



Ottawa TEAM News

March 11, 2022

Principal's Message

We enjoyed a great week of weather overall at Ottawa capped off by a great St. Patrick's Day celebration in the building. We spent part of the week setting traps for leprechauns and also trying to find the elusive Leprechaun on the Ottawa playgrounds!

We hope you enjoyed Parent-Teacher Conferences. Please see the rest of the newsletter for other important information and we hope you enjoy the long weekend!

Sincerely,

Charlie Hollerith
Interim Principal

LOOKING FOR THE LEPRACHAUN



Health Department Family Information

Hello Ottawa Families,

To round out this month of nutrition we have a big topic of healthy eating that sometimes gets overlooked. Hand Hygiene! Our tip this week to keep ourselves and families well fed and reduce the chances of illness is to remember and remind others to wash hands before eating. On March 24th, school nurses will be hosting a Glo Germ activity to demonstrate handwashing with students. For this activity, we have hypoallergenic lotion that has been mixed with non-toxic Glo Germ simulated germ powder which glows under a UV light. This will give the students a visual of all the spots they may be missing when they wash their hands as well as germ transfer when touching objects with unwashed hands. We are looking forward to this activity with your students and hopefully we will get some good pictures of glowing 'germ' hands to share with you next week!

Thank you,
Amy and Chelsey

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!!

3/18	NO SCHOOL
3/21	Jim Jones Basketball Assembly
3/23	K-2 Field Trip to GLCTA
3/25-4/4	NO SCHOOL Spring Break
4/5	Return to School

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.

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



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.

Lost and Found

Please check out our lost and found. Items left after March 24th will be donated. Thank you!



Crooked Tree Art Center-Youth Art Show

Begins: Saturday March 19, 2022– 10:00am

Ends: Wednesday May 11, 2022—5:00pm

