



Ottawa TEAM News

February 25, 2022

Principal's Message

I had a great first week meeting the students and staff at Ottawa despite the chilly temperatures and occasional snow. Everyone has been so welcoming and I have appreciated all the support I have received.

I know how difficult the last two years have been for students and families here and throughout the state. I am committed to supporting students, staff, and families through this transition until a permanent Principal is hired. I hope my experience can help bring stability and confidence moving forward.

As I walked the hallways and observed classes, I saw many students engaged and confident in a multitude of different activities. It is a great foundation for which to continue to build upon.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great weekend!

Charlie Hollerith
Interim Principal



Daily Schedule:

- ◆ Playground is CLOSED before school.
- ◆ **No Adult Supervision prior to 7:50 a.m.**
- ◆ 7:55 a.m. staff will meet students at their designated door. Students arriving after 8:10 will need to enter through the main entrance.
- ◆ 8:10 a.m. classes begin.
- ◆ If your child is staying home sick, please be sure to call the office 231-348-2130 to report the absence. Please also be sure to list any symptoms that your child may be experiencing.
- ◆ **REMEMBER PE SHOES**
- ◆ If the need should arise that you need to pick up your child early please ring the bell. Ms. Maginnis will walk your child out to you.
- ◆ Item drop off. We respectfully ask that these visits are limited to essential only (forgotten lunch). Please ring the bell, provide Ms. Maginnis with the child and teacher name. You will be asked to leave the items in the drop box outside.
- ◆ Breakfast and lunch are currently available free of charge for all students.

Amazon Rainforest Read-a-Thon!

Explore a Jungle of Books!

Feb 28th - March 11th

Help raise money for new books for Ottawa's library and make reading fun!

Spirit week March 7th - 11th!

If we meet our school-wide goal of 30,000 minutes, we will have a Pajama/Movie day the day before Spring Break!

Students who turn in their pledge sheet and meet their reading goal will win a Jungle theme bookmark and notepad/pencil.

For every \$10 a student raises their name will be put into a drawing to win a \$25 McLean and Eakin gift card and an Ocean Stuffed Animal! (\$10-1 entry, \$20- 2 entries, etc.) (One winner per grade level)

Mark Your Calendars!!

2/28-3/11	Read-a-Thon
3/4	Dress up Day-Sweatpants/Sweatshirt Day
3/15	Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences
3/17	Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences
3/18	NO SCHOOL
3/25-4/4	NO SCHOOL Spring Break

Parent Communication

We will be working to utilize electronic means of communication, such as email, School Messenger, and the district website www.petoskeyschools.org to relay information in a timely and consistent manner. This will allow us to more quickly share important information with our parents and families. Please make sure that your email addresses and phone number are current and accurate. Please call the school office (231-348-2130) to update any contact information that you feel may be outdated.

Health Screening

Please make sure you do not send your child to school if they are not feeling well. It is especially important to keep your child home if they exhibit the following symptoms:

- Temperature of 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

Contacts:

Ashley Maginnis, Secretary 231-348-2130

Rosie, bus questions 231-487-9632

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The Public Schools of Petoskey is preparing to welcome the Northmen classes of 2035 and 2036!

Little Northmen Preschool is currently accepting applications for children turning 4 by September 1st. Students will attend Monday - Thursday from 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Information about tuition rates and other important information can be found on our website.

Kindergarten Registration is open for the 2022/23 school year to children turning 5 by September 1st.

<https://www.petoskeyschools.org/enrollment/>

*** BE ALERT* Notifications and Smart911 Profile**

Sign up at www.cceoem.net for school closing alerts, weather alerts, traffic updates and more.

This is a FREE service that will send alerts to you via text, email or voice call.

End of day notes: If you need to make a change to your child's after school plan please call the office at 231-348-2130 before 2:30pm. We can not guarantee the delivery of messages after 2:30pm.

-Thank you

Plan ahead! Please make an afterschool plan with your child and be consistent to the best of your ability. Children do better when they know their end of day plan.