



Ottawa TEAM News

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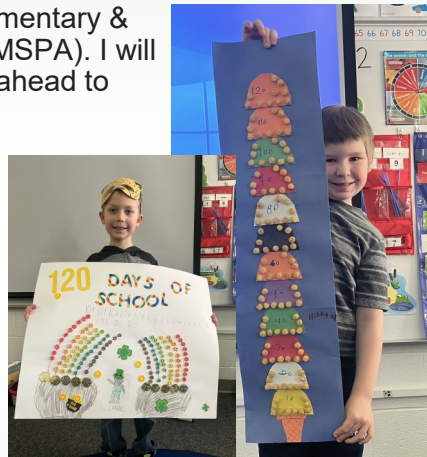
Principal's Message

It has been another busy and fun week at Ottawa. We had a great Spirit/Dress Up Days this week as part of the Amazon Rainforest Read-a-thon! Students and staff were definitely in the spirit! In addition, first graders completed their 120 day projects, many of which were amazing! We have also seen, often typical this time of year, more students with cold and flu-like symptoms. Please keep your student home if they are not feeling well or have a fever.

We also welcome Mrs. Carla Vondran as the new Ottawa Elementary Principal! Mrs. Vondran comes to us from East Jordan where she has served as a principal and special education coordinator for the past 12 years, with the addition of overseeing early childhood for the past 10 years. Prior to her leadership roles, Carla served as a special education teacher and elementary classroom teacher. Mrs. Vondran has led her building to full implementation of PBIS and currently serves on the board of directors for the Michigan Elementary & Middle School Principals Association (MEMSPA). I will be working with Mrs. Vondran in the days ahead to make a successful transition to Ottawa.

Please remember there is no school on Friday, March 18 and we look forward to successful Parent-Teachers conferences next week! Have a great weekend!

Charlie Hollerith
Interim Principal



Health Department Family Information

Below are some healthy tips and resources for families to celebrate a nutritious month.

This March we continue to invite families to learn about nutrition with us.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is celebrating flavors from around the world this month! A healthy eating tip from The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is to cultivate a nutrient dense diet with healthy food choices. Did you know that the color of fruits and vegetables are a reflection of the nutrients they contain? Brightly colored, natural foods are good sources of vitamins and minerals that support a healthy body and growth. Our Challenge to you this week is to try something new for the month! Whether it is a single food or a whole meal that is new to your family.

Learn More about cultivating nutrient dense diets at: <https://www.eatright.org/food/vitamins-and-supplements/nutrient-rich-foods/tips-for-choosing-a-nutrient-rich-diet>

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.



Mark Your Calendars!!

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

Beth Kavanaugh, lunch 231-348-2183



COVID Test Kits Available for Students

We have received a limited supply of COVID Test kits as part of the MI Backpack Home Test Program. These I-Health test kits are an at-home test that can be distributed to staff, students, and teachers. I-Health is a home test kit that does not require reporting or tracking. Here is a link for the I-Health website that provides instructions and a video on how to use the test: <https://ihealthlabs.com/>. Please email Ottawa Secretary Ashley Maginnis, maginnis.ar.y@norrthmen.org, if you are needing one for your student and we will send it home in their backpack. Please remember we have only a limited supply. If you have any questions regarding COVID-19 testing, please email MDHHS-COVIDTestingSupport@michigan.gov.

Finally, the Health department continues to do COVID testing (rapid antigen testing) for students and staff at the Spitzer building Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

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.

*** 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.

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.

Please Register for Parent-Teacher Conferences!

Parent-teacher conferences are on March 15th and March 17th. If you did not receive a scheduled conference time, please register online at www.ptcfast.com/reg1. You will need to enter the code for your child's teacher found below. Please only sign up for one time slot per student. Dual household or co-parent families will need to share the same conference time. Please leave at least 30 minutes between sibling's conference times. If your child sees one of our special education teachers, please check both teacher's schedules and sign up for the same time block, they will join Zoom together. If you do not have internet access, please contact our office at 348-2130 to schedule a conference time.

Ms. Gendich:	HDC1201495	K/1 Special Education
Mrs. Rogier:	S9W1201500	Mrs. Mathers: 81U1324136
Mrs. Bartel:	2CM1201514	
Ms. Santti:	3ZQ1201507	
Mrs. Leppien:	7SM1201509	2/3 Special Education
Mrs. Willson:	8J31201508	Mrs Weller: XOR1324145
Mrs. Ivie:	3AU1201512	
Ms. Shafer:	WGY1201513	
Mrs. Ledig:	XWG1201515	4/5 Special Education
Ms. Ney	BSH1201499	Mrs. Speigl: 7A41324149
Mrs. Adams:	9A11201516	
Ms. Rabideau:	68J1201517	

Ms. Jansen: Please feel free to call me at (231) 348-2322 during the following times or send an email jansen.mw.t@northmen.org Tuesday: 3:30-6:30 p.m. & Thursday: 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Penberthy-Keene: Please feel free to call me at (231) 348-2308 during the following times or send an email to penberthy.la.t@northmen.org .Tuesday: 5-6:30 p.m. & Thursday:5-6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Asiala Gross: Please feel free to call me at (231) 348-2319 during the following times or send an email to asiala-gross.sa.t@northmen.org.Tuesday: 5-6:30 p.m. & Thursday: 5-6:30 p.m.

Ms. Teuscher: Please email to schedule a zoom or phone call during the week of conferences. teuscher.tj.t@northmen.org