

# MOCCASIN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Our Mission Statement

The Moccasin School Family will work as a team to provide each individual child with the opportunity for academic, physical, and social growth. Development will be measured through appropriate testing, active participation, and observations. It is the responsibility of the Moccasin School staff, students, parents, and community members to help us accomplish this goal so that no child is left behind.

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## December 15, 2017

### Tentative Schedule of Events

#### December

22 Class Holiday Parties (each teacher will be sending home a flyer of their class party time)  
25 Winter Break

#### January

08 School Resumes  
08 PTM Meets: 6:30 p.m.  
15 NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
25 HALF DAY – Dismissal at 12:10 p.m.  
26 First Semester Ends  
26 HALF DAY – Dismissal at 12:10 p.m.  
29 Second Semester Begins

## KIDKARE

KidKare is a before and after-school licensed, non-profit fee-based program available to children ages 4 years & 9 months to 12 years. The program focuses on recreational and enrichment activities. KidKare is located at Moccasin School. Shuttle Service is available for students from Ottawa and the Middle School. For registration information or forms, please call 695-8446 or 695-8408.

**HALF DAYS: KIDKARE WILL BE PROVIDING AFTER-SCHOOL CARE ON HALF DAYS. THE ONLY TIMES KIDKARE WILL NOT BE OPEN IS ON HALF DAYS BEFORE A HOLIDAY OR A BREAK AND ON SNOWDAYS.**

## NEED TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S FOOD ACCOUNT?

Follow the simple steps below to check your child's account balance, what s/he has been purchasing, complete a free/reduced application, check on benefit status, and change contact information.

1. For username and password, call Suzette Hendershott, Food Service Director, at 695-8415 or email her at [shendershott@buchananschools.com](mailto:shendershott@buchananschools.com).
2. Log into Web Portal at [www.buchananschools.com](http://www.buchananschools.com).
3. Click on Food Service

## LUNCH MENU

### Week of December 18

#### Monday

Popcorn Chicken or Yogurt Lunch Pack



#### Tuesday

Hamburger or Grilled Chix Sandwich or Italian Lunch Pak

#### Wednesday

Beef & Cheese Nachos or Grilled Chix Sandwich or Jammer Lunch Pak

#### Thursday

Salisbury Steak or Chicken Nuggets or Egg Lunch Pak

#### Friday

Chicken Fries or Macaroni & Cheese or Turkey Sub Pak

### Week of January 8

#### Monday

Chicken Nuggets or Yogurt Lunch Pack

#### Tuesday

Pizza or Grilled Chicken Sandwich or Italian Lunch Pak

#### Wednesday

Boneless Wings or Beef & Cheese Nachos or Jammer Lunch Pak

#### Thursday

Breaded Chicken Sandwich or Egg Lunch Pak

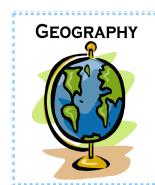
#### Friday

Cinnamon French Stix or Chix Nuggets or Turkey Sub Pak

**Lunch Cost: \$2.10/day full-price or 40¢ reduced-price  
Milk Cost: 50¢/day (chocolate/white/strawberry)**

*No child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, and/or handicap.*

## **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY BEE RESULTS**



Congratulations to all our National Geography Bee participants! We had an exciting and fun school competition on December 1st. **Marley H** is our school winner and will take an online test to compete at the state level. **Logen S** came in 2nd place and **Austin G** finished in 3rd place. Other top ten finalists include **Robert C, Holden C, Merrick F, Michael F, AJ H, Trent D** and **Jonas S.**

### **Moccasin Elementary School**

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## **NOVEMBER TRAIT AWARDS**

During the month of November, the school theme was **G R A T I T U D E**. The students listed below were nominated by their teacher to receive this award. Congratulations!!

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Griffen S/Mailey E/Clark C/Emma D/David M/Stormy D/Lucas P/Savannah D/Cecelia C/Natalee F

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

Julie H/Charles B/Logan E/Abby W/David P/Terynn H/Evelyn F/Robie S/Chloe L/Riley B

### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Zoe L/Chase M/Andrew A/Samantha F/Hailey H/Max M/Audree H/Robbie B

## **HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS**

Moccasin will be holding their classroom holiday celebrations on Friday, December 22, from 2:30-3:45 p.m. Please watch for notes from your child's teacher about their classroom celebration event.



## **CLEAN OUT LOCKERS**

By the end of the day on Friday, December 22, all students will be asked to clean out their entire lockers before Christmas break. During the Christmas break, the lockers may be cleaned by our wonderful janitorial staff. Thank you.



## **OUTSIDE WEATHER**

During the cold weather months, we continually watch the weather forecast. If the 'real feel' temperature is 15° or lower, students are asked to come inside prior to the start of the school day and students do not go outside for recess. Students have the opportunity to participate in activities within their classrooms during recess time.

Please make sure your child continues to dress warm for the cold weather. If your child needs assistance getting boots, snowpants, coat, gloves, or hat, please contact the school office and we will try and accommodate your request.

## **VISION/HEARING SCREENINGS**

All of Moccasin's third grade students, along with our parent/teacher referrals for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders, had their vision and hearing screened. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Berrien County Health Department for coming to Moccasin and offering this free clinic. For those students who will need additional follow-up for vision and/or hearing, a letter will be sent from the Berrien County Health Department to be referred to a specialist. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**

During the *Parent/Teacher Conferences* held recently, we would like to thank our wonderful parents and



grandparents who brought delicious food in for the staff. The staff would also like to thank our wonderful PTM who organized it. We appreciate all that our PTM does for our staff and students.

## **THANKSGIVING FEAST A SUCCESS!**

What a great *Thanksgiving Feast* we had at Moccasin!! Our wonderful cooks, Judy and Mary, served 500+ meals. This couldn't have been made possible without our community members volunteering to serve everyone in a timely manner. The gym was beautifully decorated by our super lunch supervisors, Crystal, Michelle and Carrie.

## **CHRISTMAS DECORATING UNDER WAY**

Our students are invited to make a Christmas ornament and place it on one of our two Christmas trees at Moccasin. Students can make a paper ornament of their own or can pick out a pre-cut ornament from the office area. Please write the child's name on the ornament and it will be given back to them after Christmas.

## **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

The Moccasin staff hopes that everyone has a pleasant and safe holiday. We will be excited to see everyone back at school on January 8, 2018.

