

Little Bucks Bulletin

NURTURING HEARTS, DEVELOPING MINDS, INSPIRING DREAMS

*October 2021 Edition
Ottawa Elementary School*



MESSAGE FROM MRS. DENISON

Dear Little Bucks Families,

October is always an exciting time of year! Leaves are changing colors, weather is becoming cooler, and many take trips to orchards and pumpkin patches! Best of all, we get to show our school spirit during Homecoming Week and support our Bucks Teams! We are always excited to get a visit from Bucky and The Herd for the traveling Pep Rally!

We have spent many weeks learning the Buck 3 and continually work at following: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe! We work on showing this in our classrooms, on the playground and throughout the building. When we follow the Buck 3 we maximize our learning in the classroom! Parents, you can help at home by asking your child if they followed the Buck 3 while at school each day and using this same language at home!

Because the Buck 3 is so important to us, we are asking that we are given through October to continue to build and strengthen our skills!

If you ever have a concern, question, or comment please feel free to call or email and I will be happy to speak with you.

Stacey Denison, Principal



OFFICE HOURS

Our school office is open 8:00am-4:30pm

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Mrs. Stacey Denison, Principal

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SCHOOL HOURS

REGULAR DAY OF SCHOOL

8:35am-3:43pm

ECSE/Preschool AM 8:35am-11:50pm

ECSE/Preschool PM 12:25pm-3:43pm

WACKY WEDNESDAYS

8:35am-3:10pm


HALF DAYS OF SCHOOL

8:35am-12:05pm


No Preschool or ECSE Classes on these days!

HOME COMING SPIRIT WEEK OCTOBER 4TH-8TH


MONDAY 10/4
WEAR YOUR FAVORITE
COLOR!




TUESDAY 10/5
TROPICAL TUESDAY
WEAR SUNGLASSES AND
SHORTS!




WEDNESDAY 10/6
WORKOUT WEDNESDAY
CELEBRATE PE BY
WEARING GYM SHOES
AND CLOTHES!




THURSDAY 10/7
TEAM SPIRIT DAY!
WEAR YOUR FAVORITE
SPORTS TEAM
(T-SHIRTS, HATS, ETC)



FRIDAY 10/8
BUGS SPIRIT DAY!



PARADE 10/8
6:00 pm THROUGH
DOWNTOWN



HOME COMING WEEK, 2021
October 4-8
Elementary Days

IMPORTANT OCTOBER DATES

- 4 Homecoming Week Spirit Days Begins (See photo of dress up days)
- 5 PTO Meeting 6:30pm
- 5 Kindergarten to School Farm (Lolmaugh)
- 7 Kindergarten to School Farm (Mabry)
- 8 Homecoming Parade 6:00pm /Football Game 7:00pm
- 12 Kindergarten to School Farm (Kutemeier and Seddon)
- 13 1/2 Day for K/1 Students- No Preschool/ECSE Classes- PD for Teachers
- 14 Kindergarten to School Farm (Calvillo)
- 15 Mrs. Clark's ECSE Extra Friday
- 18 Picture Day
- 18 Board of Education Meeting 6:00pm
- 19 No School for Students- PD for Teachers
- 22 Mrs. Clark's ECSE Extra Friday
- 27 1/2 Day for K/1 Students- No Preschool/ECSE Classes
- 27 Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30-7:40pm
- 28 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:40pm
- 29 Halloween Costume Parade 2:45pm



PICTURE DAY 10/18

Picture Day will take place Monday, October 18th! This year we are excited to be using Geskus Photography Inc.

ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING- BEGINNING AT 6:10PM (DISREGARD TIME BELOW)

WHEN
TUESDAY, OCT. 5TH, 6PM

WHERE
109 OTTAWA STREET
BUCHANAN, MI

MORE INFORMATION

This meeting will be held 20 minutes prior to the PTO meeting. It will explain the Title services that are available at Ottawa.

Meetings will be held inside, masks strongly recommended.

This video link will be used if you cannot attend in person: <https://meet.google.com/ikj-egvh-jjd>

UPCOMING PTO MEETING

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BUCHANAN, MI

MORE INFORMATION

We will hold the event in person unless COVID protocols change. If you cannot attend in person, we will also have a virtual link you can use to be a part of the meeting.

Meetings will be held inside, masks strongly recommended.

We will use this video link for all meetings:

<https://meet.google.com/ikj-egvh-jjd>

THANK YOU FROM YOUR PTO!

Thank you to everyone that donated items and time to our Bake Sale at the Farmer's Market on October 2nd. We appreciate your support!



The

BUCK



LITTLE BUCKS OF THE WEEK

We model and teach what we expect to see from students with the Buck 3. Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe. This week is our first week to choose students that have been working hard at following the Buck 3. Pictures are displayed on our wall for the entire school to see on their way to lunch and names announced during our announcements.

A signed certificate will come home at the end of the week and their names will be shared in Ottawa's Update over the weekend for families!



Little Bucks Wall, March 2021, Photo provided by Ottawa Elementary School

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences will be held on October 27th and October 28th. We look forward to sharing your child's progress with you! More information will be coming your way regarding scheduling!



LITTLE BUCKS SPIRIT WEAR

Preschool will be celebrating on Thursday, October 28th with costume pictures and activities with their classroom teachers. More information will come from Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Monsma.

DISMISSAL/TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

We want to make sure every single student gets out the door and home safely. Please remember the following:

- You **MUST** contact our school office by 2:00 pm if you need to make changes to your child's transportation routine.
- If you need to make changes involving a bus, these changes must be communicated to our office by 1:30 pm, before the buses leave for their middle/high school routes.
- Please do not message or email teachers as they are often in session and do not receive the messages until it is too late.
- If you need a numbered car tag for the pick up line, please come into our office.
- If you are picking your child up as a walker, they will be dismissed at the doors by our front office.
- Only car riders with parents in the pick up line will be dismissed at the north parking lot doors.



SUPERINTENDENT & BUCK PARENT CONVERSATIONS



JOIN US!

Mrs. Robinson wants to know what's on your mind, connect with you, and exchange information.

MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

Thursday, October 21 4:45-5:30pm, BHS Auditorium

Wednesday, December 8 4:45 - 5:30pm, BMS Media Center

Tuesday, February 15 4:45-5:30pm, Ottawa Gym

Wednesday, April 27 4:45-5:30pm, Moccasin Gym

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

- October 18th
- November 15th
- December 13th

Meetings will be called to order at 6:00pm unless advertised differently.

TRANSPORTATION

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YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT!

We work hard every day to make our school the best it can be. Please tell us how we're doing!

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