

## **Principal's Report - Sent via email by Chad Auer to BOD on September 11, 2006**

### Recognitions:

1. Mrs. Echer, Mrs. Peterson & Mrs. Kunick (Middle School Team) for their great work getting the middle school program off to a good start.
2. Mr. OConnor for getting a strings program going here at CVA3. I have nominated Christie Villano to go to the CASE Prospective Principal's seminar in February.
4. Mrs. Milbrath's & Mrs. Romero-Bisgard's classes for getting the 'reading buddies' program into swing. Very positive peer program where older students read to younger students.

### Updates:

1. CVA will be sending care packages (notes, pictures etc..) to a couple Marine Corps units stationed in Iraq. More details will be forthcoming, but this is a great way for us to support our troops.
2. I met with the Fire Marshal regarding a Jr. Fire starter program designed as a diversion program for students involved with fire starting. In the unfortunate event that we have a situation where one of our students is involved, we have a designated program through the local fire protection district to help these young people. This will become a part of my school discipline procedures.
3. I met with Mr. Kline (parent) about the safety issues related to the parking lot during drop off and pick up. We brainstormed a number of ideas and I am in the process of follow up on them. Generally speaking, we have an ongoing battle between expedience and safety - obviously we prioritize safety.
4. I am investigating the possibility of including Mandarin Chinese into our foreign language program. Did you know that One in five people on this planet lives in China? China is an emerging force in the global market place. To that end, our students would be well prepared if they had a basic knowledge of the national language of China. I am doing initial research and will report on developments as they occur.
5. Sister Schools: France - right now we have one sister school and that is Saint Anastasie in France. Current project - a self portrait exchange and international art show. Be looking for self portraits from our sister school students!
6. Parent Teacher Conferences will be all day Monday October 23 (No School Day). This is already scheduled as a non-contact day with students/teacher work day.
7. Illnesses: We are reminding students to wash hands etc... in order that we stay healthy. Lots of sicknesses are traveling through the school community.
8. Middle School desks are here and in classrooms.

The school year is off to a great start. Everyone seems to have settled in very quickly and gotten into the business of education right away.