



Ottawa TEAM News

September 10, 2021

Back-To-School

Principal's Message

We are off to a great start for the 2021-22 school year! Our TEAM is delighted to have students connecting, learning, playing and getting back into the routine of school. In every classroom students are getting to know each other and their staff. Students are already engaging in reading, writing, math and Essentials content including art, music, physical education and technology. In classrooms, I hear students discussing books, developing their classroom norms, solving math problems and connecting with numbers all around us. On the playground I hear students laughing (and squealing) and offering to take turns. It is such a joy to be back in action with your children.

At Petoskey Schools, we honor the **Full Value Agreement** in which ALL students, staff and families **work as a team, be safe and speak up**. We have seen this agreement in action here at school already! We are asking for your support to work as a team and be safe around car line dismissal. It has been a busy first week, and we expect the process to be more efficient as families learn the routines. In order to keep our students safe and the four-way intersection clear, please follow these important guidelines below.

Carline (You are welcome to park in a neighborhood or at Genesis Church and walk to the front of the building):

3:00 K-1 (and older siblings) carline dismissal (2nd - 5th grade families please do not arrive prior to 3:05)

3:05 2nd - 5th grade carline dismissal & general dismissal

Place K-1 name placards on dashboard; pull forward along sidewalk (no dropping/picking up beyond sidewalk denoted in red below); we will bring your student(s) to you

Remain in single file line - no passing. We have crosswalks, students using driver's side doors and students/families crossing to the parking lot.

No parking/drop-off or pick-up in the emergency lane.

Please refer to the map below: Blue Line = K-3 Purple Line = 4-5



Daily Schedule:

- ◆ Playground is CLOSED before and after 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.
- ◆ Due to the current health situation we cannot allow volunteers/visitors in our buildings at this time.
- ◆ 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.

Lunch & Food Service

Students will be eating lunch in their classrooms this year. As we work to minimize hallway travel and casual contact throughout the school, we will not be allowing students to use the microwaves. Please make sure to send items to school that can be stored and served at room temperature, or can be kept cold/hot within your child's lunch bag.

We are again able to offer free to any child breakfast and/or lunch options. Your child just needs to let staff know their preference each day.

OCTOBER MENU CORRECTION: FRIDAY OCTOBER 22nd IS NOT A VIRTUAL LEARNIGN DAY

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

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

Please be sure to turn all of your child's 1st day papers if you have not already done so.

*** 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.

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.

Mark Your Calendars!

Thursday Sept. 23 PICTURE DAY

Friday Sept. 24 Friday Fun Day: Wear your favorite shirt

Friday Oct. 22 NO SCHOOL

Friday Oct. 29 PICTURE RE-TAKES



Ms. Jansen
PE Teacher



Ms. Ney
4th Grade Teacher



Mrs. Dodge
Health Care Aide



Ottawa's Student Garden.
Thank you to everyone who helped weed, plant, and maintain this beautiful garden!

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Enrichment Choir

Please click below for our Enrichment Choir Flyer

https://www.petoskeyschools.org/downloads/ottawa_elementary/enrichment_choir_2021_petoskey_flyer_information_1.pdf

Important Contacts:

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