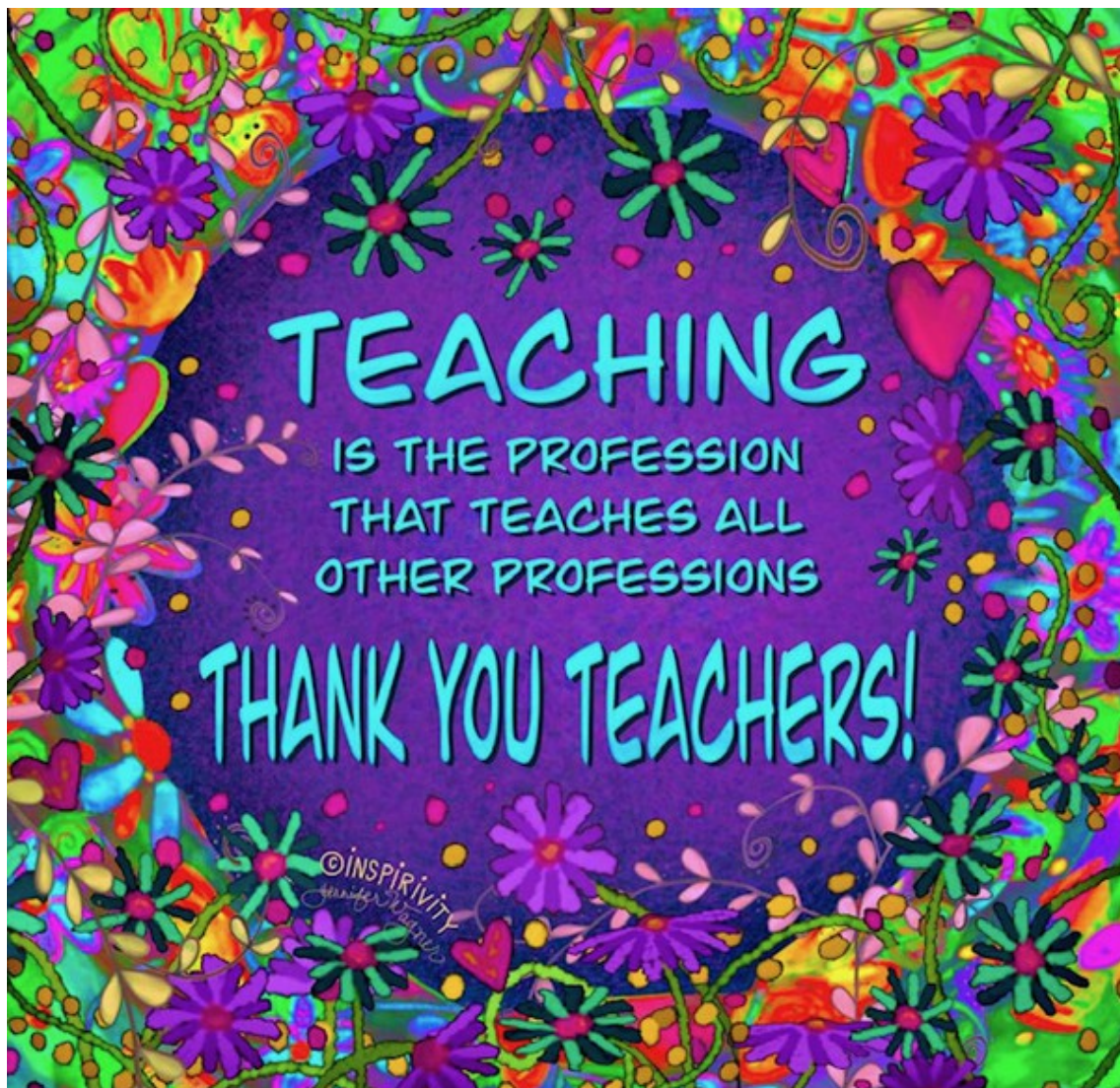




Little Bucks Bulletin

Nurturing Hearts, Developing Minds, Inspiring Dreams

*May 2022 Edition
Ottawa Elementary School*



MESSAGE FROM MRS. DENISON

Dear Little Bucks Families,

How can we possibly be nearing the end of the school year! I can't believe it went by so quickly. We are wrapping up the year with our end of year assessments in the next two weeks. As it stays light longer in the evenings, please make sure your little ones continue to get to bed early so they are rested and ready for each day!

We want to thank our PTO and families for the gifts, food, and snacks during Staff/Teacher Appreciation Week! Buchanan truly has the best staff around!

If you are dropping your little one off, please park in a parking space and walk them to the door. There is a no parking zone in the fire lane, which is right by the sidewalk in the visitors parking lot by the office. If it is after 8:40, please walk your child in and sign them in for the day.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Stacey Denison, Principal

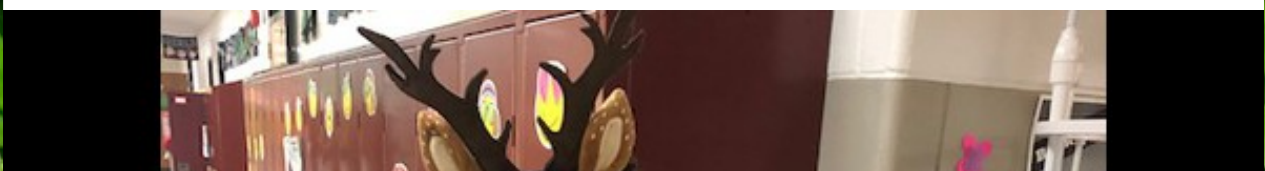
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WE LOVE WHEN THE HERD TRAVELING PEP ASSEMBLY VISITS!





BUCK SPIRIT DAY! GO BUCKS!





OFFICE HOURS

Our school office is open 8:00am-4:30pm
Phone: 269.695.8409

Mrs. Stacey Denison, Principal
sdenison@buchananschools.com

Mrs. Hurd, Administrative Assistant
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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!

OUR TICKET BIN IS FILLING UP!



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- 10 PTO Meeting 6:30pm Ottawa Library
- 10-12 NWEA Reading Testing Begins
- 11 Wacky Wednesday- Early Dismissal at 3:10 pm
- 16 DELTA Math Assessments K-1
- 16 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 pm
- 17-19 NWEA Math Testing Begins
- 18 Wacky Wednesday- Early Dismissal at 3:10 pm
- 19 Kickstart to Career Deposit Day (K-1)
- 24 Kindergarten At The Commons 7:00 pm
- 25 1st Grade End of Year Trip
- 30 Memorial Day- No School
- 31 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 pm

June

- 1 Wacky Wednesday- Early Dismissal at 3:10 pm
- 1 Mrs. Chase/Mrs. Monsma Final Day of Preschool
- 2 Field Day (Kindergarten/1st Grade)
- 3 Ms. Gmeiner's Class Extra Friday
- 6 Ms. Gmeiner's Class Last Day of School
- 7 Half Day of School for Students- Dismissal at 12:05

8 Final Day of School- Half Day- Dismissal at 12:05

13 Summer School Begins

20 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 pm

MISS BLOSSOMTIME 2022 AND OTTAWA ALUM, LILLIAN WAGGONER, VISITED WITH HER COURT!



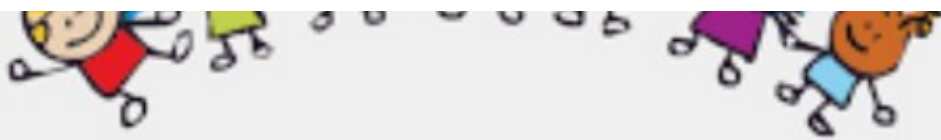


BLOSSOMTIME AND BUCHANAN ROYALTY GRACED OUR HALLWAYS AND READ TO STUDENTS!

KINDERGARTEN AT THE COMMONS

The past few years have been anything but normal and brought along many changes. This year we are going to celebrate the conclusion of Kindergarten a little differently, with a fun large-scale gathering of all the kindergarten students with a singing program downtown at the Buchanan Commons. All classes will attend at one time and perform songs for their family and friends. Refreshments will be served and families will be able to capture pictures of their child and their friends regardless of what class they were in. We think this will be an exciting new event to celebrate the conclusion of the year that all students can participate in!





ACES: All Children Exercising Simultaneously





Next Deposit Day! May 19th

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.

PTO OFFICERS

Jordan Haynes: President

Sarah Scrimshire: Vice President

Liz McGinnis: Secretary

Zach McGinnis: Treasurer



NEXT PTO MEETING: Tuesday, May 10th 6:30pm

Event Information

PTO Meeting

We will hold the event in person.

When?

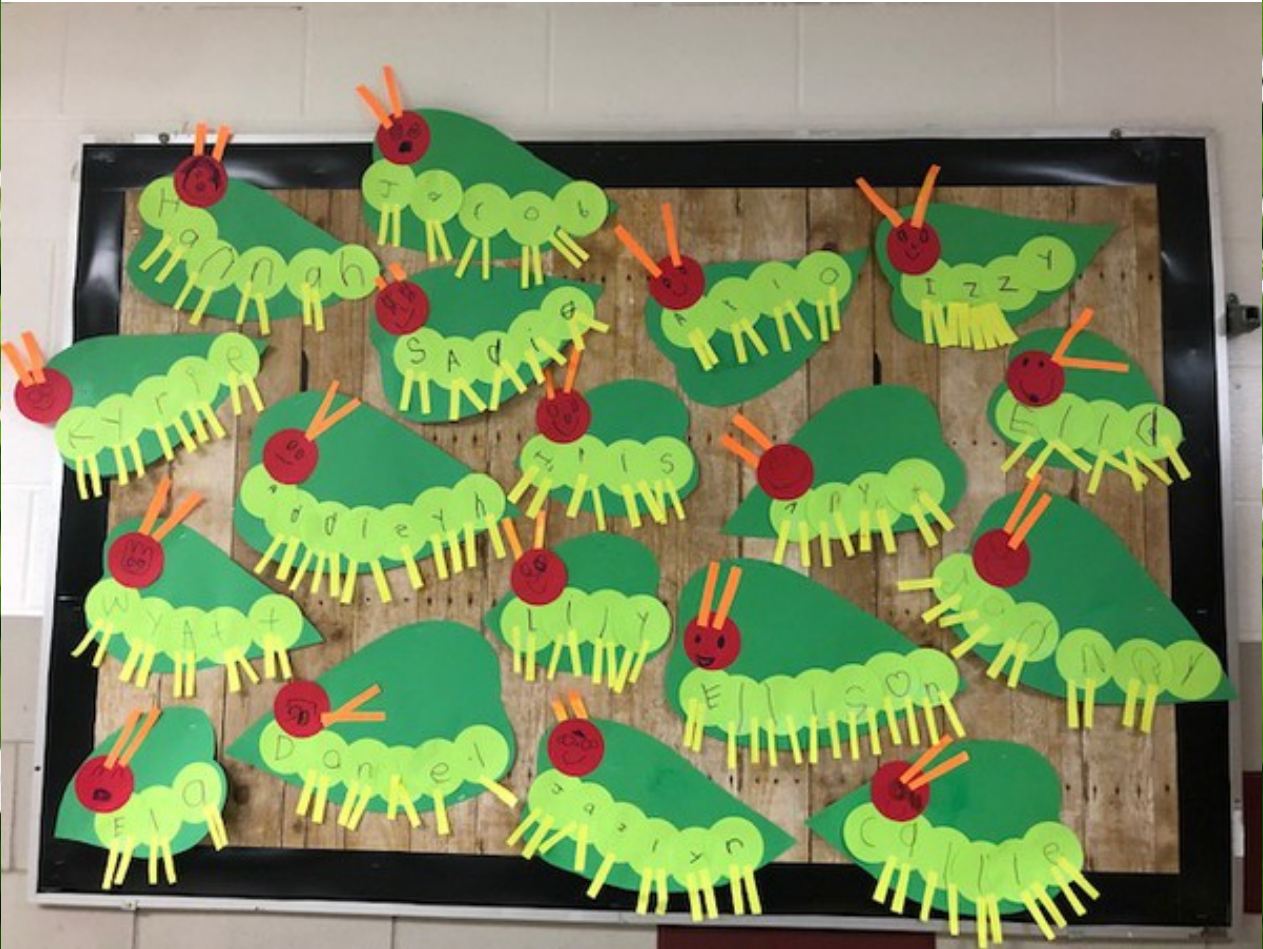
Tue, May 10, 2022, 06:30 PM

Where?

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

THANK YOU PTO FOR STAFF/TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!





PRESCHOOLERS CONTINUE TO GROW THEIR HERBS AND VEGETABLES!



KINDERGARTEN ARTWORK!



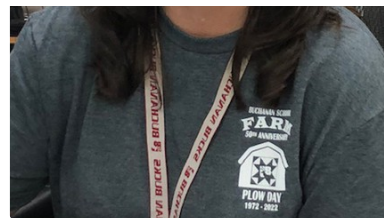
STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. Hurd, Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Hurd is what keeps our school ticking! She is the face on the other end of the line when you call our office. She handles everything that passes through the office. Parent questions and phone calls, a student that loses a tooth or needs their temperature taken, and welcomes



guests with a smile. We don't know what we would do without her! Thank you Mrs. Hurd for all that you do for our Little Bucks staff, students, and families!



THANK YOU BUCHANAN TREE FRIENDS!

Our Arbor Day event was a success and we are eagerly taking care of the 20 new trees that were planted at our school. Thank you to Superintendent Robinson and Mayor Denison for speaking, Ms. Prestine, Elementary Music Teacher, for leading us in several songs, and Mr. Frontczak and the Jr. Herd for lending their helping hands! We received watering cans and I Am A Tree Friend tag with ways to use the Buck 3 when taking care of our trees. Thank you to Mr. Richard Martin and Ms. Beth Murphy from the Tree Friends for leading the ceremony.







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

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Board of Education Meetings

- May 16th (This meeting is following the End of Year Reception beginning at 7:00pm)
- May 31st

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



YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT TO US!

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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