



# Little Bucks Bulletin

February 2021

## Ottawa Elementary School

109 Ottawa St  
Buchanan, MI 49107

### Ottawa Hours

#### Office hours:

Monday—Friday: 8:00am-4:30 pm  
Saturday—Sunday: Closed

#### School hours:

Monday—Friday: 8:40-3:40 pm

**Breakfast:** Doors open @ 8:20 am

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### Board of Education

All meetings begin at 6:00 pm

Upcoming Meeting:

**February 16th**

See district website for additional information

MESSAGE

FROM

MRS. DENISON



Dear Families,

Every month is the month to spread kindness, but during the month of February, our Little Bucks are going to focus on ways to show kindness.

As a building, students are going to create cards that will be distributed to area seniors at Redbud Meadows and the Buchanan Senior Center.

In-person students will have their photo taken on our Be the I in Kind wall and share a way they can show kindness towards others.

Kindness is contagious and we will work to instill this valuable character trait in our students, especially this month.

Stacey Denison, Principal



## Next PTO Virtual Meeting

April 13 @ 6:30

[meet.google.com/dsm-nosx-sof](https://meet.google.com/dsm-nosx-sof)

Phone Number

1-747-235-3859

PIN: 559 650 607#

Join our Ottawa PTO Facebook Page!

## Schedule of Events

### February

- 9 1/2 day of School— No AM/PM Preschool Classes  
K-1 dismissal at 12:05 pm
- 12 Valentine's Day Celebrations
- 12 100th Day of School
- 15 **No School**— President's Day
- 16 Board of Education Meeting 6:00pm
- 24 Spring Picture Day

## HALF DAY OF SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 9th will be a half day of school. A clinic will be set up on this date for our staff to receive COVID vaccinations.

There will be no AM or PM preschool. This includes Mrs. Holesinger, Mrs. Chase, and Mrs. Monsma's classes.



## Little Bucks of the Week



Congratulations to our Little Bucks of the Week that have been chosen for the two short weeks we were in school before Christmas break! February newsletter will have January recipients. Each student receives a certificate with their picture to take home! Way to go Little Bucks!

**Preschool:** Hank B., Dean H., Scarlett C., and Kora C.

**Kindergarten:** Austyn M., Liam S., Elijah S., Jaylei H., Genevieve J., Waylon J., Blaine M., Lincoln S., Marilyn C., and Morgan H.

**First Grade:** Dylan N., Samantha C., Emmett R., Elijah L., Faith T., Travis W., Lily W., Madison W., and Joey B.



# Spring Picture Day

## February 24th

Lifetouch will be at the school from  
9:00am-2:00 pm

Remote students are welcome to come between  
11:30-1:00, please check in at the Office.

### Order your yearbook today

Encarga hoy tu anuario.

## ybpay.lifetouch.com

**Order Deadline:**  
March 5th/2021  
03/05/2021

**Yearbook ID Code:**  
Order ID: 1705221

**School Name:**  
Nombre de escuela:  
Ottawa Elementary School



#### Yearbook Includes:

- Sturdy soft cover with protective coating
  - All-color pages that vibrantly capture your memories throughout the school year
  - Durable saddle-stitched binding that keeps the yearbook intact through wear and tear
- El anuario incluye:
- Cubierta blanda resistente con recubrimiento protector
  - Todas las páginas a color, que capturan de manera vibrante sus recuerdos durante el año escolar
  - Encuadernación costada a sastre duradera, que mantiene el anuario intacto contra el desgaste normal

THE YEARBOOK IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE FALL PICTURE PACKAGES

Yearbooks were not included in fall picture packages. If you did not purchase a package, you can still order a yearbook. They will be \$10. You can order online at the web address above or forms will be coming home soon. Orders due by March 5th.

## Project LEAN Nutrition Classes

First grade and kindergarten classes are taking part in virtual nutrition classes with Ms. Molly Sandman, Project Lean instructor through the VanBuren Intermediate School District. This program services nearly 12, 000 students in southwestern Michigan.

The six class series incorporates evidence-based and best practice literacy-focused nutrition intervention that includes:

- Literacy-based nutrition lessons
- Nutrition-themed book readings
- Movement activities



Typically these classes are taught in-person with food tasting and hands-on activities, with district building protocols, the lessons are presented virtually. For more information about this program and recipes, visit <https://www.vbisd.org/Page/1662>

# Can I Send My Child To School?

Students should not go to school or any school activities or sports if having symptoms of COVID-19. If they start having symptoms of COVID-19 while at school, they will need to be sent home. They may return based on the guidance for their diagnosis.

As long as there are cases of COVID-19 in the community, there will be no way to prevent all risks of COVID-19 spread in schools. The goal is to keep children in optimal learning environments, while reducing COVID-19 risks.



**If your child has been placed into isolation or quarantine for COVID-19, they may not attend school.**



### DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19?\*

(If new, different, or worse than any longstanding conditions)

- Temperature 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



**Stay Home**

If "YES" to any symptoms present, student should stay out of school until they meet criteria for return based on their symptoms.

**OK to attend school**



If "NO", student can go to school. Always monitor your child for symptoms before the start of the school day.

If you are asked to get a medical evaluation for your child, you may call your health care provider, or to follow up with a local clinic or urgent care center. While testing is not required, students may need to be excluded from in-person instruction for a longer period of time.

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DISCLAIMER: This information was developed based on the latest information, but is subject to change at any time.

# The BUCK 3

BE RESPECTFUL  
BE RESPONSIBLE  
BE SAFE

We learn and practice expectations in all areas of our building. Hallways, arrival, dismissal, lunch room, even the bathrooms. Remind your child to remember to follow the Buck 3 in all of these areas and earn tickets for school-wide rewards.

WE



FEEDBACK!

*"Feedback is not advice, praise, or evaluation. Feedback is information about how we are doing in our efforts to reach a goal."*

Grant Wiggins

The Ottawa School Family works hard every day to make our school the best it can be. Please tell us how we're doing! To submit your feedback, please contact Stacey Denison by phone (269-695-8409) or email [sdenison@buchananschools.com](mailto:sdenison@buchananschools.com)  
We appreciate it!