gas mileage.

Get moving. Build physical activity into your child's summer days. Even if he or she can't participate in a local sports league or community-based team,

encourage activities such as jumping rope, playing catch, and taking family walks.

For more resources, look to your child's school and your local library or community center for ideas to keep kids' brains buzzing during the dog days of summer.

Web Resources

The **American Library Association** compiles grade-level book lists.

www.ala.org/alsc/compubs/booklists/summerreadinglist

The **National Summer Learning Association** offers activities, tools, and links.

www.summerlearning.org/?page=activity_resource