



Ottawa TEAM News

March 4, 2022

Principal's Message

The end of the week brought warmer weather and sunshine to Ottawa. I continue to be impressed with the dedication of our students and staff! Please have a great weekend!

Charlie Hollerith
Interim Principal



We welcome Amy Flynn and Chelsey Kimball, Health Department School nurses to our building to help support students, staff, and families. This includes resources for families in our newsletter!

Did you know that March is National Nutrition Month?

National Nutrition Month in the USA is a nutrition education and information campaign created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, annually in the month of March. The campaign is focused on the importance of making healthy and informed food choices. The campaign also aims to focus on ways you can develop and incorporate making these healthy food choices and physical activity for you and your families.

Did you know that this campaign began as an awareness week in 1973? Due to the increasing interest and support became National Nutrition Month, in 1980. It is also a month to celebrate Registered Dietitians thanks to their commitment to helping people enjoy healthy lives through education and support as providers of food and nutrition services! Healthy eating habits are important for everyone regardless of age, race, gender or religion however, it may be an area in our lives that we do not place enough focus or importance. We encourage and challenge you to become more informed and participate in raising awareness of the importance of National Nutrition Month. There are many ways you can make a big impact with small changes to your eating and activity habits. Some examples are to plan with your family to try new nutritional foods or recipes. Plan a fun outdoor activity or dance party. Start a school or workplace vegetable patch.

This years theme is Celebrate a World of Flavors! Bon appetit!!

Learn more at: <https://www.eatright.org/food/resources/national->

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!!

3/7	Wacky Sock Day
3/8	Black and White and Read All over Day!
3/9	Macaw Day! -Wear as many colors as possible!
3/10	Jungle Safari Day! Dress for a trip through the jungle!
3/11	Up in the Trees! Dress as your favorite jungle animal
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



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.

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