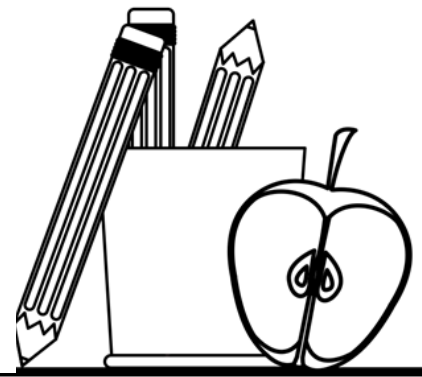




September



Dear Blackhawk Families:

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! We are off to a successful start and looking forward to having “a colorful year” at MVES. These past two weeks have been full of excitement, wonder, and care as the students have become accustomed to their new teachers and routines. As you all know, I am a new face to Mississinawa Valley and have loved seeing your children throughout the day. I look forward to building relationships with you and continuing to get to know your children.

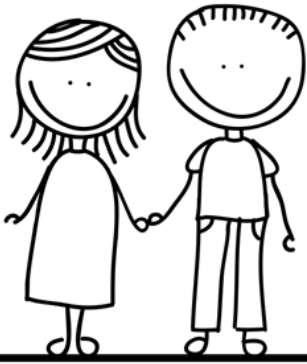
Our school year began with students reviewing the meaning of SOAR and expected behaviors on the bus, in the hallway, classrooms, restroom, Cafeteria, and playground. Students are taught S- Safety First, O – Own your Problems, A – Act Responsibly, and R – Respect yourself and Others. When students model these expected behaviors, they will get to participate in Blackhawk Pride Time activities which will take place every Friday. Students who do not demonstrate SOAR behaviors will work on strengthening their behavior weaknesses with a small group and hopefully improve their behavior to participate in the following Friday’s activities. Last Friday, all students participated in our Blackhawk Pride time and colored our sidewalks with sidewalk chalk. Pictures and videos of this fun activity are posted on our Facebook page Mississinawa Valley Elementary. Please discuss SOAR with your children at home and set your own expectations for your children to follow while in our care at school. If we work together and keep our expectations consistent, our children will certainly SOAR.

In addition to SOAR, I read to all classes, K-6, in their various classrooms and taught them about PERSISTENCE. K-3 listened to the story “Don’t let the Pigeon Drive the Bus” and 4-6 heard the story “After the Fall.” Ask your children what persistent means and how the character in their book showed persistence. If they are able to tell you, let me or their teacher know so your children can receive a Blackhawk Buck! Being persistent is not only an important life skill, but it is also a keyword we are focusing upon in the Valley. CONNECT, ENGAGE, PERSIST, and GROW are the four core words we are focusing on in the Valley to ensure our success as a school district and most importantly, life time success for your children. During our monthly celebrations, one child per grade level will be chosen by his/her teachers for demonstrating one of these four words. We hope by teaching your children the importance of these words your child will experience academic and life time success.

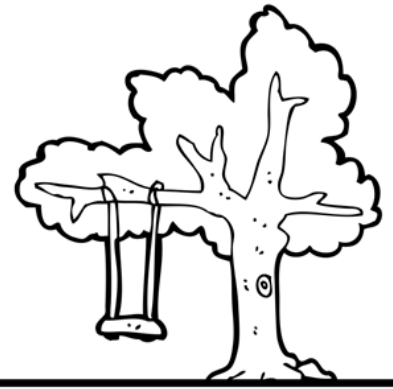
Thank you for your dedication to your children's education. If you ever have any questions, ideas or concerns regarding our efforts to educate your child, please contact your child’s teacher or myself.

Here’s to another great month in the Valley,

Mrs. Kemp



A NOTE FROM THE NURSE



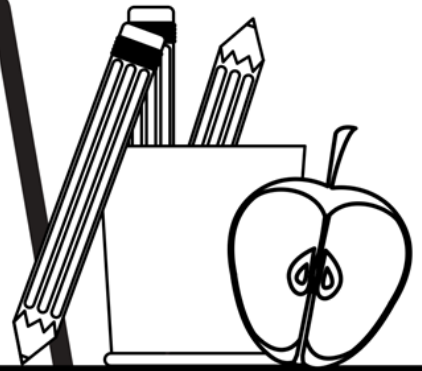
Hearing and Vision screening will be performed for kindergarten through 11th grade students on September 18th & 19th. Referrals letters will be sent home for children who do not pass the school hearing and vision screenings. Ohio Department of Health stresses that hearing and vision screening in the school setting, while a valuable public health procedure, is not a substitute for a professional examination.

According to [the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry](#), a check-up every six months is recommended in order prevent cavities and other dental problems. For you convenience the Mobile Dentist will be here on October 2nd & 3rd. Please complete and return the form as soon as possible if you are interested in having your child seen by the Mobile Dentist.

As a reminder, students requiring prescription medication use while at school must have the prescribed medication form signed by the student's physician and turned in to the school nurse prior to the medication use at school. New forms must be completed each school year. Please notify the school nurse if your child has a medical condition (*i.e. asthma, allergies, seizure disorders, bleeding disorders, diabetes, etc.*) so the proper paperwork can be completed.

Mrs. Wisner

School Nurse



From the Cafeteria

Please turn in all Free and Reduced lunch forms to determine if your family qualifies by Friday September 21st.

If your child has been charging their lunches, free, reduced, or regular, please pay off their accounts as soon as possible.

If your child qualifies for free lunches, your child **MUST** take the entire lunch. Due to federal regulations, children on free lunches are not allowed to pick and choose. For example, a child cannot just get a milk and not the rest of the tray. Please be aware of this when packing your child's lunch.

Mrs. Walters

Cafeteria Manager

Safety Reminders

If you bring your children to school, you must drop them off by the Kindergarten/1st grade doors.

Adults are **NOT** permitted to enter the building through this entrance. You **MUST** be buzzed in through our new security door and sign in. If you pick your child up from school, **DO NOT** pull up and block the sidewalk ramp. The ramp needs to be accessible at all times. These expectations will be strictly enforced for everyone's safety.

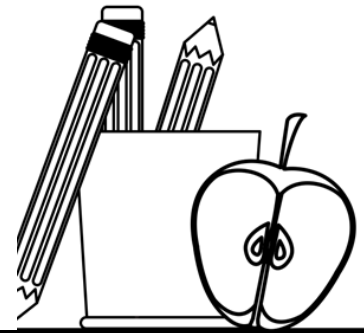
Homework Club

Union City First Baptist Church has a reading/homework club on Thursdays after school until 4:00. Reading practice for grades K-3 and homework help for grades 4-6. Snacks are provided! Contact Mr. Kukasky if you have any questions.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are quickly approaching. Be looking for more information from your child's teacher on how to sign up **ONLINE** for a conference time.



SEPTEMBER



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14 First Magazine Order Turn in Day
17	18 PreK-4 Picture Day 2 nd Magazine Order Turn in Day Hearing/Vision Screening	19 5-6 Picture Day 3 rd Grade to Shawnee Trails Hearing/Vision Screening	20 PreK (3 year old class) to Brumbaugh Fruit Farm 1 st grade to Chenoweth Trails	21 3 rd Magazine Order Turn in Day
24 PreK (3 year old class) Picture Day	25 LAST Magazine Order Turn in Day	26	27 Monthly Celebration	28 NO SCHOOL

Next Month: Thursday October 4th 2 Hour Early Dismissal , Wednesday October 10 2 Hour Early Dismissal and Conferences, Thursday October 11 2 Hour Early Dismissal and Conferences, Friday October 12 NO SCHOOL