



Ottawa TEAM News

January 6, 2022

Back-To-School

Principal's Message

Welcome to 2022! I hope that you all had wonderful winter breaks. Please do continue to keep your child home if they are not feeling well. This helps us to keep students and staff healthy and to keep school in session.

Students and staff are getting right back into the swing of things at Ottawa. We continue to encourage and celebrate 'lightbulb moments' and shining effort in all content areas. Students are learning how to persuade, include details or evidence to support their thinking, learn about celebrations around the world, and apply the use of math facts to solve problems

We also continue to provide Social-Emotional lessons and skills emphasizing the ability to recognize emotions (pleasant/unpleasant, high/low energy) and learn a variety of ways to shift from an emotion if it is not helpful. Our District Teaching and Learning Council is charged with implementing Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports in each building. This includes teaching and reinforcing our Full Value Agreement: Work as a Team, Be Safe, and Speak Up. Ask your child about the Full Value Agreement and consider ways it can be supported at home.



Please welcome, Mia Krell, to our Ottawa TEAM as a paraprofessional!



**Our Gratitude Chain is growing!
Ask your child about what he/she is grateful for.**

In learning and growing,
Amy McMullen

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

1/21/22	Half Day Dismissal at 11:40 P.M. Staff Records Day
1/28/22	Friday Fun Day: Tacky/Mismatch Day Thank you Mrs. Ivie's Class!
2/4/22	Friday Fun Day: Wear Valentine's Colors Thank you Ms. Shafer's Class!
2/18/22	NO SCHOOL Professional Development Day
2/21/22	NO SCHOOL Mid-Winter Break
3/15 & 3/17/22	Elementary Caregiver Conferences
3/18/22	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:

Amy McMullen, Principal 231-348-2131

Ashley Maginnis, Secretary 231-348-2130

Rosie, bus questions 231-487-9632

Beth Kavanaugh, lunch 231-348-2183



Lost and Found

Our lost and found has overflowed. It is currently on display in our main hallway. Please encourage your child to check it out for any items they may be missing. Anything left after January 21st will be donated. Please see pictures on next page.

*** 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.



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