



# Ottawa Elementary PTO

December Newsletter

## Harvest Fest Recap

Thank you to those who joined us for Harvest Fest. We appreciated the student volunteers who had worked hard to make sure each game was a success. It was nice to see so many families join in the fun. All proceeds that the PTO collects goes towards school and classroom needs. Additionally, the money collected provides opportunities for field trips and other school activities, like the free family Craft Night we had recently.



## PTO Sponsored Staff Breakfast

Please sign up to bring an item for the staff holiday breakfast on December 11. Items can be brought to school starting at 7 am on December 11.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EAAAC2DA4FFC34-countdown>

## Holiday Shop December 13-20

The Holiday Shop is looking for donations of gift bags & tags and tissue paper. Please if you have any you are willing to part with, we could really use the above items.

## Winter Carnival

Friday, February 2, 5-7pm

We are looking to create a committee to help make this event successful. We are looking for 3 additional members. If you would like to help please contact the office at 348-2130.

**PTO meetings are every third Thursday at 3:30 here at Ottawa. Please join us!**

**Presidents:** Heather Boening & Stephanie Kimball

**Vice President:** Erika Leppien

**Secretary:** Ashley Maginnis

**Treasurer:** Cory Nowak

**Teacher Representative:** Jodi Adams & Sandy Gendich



## PTO Meeting Dates

There are no PTO meetings in December or March. Just a reminder that our meetings are the third Thursday of the other months.

## Sponsors Wanted

This year for field day, the elementary PE teachers would like to provide color coordinated t-shirts to every elementary student in the district. Each grade level would have a designated color, so when we are out on the field, we can see where the different grades are. Field Day is set up with stations, so one station would be a signing station, where students can write their names on each other's shirts to remember their class from that year. The front would simply say Field Day in navy blue writing. The "i" will be a ribbon in honor of late elementary PE teacher Martha Jansen. Providing every student in the district with a t-shirt through 5 Star Screen Printing Plus in Petoskey would cost about \$15,000. We are asking for donations and sponsors to make this happen. A sponsorship of over \$250 would get the business logo on the back of the t-shirt in recognition of the sponsorship. We would greatly appreciate it if the PTO could put this out to the school community to help secure sponsors.











## Employment

Public Schools of Petoskey has many open positions. At Ottawa, we have a media aide, four academic aides, and a special education aide opening. If you or someone you know is looking for employment, please check out the Public Schools of Petoskey employment link.

<https://www.petoskeyschools.org/employment/>



# December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 PBIS Assembly	2
3	4 2nd & 3rd Grade Concert 6:30pm	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 1st, 2nd, 3rd to GLCFA	14 	15 	16
17	18 	19 	20 	21 Madrigals Performance	22 Pajama Day & Movie Trip 	23
24/31  Enjoy Your Winter Break!	25  Enjoy Your Winter Break!	26	27	28  Enjoy Your Winter Break!	29  Enjoy Your Winter Break!	30 School resumes January 3rd

**UPCOMING DATES:**

January 3rd Return  
To school

January 15th NO  
SCHOOL

January 19th 1/2  
Day Dismissal  
11:40am

February 2nd  
5-7pm  
Winter Carnival