

Little Bucks Bulletin

NURTURING HEARTS, DEVELOPING MINDS, INSPIRING DREAMS

*October 2021 Edition
Ottawa Elementary School*



MESSAGE FROM MRS. DENISON

Dear Little Bucks Families,

Thank you so much for supporting your child's educational journey by virtually attending Parent Teacher Conferences. Although there are times set aside for conferences throughout the year, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or myself about any questions or concerns you may have. We are here to help and support your family.

As school events continue to look differently due to COVID, we will continue to make these special times of year memorable for your child. Our Thanksgiving Feast will only be available to students due to restrictions on visitors within the building.

November reminds us to be thankful for all that we have. On behalf of the staff at Ottawa, I would like to express our thankfulness for sharing your children with us each day and being a part of the Ottawa family! We are thankful for you and your Little Bucks!

If you ever have a concern, question, or comment please feel free to call or email and I will be happy to speak with you.

Stacey Denison, Principal



OFFICE HOURS

Our school office is open 8:00am-4:30pm

Phone: 269.695.8409

Mrs. Stacey Denison, Principal

sdenison@buchananschools.com

Mrs. Hurd, Administrative Assistant

mhurd@buchananschools.com

SCHOOL HOURS

REGULAR DAY OF SCHOOL

8:35am-3:43pm

ECSE/Preschool AM 8:35am-11:50pm

ECSE/Preschool PM 12:25pm-3:43pm

WACKY WEDNESDAYS

8:35am-3:10pm

HALF DAYS OF SCHOOL

8:35am-12:05pm

No Preschool or ECSE Classes on these days!

IMPORTANT NOVEMBER DATES

3 Half Day of School- Dismissal at 12:05- No ECSE or Preschool Classes

5 Extra Friday for Mrs. Clark's ECSE Classroom

7 Daylight Savings- Turn clocks back one hour!

9 PTO Meeting 6:30pm

11 Veteran's Day

15 Board of Education Meeting 6:00pm

23 Picture Retake Day

24 Half Day of School for Thanksgiving Break

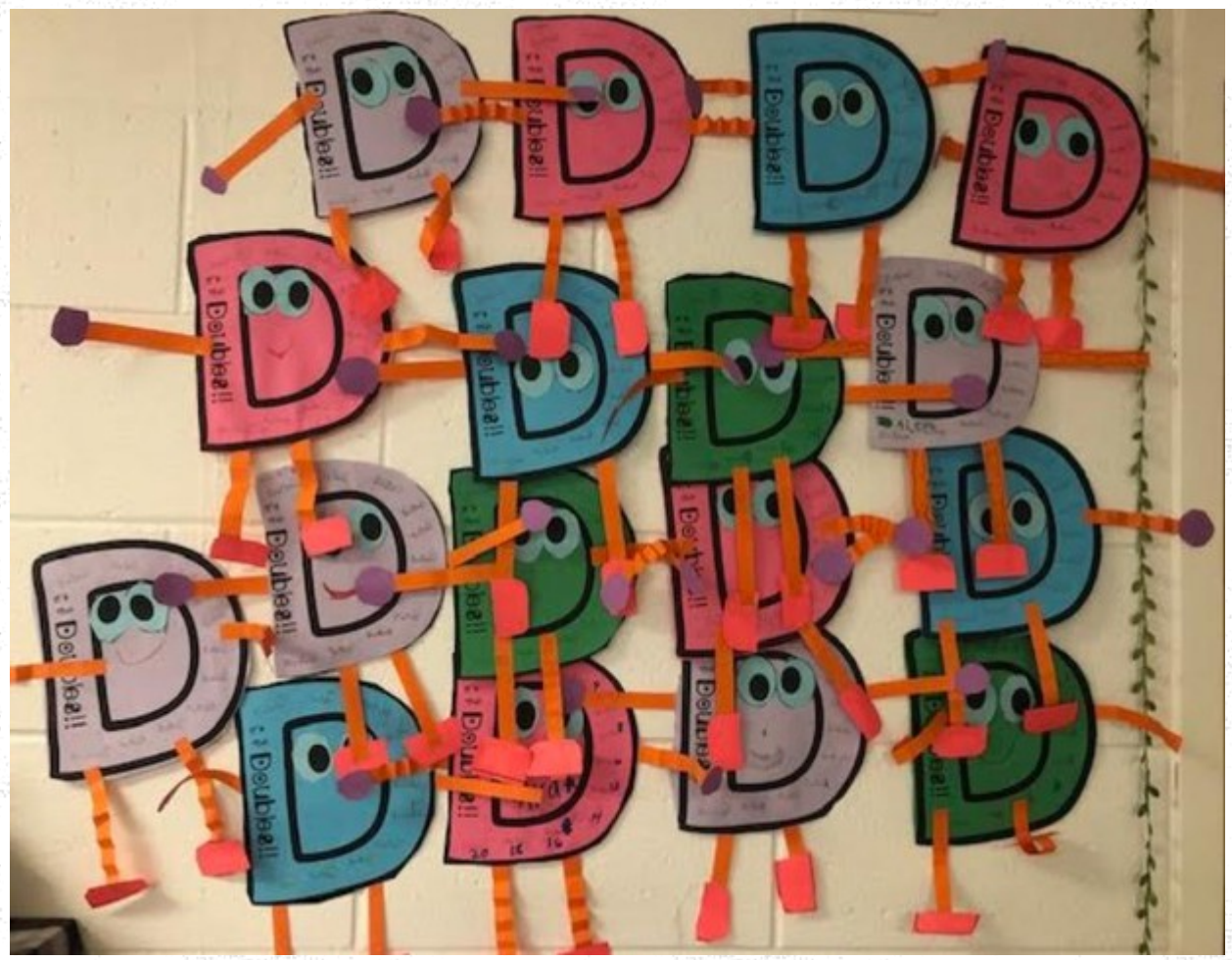
25 Thanksgiving Day

29 School Resumes



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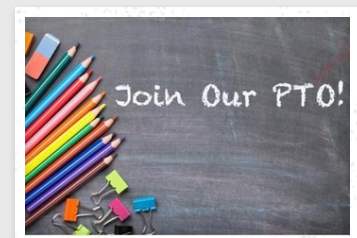
The weather is becoming colder, please be sure to send your child with a coat, hat, and mittens/gloves for the chilly mornings. We will continue to wait outside before school and will go to recesses outdoors unless the Real Feel temperature is below 10 degrees. Snow pants and boots will be needed when snow begins to fall.



**TAKE #2! PICTURE RETAKE DAY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD**

PTO OFFICER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

We currently have the offices of Secretary and Treasurer open. If you are interested in having your name on the ballot for the upcoming election on November 9th, please send an email to Stacey Denison, sdenison@buchananschools.com



UPCOMING PTO MEETING

WHEN

TUESDAY, NOV. 9TH, 6:30PM

WHERE

**109 OTTAWA STREET
BUCHANAN, MI**

MORE INFORMATION

At this meeting, there will be an election of officers since there are two vacant positions. If you are interested in the secretary or treasurer positions, please notify Mrs. Denison by email at sdenison@buchananschools.com for your name to be added to the ballot.

Usually these meetings are the first Tuesday of the month, but due to Election Day, we are moving this meeting to the following Tuesday.

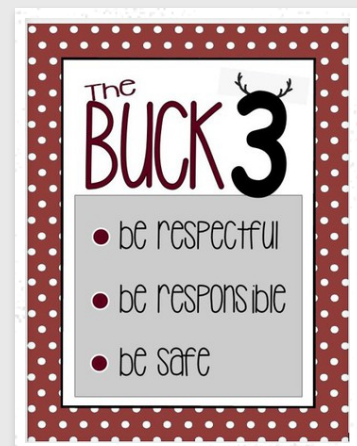
We will hold the event in person unless COVID protocols change. If you cannot attend in person, we will also have a virtual link you can use to be a part of the meeting.

Meetings will be held inside, masks strongly recommended.

We will use this video link for all meetings:
<https://meet.google.com/ikj-egvh-jjd>

LITTLE BUCKS OF THE WEEK

We model and teach what we expect to see from students with the Buck 3. Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe. Pictures are displayed on our wall for the entire school to see on their way to lunch and names announced during our announcements. A signed certificate will come home at the end of the week and their names will be shared in Ottawa's Update over the weekend for families!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

MS. LEENHOUTS

Ms. Leenhouts is our Elementary Physical Education Teacher and is a member of SHAPE Michigan. She spends her mornings teaching at Moccasin and the afternoons at Ottawa. The many grants she has written have afforded our elementary students tremendous fitness opportunities, including climbing walls for both schools, participation in a roller skating program, and the All Kids Bike Program for kindergarten and first graders. She enjoys fitness and teaching skills that promote life-long health and wellness.

If you have questions regarding fitness for your child or the physical education curriculum, feel free to email Ms. Leenhouts at jleenhouts@buchananschools.com.



DISMISSAL/TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

We want to make sure every single student gets out the door and home safely. Please remember the following:

- You **MUST** contact our school office by 2:00 pm if you need to make changes to your child's transportation routine.
- If you need to make changes involving a bus, these changes must be communicated to our office by 1:30 pm, before the buses leave for their middle/high school routes.
- Please do not message or email teachers as they are often in session and do not receive the messages until it is too late.
- If you need a numbered car tag for the pick up line, please come into our office.
- If you are picking your child up as a walker, they will be dismissed at the doors by our front office.
- Only car riders with parents in the pick up line will be dismissed at the north parking lot doors.



SUPERINTENDENT & BUCK PARENT CONVERSATIONS



JOIN US!

Mrs. Robinson wants to know what's on your mind, connect with you, and exchange information.

MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

Thursday, October 21 4:45-5:30pm, BHS Auditorium

Wednesday, December 8 4:45 - 5:30pm, BMS Media Center

Tuesday, February 15 4:45-5:30pm, Ottawa Gym

Wednesday, April 27 4:45-5:30pm, Moccasin Gym

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

- November 15th
- December 13th

Meetings will be called to order at 6:00pm unless advertised differently.

TRANSPORTATION

269.695.8402

CENTRAL OFFICE

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YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT!

We work hard every day to make our school the best it can be. Please tell us how we're doing!

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