



Ottawa Elementary School

109 Ottawa St
Buchanan, MI 49107

Ottawa Hours

Office hours:

Monday—Friday: 8:00am-4:30 pm

Saturday—Sunday: Closed

School hours:

Monday—Friday: 8:40-3:40 pm

Breakfast: Doors open @ 8:20 am

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Board of Education

All meetings begin at 6:00 pm

Upcoming Meeting:

January 18th

See district website additional for information

Little Bucks Bulletin

January 2021

MESSAGE

FROM

MRS. DENISON



Dear Families,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2021. We are happy to return to school and continue growing and learning with your students.

Our first week back was fantastic. Students returned following all of our protocols just as we did before break. It was like we had never left for two weeks. I am very proud of our staff and students and how well we jumped right back into our routines.

Over break we received two water filling stations, which was an awesome surprise! As we can only use the fountains with water bottles, please be sure your child brings a clean bottle to use at school each day. If you are in need of one, please contact our office and we can assist you!

Looking forward to this new year with hope and optimism!

Stacey Denison, Principal



Next PTO Virtual Meeting

February 2nd @ 6:30

meet.google.com/qee-mies-szs

Join by phone

(US)+1470-241-4983

PIN: 200 579 425#

Join our Ottawa PTO Facebook Page!

Schedule of Events

January

- 4 School Resumes
- 5 Virtual PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
- 7 Mid Year Testing for K-1 students begins
- 18 MLK Day— No School for students
- 21 **1/2 Day for K-1 Students** Dismissal@12:05 pm
No School for Preschool /ECSE
- 22 **1/2 Day for K-1 Students** Dismissal@12:05 pm
No School for Preschool /ECSE
- 22 Mid Year Testing for K-1 students ends
- 25 6:30pm Virtual Title I Parent Meeting
- 25 Second Semester Begins
- 26 Picture Retake Day
- 26 Report Cards will be distributed to families



Little Bucks of the Week



Congratulations to our Little Bucks of the Week that have been chosen for the two short weeks we were in school before Christmas break! February newsletter will have January recipients. Each student receives a certificate with their picture to take home! Way to go Little Bucks!

Preschool: Allison D., Charli C., Harper F., Fayth C.

Kindergarten: Adalyn H., Alex B., Jace G., Harper G., Kaiden C., Ava G., Michaela O., Kyle N., Slone R.,

First Grade: Ryan D., Maci D., Moxon P., Lyric C., Aaron C., Kennedy H., Wyatt C., Ayden E., Jaxson B., Ariel K.



Picture Retake Day

January 26th



Lifetouch will be at the school from

9:00am-2:00 pm

If your child was absent on our fall Picture Day, they will have their picture taken on this date.

If you are choosing to have retakes, the previous package must be returned to the photographer on this day.

Remote students that missed the fall date, may attend this day as well. Contact the office if you plan on bringing your child that day for pictures.

**SPRING PICTURE DAY is slated for
February 24th**



Do you know someone that may be interested in being a lunch aid at Ottawa?

Hours are 11:00-1:00 Monday-Friday

**If you have questions, please contact our
Food Service Director, Rebecca Kaltenbach 695-8415**

Mid-Year Assessments

There are several assessments that are done with students to measure growth halfway through the school year. At Ottawa, we do the following with all kindergarten and first grade students.

All three assessments are conducted three times a year (fall, winter, and spring). As we look at student growth, we look at all the results to get a true measure of a child's areas of strength and need, one assessment does not outweigh the others.

NWEA –Northwest Evaluation Association: This is a nationally normed assessment that is computer-based and adaptive to the skill level of the student. Each student will take a reading and math portion.

DIBELS– Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills: This is an assessment that is taken with an adult and are given several tasks to assess basic literacy skills (decoding, fluency, comprehension).

Delta Math: This is a standards-based assessment of grade level math skills. There is an online portion and a written portion.

Our assessment window is January 7th-January 22nd. This round for NWEA, testing sessions were reduced and breaks built in to lessen the length of the test for our young learners. We also space out the various tests throughout the weeks so students do not feel overwhelmed.

During these weeks, make sure your child is well rested and eats breakfast, just as they should every day to do their best at school.

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FEEDBACK!

*“Feedback is not advice, praise, or evaluation.
Feedback is information about how we are doing in our efforts to reach a goal.”*

Grant Wiggins

The Ottawa School Family works hard every day to make our school the best it can be. Please tell us how we're doing! To submit your feedback, please contact Stacey Denison by phone

(269-695-8409) or email

sdenison@buchananschools.com

We appreciate it!

Can I Send My Child To School?

Students should not go to school or any school activities or sports if having symptoms of COVID-19. If they start having symptoms of COVID-19 while at school, they will need to be sent home. They may return based on the guidance for their diagnosis.

As long as there are cases of COVID-19 in the community, there will be no way to prevent all risks of COVID-19 spread in schools. The goal is to keep children in optimal learning environments, while reducing COVID-19 risks.



If your child has been placed into isolation or quarantine for COVID-19, they may not attend school.



DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19?*

(If new, different, or worse than any longstanding conditions)

- Temperature 100.4 or signs of fever (chills/sweating)
- Sore throat
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- New onset of severe headache



Stay Home

If "YES" to any symptoms present, student should stay out of school until they meet criteria for return based on their symptoms.

**OK to
attend
school**



If "NO", student can go to school. Always monitor your child for symptoms before the start of the school day.

If you are asked to get a medical evaluation for your child, you may call your health care provider, or to follow up with a local clinic or urgent care center. While testing is not required, students may need to be excluded from in-person instruction for a longer period of time.

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