



Little Bucks Bulletin

Nurturing Hearts, Developing Minds, Inspiring
Dreams

*October 2022 Edition
Ottawa Elementary School*

MESSAGE FROM MRS. DENISON

Dear Little Bucks Families,

October is always an exciting time of year! Leaves are changing colors, weather is becoming cooler, and many take trips to orchards and pumpkin patches! Best of all, we get to show our school spirit during Homecoming Week and support our Bucks Teams! We are always excited to get a visit from Bucky and The Herd for the traveling Pep Rally!

We have spent many weeks learning the Buck 3 and continually work at following: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe! We work on showing this in our classrooms, on the playground and throughout the building. When we follow the Buck 3 we maximize our learning in the classroom! Parents, you can help at home by asking your child if they followed the Buck 3 while at school each day and using this same language at home!

Because the Buck 3 is so important to us, we are asking that we are given through October to continue to build and strengthen our skills before volunteers join us in the building!

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. Elizabeth Johnson, Administrative Assistant
ejohnson@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

HALF DAYS OF SCHOOL

8:35am-12:05pm

No Preschool or ECSE Classes on these days!

***EVERY WEDNESDAY IS AN EARLY
RELEASE AT 3:10PM FOR OTTAWA***

HOME COMING IS THIS WEEK!! 10TH-14TH

MONDAY 10/10

PAJAMA DAY

Herd Shirt Pick Up at
BHS 3:30-6:30

TUESDAY 10/11

HAT/WIG DAY



WEDNESDAY

10/12

USA DAY



HOME COMING WEEK 2022

October 10-14

Elementary Days

THURSDAY 10/13

SUPER HERO DAY



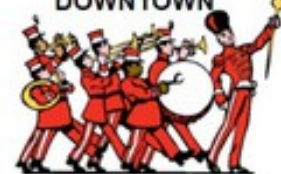
FRIDAY 10/14

BUCKS SPIRIT DAY!



PARADE 10/14

**6:00 pm THROUGH
DOWNTOWN**



IMPORTANT OCTOBER DATES

- 4 DELTA Math Assessment for First Graders
- 5 Wacky Wednesday 3:10 Dismissal
- 5 School Farm Pumpkin Trip 9:10-11:00 Seddon's Class
- 7 School Farm Pumpkin Trip 9:10-11:00 Calvillo's Class
- 10 Homecoming Week Begins! (See below for dress up days!)
- 10 School Farm Pumpkin Trip 9:10-11:00 Mabry's Class
- 11 **PTO Meeting** 6:30pm (See info below)
- 12 Wacky Wednesday 3:10 Dismissal
- 12 School Farm Pumpkin Trip 9:10-11:00 Kutemeier's Class

17 PICTURE DAY

17 Board of Education Meeting 6:00pm

20 Preschool Fire Truck Visit

21 ECSE Extra Friday- Mrs. Hendrick's Class

28 K-1 Halloween Parade and Playground Trek or Treat 2:30-3:30pm

31 Preschool and ECSE Halloween Classroom Celebrations (Teachers will send times and info)

PICTURE DAY IS COMING OCTOBER 17TH!

Forms were sent home last week. Each form has your child's name on it, if you received a form that does not have your child's name on it, please let your teacher know. Your child will need to bring this form with them on the 17th.



Ottawa Halloween Parade/Playground Trek or Treat

Ottawa's parade and playground trek or treat will begin at **1:30pm on Friday, October 28th** for kindergarten and first graders. Due to conferences the following week, we will be celebrating K-1 the Friday before Halloween. ECSE and Preschool staff will be sending information for their celebrations that will take place on Monday.

Students are able to wear a costume to school all day. Please make sure that costumes are comfortable to wear for the entire day with sensible shoes for recess and continued learning throughout the school day. This costume may differ from one that will be used for trick or treating. Costumes cannot contain scary masks, blood, or weapons. Save makeup and other accessories for home.

We will hold our parade and activities on the playground. Please enter through the North Parking Lot gate by the playground to sign in.

Students will return to class afterwards to participate in activities in their classrooms and specials classes (Art, Music, PE, and Media).



WE ARE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR 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. Next week will be our first week to choose students that have been working hard at following the Buck 3. Pictures will be 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!



Little Bucks Wall, March 2021, Photo provided by Ottawa Elementary School

KINDERGARTEN CLASSES ARE OFF TO THE SCHOOL FARM AND PUMPKIN PATCH!



JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT PTO MEETING THIS MONTH!

Event Information

October PTO Meeting

When?

Tue, Oct 11, 2022, 06:30 PM


Where?

Ottawa Elementary School, Ottawa Street, Buchanan, MI, USA



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OTTAWA ELEMENTARY PTO

Buchanan, MI

THE
BUCK 3


*Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Safe!*

2022/2023 Board

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Programs/Events PTO Supported

Student/ Buck 3 Incentives

Class Field Trips

Kindergarten End of Year Celebration

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Playground Equipment

School Programs for Students/Families

JOIN US! Please get involved and support Ottawa!

COME TO A MEETING!

September 13th
October 11th
November 8th
January 10th
February 7th
March 14th
April 11th
May 9th

All meetings held at 6:30 at Ottawa Elementary
Childcare provided!



JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!

OttawaPTO@buchananschools.com



All PTO postings will be on
the Ottawa Elementary
Facebook Page

OTHER WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE



2023 PTO Flyer.pdf

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All information will run through the Ottawa Elementary Facebook page.

We will no longer utilize the Ottawa PTO Facebook page.

THANK YOU BUCHANAN SCARECROW CHARITIES FOR OUR TEACHER "FUN" FUND!



Our wonderful community organization that decorates our downtown every fall, The Buchanan Scarecrow Charities, surprised Ottawa's classroom teachers with a gift card of \$100 dollars for anything they may need for their classrooms to help make learning fun! They also brought a large box of supplies, including crayons, glue, scissors, etc. to donate to our school!! Thank you so much for supporting our school!! We appreciate you and all you do for our community!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Mrs. Monsma and Ms. Shaner

PRE-SCHOOL TEAM

Our preschool team consists of Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Monsma, and Ms. Shaner. We have two Great Start Readiness Program preschool classes. Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Monsma are the lead teachers, Mrs. Fox and Ms. Shaner are classroom assistants.

The classes contain no more than 16 students in each. There are certain factors and criteria that need to be met to qualify for this program. Curriculum in preschool addresses various developmental skills, such as gross motor, fine motor, literacy, mathematics, vocabulary, and verbal expression. If you have questions regarding our preschool program, you can feel free to contact our office or email Mrs. Chase at kchase@buchananschools.com or Mrs. Monsma at jmonsma@buchananschools.com.

Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Fox





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.

Transportation

269.695.8402

Click on the icon below for Ottawa's Breakfast and Lunch Menus



Elementary Menus | Buchanan Community Schools

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Board of Education Meetings

- October 17th
- November 21st
- December 19th

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

Central Office

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Mrs. Karin Falkenstein kfalkenstein@buchananschools.com

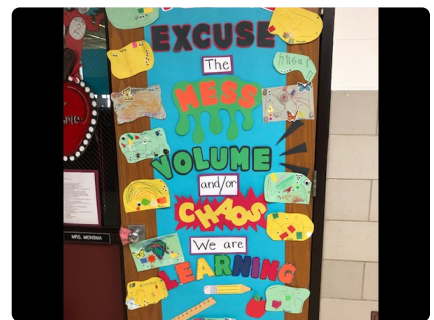
Director of Technology

Mr. Philip Place psplace@buchananschools.com

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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Stacey Denison

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