



Dear Little Bucks Families,

Thank you for the fantastic attendance at our Open House for ECSE, Kindergarten, and First Grade students last Thursday evening. It was great to see your children's smiling faces. Back to school is always an exciting time of year and we are looking forward to a great year! As we begin our first week of school, here are some reminders.

- Mrs. Monsma and Mrs. Chase's preschool classes will begin **September 15th**. See orientation dates and information below.
- First bell for students will ring at 8:35 to report to class. The second bell will ring at 8:40 as class begins. If your child arrives after 8:40, they will need to be signed in by an adult at our office and they will be marked tardy. If your child is in the ECSE preschool class, the AM class concludes at 11:50 and the PM session begins at 12:25. All classes conclude for the day at 3:43 pm.
- Wacky Wednesdays will begin this week and school will dismiss at 3:10 pm. Please plan accordingly.
- If your transportation plans change for your child, you **MUST** contact our school office no later than 3:00 pm. Please do not message or email teachers as they are often in session and do not receive the messages until it is too late.
- Lunch for the first day of school will be chicken nuggets. Menus will be sent home on Monday. You can also find our breakfast and lunch menus on the district website under Food Services, Elementary Menus.
- Your child will be bringing home a maroon two-pocket communication folder tomorrow. Please check this folder each day for important information and return to school with your child each day.

- **CAR RIDERS** If your child is a car rider and you did not receive a numbered tag at our Open House, please see our school office for a tag. These will be needed for the car pick up lines at both Ottawa and Moccasin. Our car line is located in the north parking lot, often with the line extending into the subdivision behind our school. If you are waiting in this line, please do not block driveways in this subdivision. Residents need to be able to enter and exit their driveways. Thank you for your cooperation.
- At this time, visitors are not permitted past our front office. All staff will be on posts to help your little ones arrive safely to class.
- **Preschool Orientation** for Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Monsma's classes will be on **Monday, Sept 13th from 5:00-7:00 pm and Tuesday, Sept 14th from 9:00-11:00 am**
- Additional information can be found on this link [Welcome Little Bucks](#). If there are any questions you may have, please feel free to contact our school office at 695-8409.
- If you have transportation questions, please call the transportation office at 695-8402.
- First PTO (Parents and Teachers of Ottawa) Meeting will take place on September 7th at 6:30 pm. Location TBD. Please take a moment to complete our PTO survey <https://forms.gle/UJE4Y9q8faxwZoG26>
- Please see our district website for an important video message from Superintendent Robinson. You will also find updated bus routes on our district homepage.

Questions? Please feel free to contact me through email or calling our school office at 695-8409 sdenison@buchananschools.com

Here's to a great school year! Go Bucks!

Stacey Denison, Principal

Ottawa Elementary School 2021/22 School Year

Families often ask what supplies are needed for school. **Supplies are not required**, however many like to shop for these as the new year begins. If you send supplies to school, make sure they are labeled with your child's name.

Water bottles are also helpful as we have filling stations throughout the building.

Again, this is a suggested list of commonly used items, not required for families to purchase.

The school will provide whatever is needed for your child.

If the supplies your child brought home after this past year are in good condition, feel free to use again! :)

PRESCHOOL

- supply box
- crayons
- scissors
- markers (washable)
- glue sticks
- bottles of glue

KINDERGARTEN

- supply box
- crayons (24 pack)
- scissors
- wooden primary pencils
- dry erase markers (black)
- glue sticks
- bottles of glue

FIRST GRADE

- supply box
- crayons (24 pack)
- yellow wooden pencils
- markers (washable, classic 10 pack)
- glue sticks
- dry erase markers (black)
- bottles of glue
- pink erasers
- scissors
- wide ruled spiral notebook
- 2 pocket folders (no fasteners)



2021-2022 Ottawa Elementary Calendar Early Release Every Wednesday PTC=Parent Teacher Conferences (25 minutes earlier)

July 2021						
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July	
4	Independence day

August	
25-26	Teacher Professional Learning & Work Day
26	Back to School Night
30	First Student Day

September	
3	No School
6	Labor Day/No School
7	PTO Meeting at 6:30 pm
22	1/2 Day for Students Ottawa release at 12:05

October	
5	PTO Meeting at 6:30 pm
13	1/2 Day for Students release at 12:05
18	Fall Picture Day
19	No School (Professional Development)
27	1/2 Day for students afternoon & evening PTC
28	PTC evening only
29	Halloween Parade/Parties

November	
2	PTO Meeting at 6:30 pm
3	1/2 Day for Students release at 12:05
7	Daylight Saving
11	Veteran's Day
23	Picture Retake Day
24	1/2 Day for Students release at 12:05
25-26	Thanksgiving - No School

December	
1	1/2 Day for Students release at 12:05
16	1/2 Day for Students release at 12:05
17	1/2 Day for Students release at 12:05
17	Christmas Parties
20-31	Winter Recess - No School
24	Christmas Eve
25	Christmas Day
31	New Year's Eve

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January	
1	New Year's Day
3	Classes Resume
4	PTO Meeting at 6:30 pm
17	MLK Day - No School for Students/PD for teachers

February	
1	PTO Meeting at 6:30 pm
2	1/2 Day for Students release at 12:05
14	Valentines Day Parties
21	President's Day - No School

March	
1	PTO Meeting at 6:30 pm
9	1/2 Day for Students release at 12:05
13	Daylight Saving
17	St. Patrick's Day
17	1/2 Day for Students/PTC Afternoon and Evening
21-25	Spring Break - No School
28	Classes Resume

April	
1	April Fool's Day
5	PTO Meeting at 6:30 pm
6	1/2 Day for Students release at 12:05
15	Good Friday - 1/2 Day for Students release at 12:05
22	Earth Day

May	
3	PTO Meeting at 6:30 pm
4	1/2 Day for Students release at 12:05
8	Mother's Day
30	Memorial Day - No School

June	
3	Field Day
7	1/2 Day for Students release at 12:05
8	1/2 Day for Students release at 12:05
14	Flag Day
19	Father's Day