



Little Bucks Bulletin

Nurturing Hearts, Developing Minds, Inspiring Dreams

MESSAGE FROM MRS. DENISON

Dear Little Bucks Families,

March is my absolute favorite time of the school year! Just as we move into spring with the grass growing and flowers beginning to bloom, our students are also growing and blooming as well! When I was a first grade teacher, this was the time of year when I would see incredible growth, not only academically, but emotionally and socially.

Another reason I love March is that during this month reading and literacy are celebrated! Any day of the year is a great day to read, but this month especially, we focus on the importance of reading and that it matters at any age. Foundational reading skills build the framework for young children to become strong, fluent readers. That is one of the important jobs we have at Ottawa, to lay the foundation and build the framework for your children.

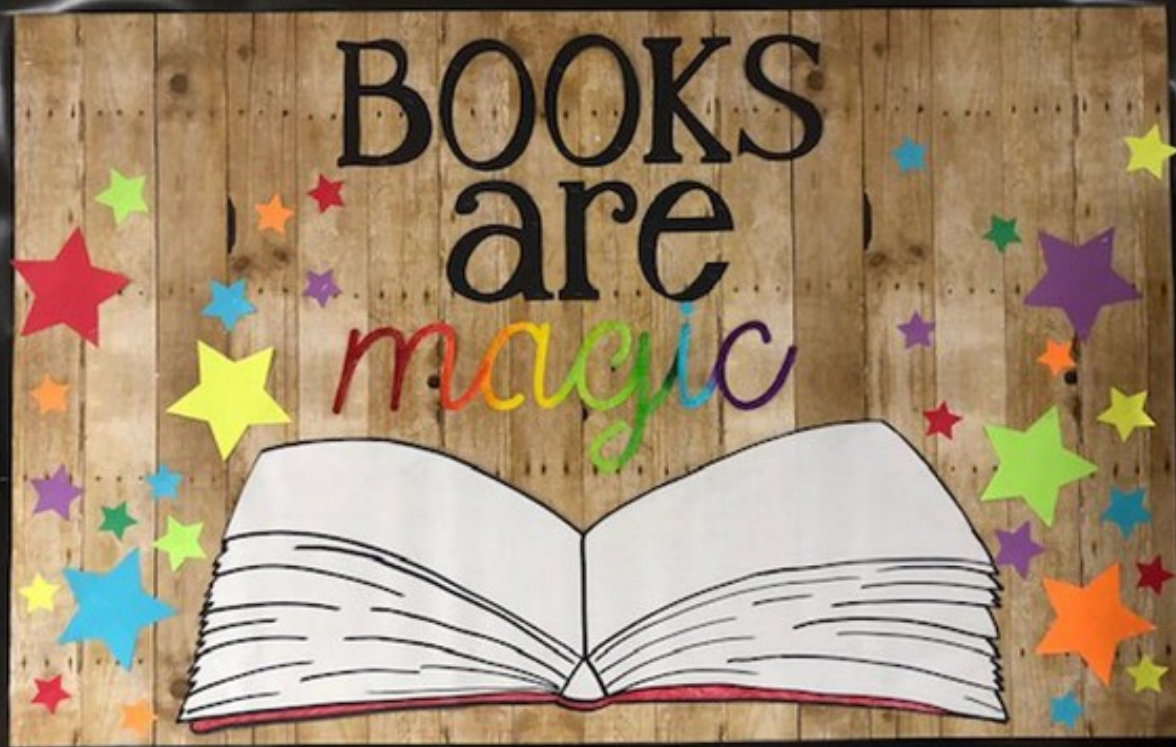
Conferences are around the corner! If your classroom teacher is not recommending a conference, please feel free to continue to reach out via email, Class Tag, or by phone if you have any questions regarding your child's progress. We are here to support you and your child's learning.

Have a wonderful break and here's hoping for warmer recess days!

Stacey Denison, Principal

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Ottawa Elementary School*



OFFICE HOURS

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

IMPORTANT MARCH DATES

- 1 PTO Meeting 6:30 PM
- 2 Wacky Wednesday- Dismissal at 3:10
- 9 ECSE and Preschool Classes are in Session
- 9 Wacky Wednesday- Dismissal at 3:10
- 13 Daylight Savings (Turn clocks forward one hour)
- 17 Kickstart to Career Deposit Day for Kindergarten/1st Graders
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 17 CONFERENCES: 12:15pm-8:15pm
- 18 No School- Spring Break Begins
- 21-25 Spring Break
- 28 School Resumes

CONFERENCES ARE MARCH 17TH 12:15-8:15 PM

You should have received a paper indicating whether your child requires a spring conference. We are providing these virtually, in-person, or by phone. Please make sure if you have a conference scheduled that you communicate with your child's teacher about which mode you prefer, so they know whether to get online, meet you in-person, or call you by phone.

If your child is not recommended for a conference, you may still reach out to the classroom teacher to arrange a time to talk about your child's progress.

Any questions, please contact our Office and we will be glad to assist you!

"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

March 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Design your own book cover to hang on your locker!	1 Ticket Tuesday Buck tickets will be drawn and those students will win a free book!	2 Dr. Seuss Birthday! Wear red, white, or stripes	3 Special Visitor Day Students will enjoy a story from a special guest reader!	4 D.E.A.R. Throughout the day you will hear an announcement to, Drop Everything And Read!
7 Story Carousel begins One class will start a story then pass it on to another class to add to the story until all the classes added a part to the story	8 Ticket Tuesday Buck tickets will be drawn and those students will win a free book!	9 Riddle Scavenger Hunt Look around the school for riddles on the walls!	10 Special Visitor Day Students will enjoy a story from a special guest reader!	11 D.E.A.R. Throughout the day you will hear an announcement to, Drop Everything And Read!
14 Teacher Swap! Enjoy a story read by a teacher from another classroom	15 Ticket Tuesday Buck tickets will be drawn and those students will win a free book!	16 Book show and tell Bring your favorite book from home	17 St. Patrick's Day Wear green today.	18 D.E.A.R. Throughout the day you will hear an announcement to, Drop Everything And Read!
21	22	23	24	25

28 Word Shirt Day Wear a shirt with words to school	29 Ticket Tuesday Buck tickets will be drawn and those students will win a free book!	30	31 Special Visitor Day Students will enjoy a story from a local author!
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MARCH IS READING MONTH ACTIVITIES!

Ticket Tuesdays: Tickets are drawn from our PBIS bin and the winners receive a free book!

Special Reader Thursdays: Each Thursday a special guest reader will visit Ottawa and read to our students!

DEAR Fridays: On Fridays there will be times throughout the day where we will stop what we are doing and Drop Everything And Read with a favorite book!

Other Special Days:

7th- Story Carousel

9th- Riddle Scavenger Hunt

14th-Teacher Swap

16th- Book Show and Tell

17th- Wear Green

28th- Word Shirt Day



Next Deposit Day! March 17th

Students may bring in their deposits on Thursday in a sealed envelope with the following information: Student Name, Grade, Graduation Year and Account Number found in their personal savings account register

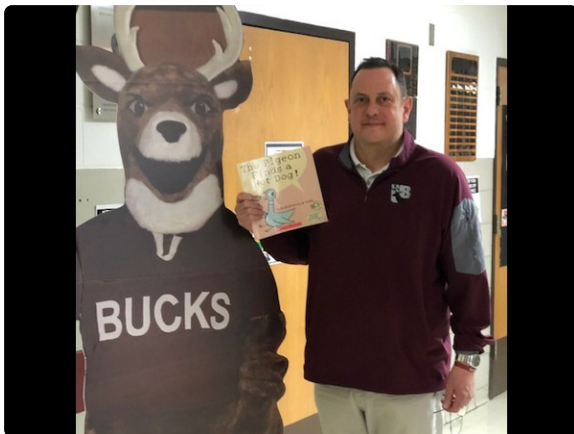
booklet. If you have questions regarding deposits, please contact the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation at 695-3521.

OTTAWA WELCOMES GUEST READERS!

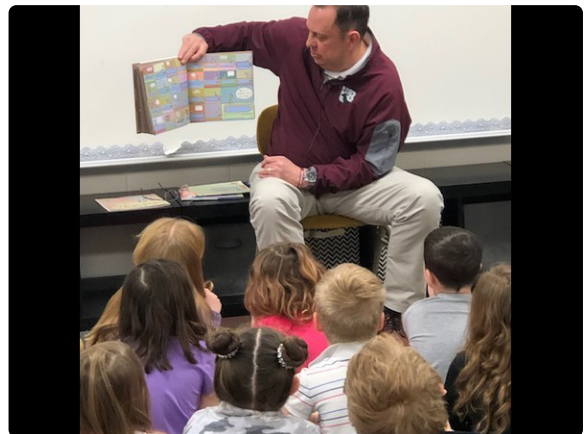
We have had an amazing response to family members being guest readers in our classrooms! These visits really get the kids excited and encourages reading at all ages! Thank you to those that have visited our schools! We appreciate you taking the time to share a good book! There is still time left if you haven't signed up with your classroom teacher! We will continue our guest reading through the end of March!



The Mayor of Buchanan was our Special Guest Reader last Thursday!



Thank you Mayor Denison! The Mo Willems books were hilarious!



We especially loved the one about the pigeon taking a bath!

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

Way to go Ottawa! We exceeded our goal of \$4,200! You have given to a great cause that will help many! Thank you for helping others through giving!

PTO OFFICERS

Jordan Haynes: President
Sarah Scrimshire: Vice President
Liz McGinnis: Secretary



Zach McGinnis: Treasurer

PTO IS LOOKING FOR FOOD/DRINK DONATIONS FOR TEACHERS DURING CONFERENCES

After a half day of school , teachers stay and continue working through the evening for conferences. PTO is providing chicken and salads from Martin's for lunch and dinner, but are looking for some additional donations.

Pre-packaged items we are looking for include:

Cans of Pop (Diet Coke, Coke, Mountain Dew, Diet Mountain Dew, Diet Dr. Pepper)

Chips/Pretzels

Cookies/Brownies (pre-packaged, store-bought)



NEXT PTO MEETING: Tuesday, April 12th 6:30pm

Event Information

PTO Meeting

We will hold the event in person.

When?

Tue, Apr 12, 2022, 06:30 PM

Where?

Ottawa Elementary School, Ottawa Street, Buchanan, MI, USA

PTO is sponsoring a Hacienda Give Back Night - Tuesday, March 29th!

A flyer went home with information on how you can 'give back' to Ottawa by ordering takeout, buying a gift card, or dining at Hacienda on Tuesday the 29th! All you need is one of the tickets at the bottom of the flyer or you can take a screenshot of the ticket! 20% of every purchase will given back to our school to help fund future trips and activities! You can stop by Hacienda anytime between 11:00am and 10:00 pm on Tuesday the 29th!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

FOOD SERVICE TEAM

Our fantastic food service team makes sure that we get the best breakfast and lunch each day! Miss Mary (center) is our head cook, Miss Michelle (left of center) is the cook's assistant. We also have three great lunch supervisors that help during our four lunch periods. Miss BJ (far left), Miss Cassie (right of center), and Miss Ashley (far

right) move through the lunchroom to assist students with opening food packaging, wiping down tables after each lunch, and offering a helping hand wherever needed! Thank you all for making breakfast and lunch a student favorite each day!



The Popsicle Party Was Amazing!





TRANSPORTATION CHANGES AT DISMISSAL

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.

Transportation

269.695.8402



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

- March 14th
- April 18th

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



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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