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OTTAWA RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

April Newsletter

From the Principal

Dear Ottawa River Families,

Spring has finally Sprung! I hope everyone is looking forward to restful and enjoyable Spring Break. It's hard to believe that we have begun the last marking period of the school year. The beginning of a new marking period is the perfect time to set goals for the new quarter. This is a very busy time of the year and it will go by quickly, so please help your child or children stay focused on learning for the remainder of the school year. Third through Eighth grades will continue with their Ohio State Tests for Math and Science throughout the month of April. Please be sure your child has a good breakfast, is well-rested and gets to school on time.

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Important dates

April 4th—8th 6th Graders will be at camp

April 8th—Spring Pictures

April 15th—Spring Break Begins (No School)

April 25th—Students return from Spring Break



COUNSELOR CORNER

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As the end of the school year approaches, you start to think about summer. You think about vacations, warm weather, and late nights. But before you really start to think about summer I want you to talk to your kids about school. What do they like about school, what are their favorite subjects, what do they most enjoy. Start talking to them about their future, their hopes, and their goals. Why is this important? Before you know it, you will be thinking about how this is their last summer before they graduate!

This past month we hosted a High School Night and it was a big success. Dr. Durant came and talked about all the magnet schools TPS has to offer your child. He also talked about all the opportunities you child has within TPS. If you weren't able to make it I am going to give you some of that information now!

Aerospace & Natural Science Academy of Toledo- It has career tech focus in several growing industries: aviation and aeronautics; animal science and management; urban agriculture and agribusiness and environmental sustainability and wildlife management

Jones Leadership Academy of Business- is the place to be for students who envision themselves as future business or community leaders. This High School has a career tech focus on a business-themed curriculum that includes marketing, finance and supply chain management.

The Toledo Pre-Medical & Health Science Academy- The Toledo Pre-Medical & Health Science Academy is a four-year high school created through a partnership between Toledo Public Schools and ProMedica for students who are passionate about a career serving others in healthcare.

Toledo Early College- offers a college preparatory program for students in 7th -12th grades that focuses on college readiness and 21st century skills. The curriculum is designed to accelerate students into college courses at The University of Toledo.

Toledo Technology Academy- is focused on engineering and manufacturing science technologies. Every student participates in hands-on learning in labs starting with Lego Labs in 7th grade.

It is never too early to talk to you child about their goals for the future!



NURSE'S CORNER

Spring Safety on Wheels

Bicycling, rollerblading or skateboarding are all fun ways to get outdoors, exercise and get some much needed sunshine and fresh air. It is important to follow basic safety rules in order to avoid accidents and injuries. Always wear a proper fitting helmet when riding or rolling, to help in reducing head injuries. Wear bright clothing to be easily visible to others. Make sure your bike is the right size and adjust your seat and handlebars to the right height. You can download <https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/bicycle-safety> for additional bicycle safety tips.

When rollerblading or skateboarding use additional protective gear such as elbow and knee pads. Make sure your children are aware of your expectations regarding safety behaviors. Talk with them about the dangers involved with “Skitching”. This is when someone who is rollerblading or using a skateboard decides to “hitch” a ride by grabbing on to a moving vehicle. Whether biking, rollerblading or skateboarding be aware of and follow the rules of the road.

Get outdoors, have some fun and enjoy a safe spring!

Nurse Vicki



MEDICATION

Students who must take medication during the school day must have the appropriate authorization form completed by the doctor. All medications will be dispensed from the office. According to Toledo Public School Board of Education Policy, an adult must bring the child's medicine to the office and the medication must be in the original bottle. We cannot accept medications that are brought in by the child. Please bring in a month's supply of medication at a time. All medications, **PRESCRIPTION AND OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS** (such as aspirin, antacids, cough syrup, cough drops etc.), require a doctor's form and can only be dispensed through the office!!



ABSENCES

Parents of students who are absent from school can notify the school of the student's absence by leaving a message on the Attendance phone at **419-671-6351**. This recorder is on 24 hours a day, so parents may call at any time. Please be sure to call by 9:30 A.M. on the day of the absence. If a parent does not call and notify the school of their child's absence a written note explaining the absence or tardy must be signed by the parent or guardian and sent to school when the child returns to school. Excused absences are for illness, death in the immediate family, and doctor/dental appointments. If doctor/dental appointments are made during school hours, the child should present a written request for excusal, stating the time of the appointment to the teacher. Students may be released one-half hour before the appointment. Excusals for doctor/dental appointments require written excuse from the doctor/dentist. Students who arrive late or are picked-up early, without a written doctor's excuse, are considered absent for a portion of the day. As a reminder, the state allows a total of 10 unexcused absences a year. Please be sure that you use these days sparingly.



HAVE YOU MOVED?

If you have moved or changed your telephone number, we are asking that you update your records with the school office and provide proof of residency. This will ensure that we will be able to contact you in case of an emergency.



DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you ever have questions or concerns about what is going on in your child's classroom please remember to contact their teacher directly. They will BEST know what is going on as they spend the majority of time with your child. If need be, the teacher will direct your questions/concerns to the principal or other necessary personnel. Please do not use Ottawa River's Facebook page as a place to find answers to your personal questions/concerns. For the most accurate and up to date info – call or email your child's teacher directly.



VISITORS TO OUR BUILDING

Parents and other interested persons are always welcome at Ottawa River. Any visitors to the building will be required to comply with the District guidelines as pertaining to masks. Masks must be worn in the building at all times and must fit over the nose and under the chin. To maintain a disruptive free environment all visitors, parents, and guests are required to have an appointment with classroom teachers (even for phone and virtual meetings). On the day of the appointment, for safety purposes, you will be required to report to the office before proceeding to classrooms or other parts of the building. Visitors will be issued a "VISITOR PASS" with their name, destination, and date that they are required to wear. Visits to other parts of the building will require administrative approval and are generally discouraged. Volunteers will be issued a "VOLUNTEER BADGE" which they are required to wear while working in the school as a volunteer. All students, parents, and visitors to the building must enter through the Main entrance and buzz to be let into the building. **Due to increasing security concerns, parents will not be permitted to walk their children to class. If a parent needs to dismiss their child early an ID must be presented.**

Kroger Community Rewards Sign-Up



By making the Ottawa River PTO your Community rewards recipient, a percentage of every shopping trip you make to Kroger will come back to the school!

Signing up is simple:

- 1) Sign-in or create an account
- 2) Click on My Account
- 3) Scroll Down to Community Rewards
- 4) Click Edit
- 5) Find our organization (Ottawa River Elementary PTO, Organization Number 80037)

Mask Protocols

Just a reminder that masks protocols have changed. Students and staff are no longer required to wear a mask, but may still wear them if they so choose. The District will continue to monitor cases of Covid and guidelines set forth by the Lucas County Health Department. We will make you aware if the mask policy changes again.





LUNCHES

To ensure that all students are getting the best education they can we will no longer be calling classrooms to inform students of dropped off lunches. If you forgot your child's lunch we will be happy to provide them with a free school lunch. Thank you for helping us to keep our school focus on education.

As a reminder we no longer have an open lunchroom policy. To keep all students safe and lunchtimes running smoothly we ask that if you are volunteering in the building you do not stop to have lunch with your child. Their classmates do not understand and feelings can get hurt.

Coats, Hoodies and Sweatshirts



Please remember that, weather permitting, our students will be going outside for recess, so make sure that they are dressing warmly (coats, hats, gloves, etc.) Even though it's Spring, this is Ohio, so we could be 70 degrees one day and snowing a couple of days later. Also, remember that your student may wear a hoodie (but not with the hood up) or a sweatshirt if they are cold while in the building.

Spring Pictures

Lifetouch will be here to take Spring Pictures on Friday April 8th. They will only be taking pictures of students who are purchasing pictures.



Spring Break

Just a reminder that our Spring Break begins on Friday April 15th, So Thursday the 14th is the student's last day. School resumes on Monday April 25th.



Ottawa River Sprit Wear

Looking for Spirit Wear to help keep you and your family warm?

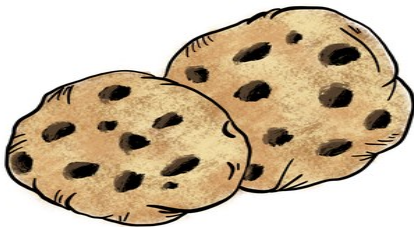
Check out the Ottawa River Elementary School spirit wear sale. Right now you can save 25% site wide and there is Free Shipping on orders over \$75 @1stPlaceSpiritwear



Snack Cart

The cafeteria will once again be having Snack Cart!! Snack Cart will be open during your child's lunch period on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They will have the following items:

Chocolate Chip Cookies for 35 cents, Fruit Snacks for 25cents, frozen slushie cups for 50 cents and Chips for 75 cents.





CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!!!

John Rhodes
Abriel Ruiz
Kevin Downer
Avonna Ochoa
Devin Jones
Amelia Siebert
Desiree Slinker
Jesse Briones
Lola Gill
Remmy Allor-Bishop
Gianna Moreno
Kolten Guthrie
Kaelynn Kuiper
Amelia Innman
Cameron Snow

Jeffery Barber
Mikayla Hirschfield-Quigley
Benjamin Osborne
Savannah Pegish
Keira Thomas
Natalie Martinez
Kaleb Price
Martel Ford
Emalina Dusseau
Christopher Lopez
Jersey McDowell
Aiden (Daniel) McCullough



Students
OF THE
MONTH



APRIL BIRTHDAYS!!!

Holly Konesni 4/1
Trenton McGhee 4/2
Bryden Mosser 4/4
Jaylen Anderson-Trammell 4/5
Jaden Monk 4/6
Kason Dushane 4/10
Mason Dushane 4/10
Connor Soto 4/10
Michael Drake 4/11
Kayden McKinney 4/12
Cora Dean 4/13
Omar Simmons 4/13
Natalie Martinez 4/15
Reubmir Rambus 4/15
Morgan Graham 4/20
Kennedy Schwab 4/21
Caleb Brzuchalski 4/22
Jeremyah Henson 4/24
Malakye Henson 4/24
Dominic Creswell 4/25
Nicholas Klatt 4/25
George Vasquez-Hayes 4/26
Catherine Duquette 4/27
James Langston 4/27
Aruma Moreno 4/27
Logan Kies 4/28
John Rhodes 4/30



Arrival Routine

A note to parents/guardians who will be DRIVING/WALKING their student(s): • Doors open at 8:45 AM. Breakfast will be provided for home consumption. ***If you arrive early, please remain in your car.*** We are using multiple entrances this year for student entry, so please use the assigned entries for car riders as indicated below. **For our students' and staff members' health and safety, parents may not get out of their vehicles when dropping off or picking up students.** • Students will not be permitted to wait in the front lobby before school or enter the building prior to 8:45.

Arrival Routine for All Students

Walkers and Car Riders

- Masks must be worn by both students and adults during drop-off.

Times and Locations:

In order to minimize traffic congestion, drop-off times and locations will be as follows:

- Kindergarten, First & Second graders will enter main doors by front office
- Pre Kindergarten, Third & Fourth graders will enter the side doors off of 290th. (bus doors)
- Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, & Eighth graders will enter the Jr. High doors near the playground

As students enter the building they will need to have a mask on and will be given hand sanitizer.

- When car riders/walkers enter the building, they will proceed on their designated route directly to their classroom. Doing this will help minimize hallway traffic and lead them directly to their home-room.
- While the building is not open to visitors (outside of needing to speak to someone in the office which will require a face covering), families are permitted to park in a designated parking space and walk their child to the door as long as all individuals are wearing a mask and practicing appropriate social distancing between families.
- All individuals who will be dropping off students (ex: babysitters, siblings, grandparents) must be made aware of these procedures prior to drop-off.
- **Patience and Kindness:** Please remember that we are an elementary school serving young children. Your patience during school arrival is important as we anticipate an increase in car traffic this year.

Bus Riders:

- **Seating:** Each bus will have a mandatory seating chart with assigned seats. Students will be seated with siblings whenever possible.
- **Drop-Off Location:** Buses will drop off students in designated locations. The bus lane is on 290th street. Bus riders will use the side doors no matter what age group.

Dismissal Routine

Students will be dismissed wearing their mask and must keep it on until they are either in their car or have exited the bus at their final destination. Students should move to their bus or car as quickly and safely as possible, following staff directives and maintaining maximum social distance from their peers and staff.

Walkers and Car Riders

- **Walker Dismissal:** Students that will be walking home will be dismissed beginning at 3:00. **Walking means they are walking to their home. Parents should not be parked in the staff parking lot waiting to pick up their “walking” student.**

- **Pick-Up Location:** If you are here to walk with you child please meet your child at their designated location. There will be **no pickup** at the Primary entrance.

Pk-4 will be released at the side entrance - please pay attention to the posted signs

5 -8 walkers will be released from the Jr. High doors - please pay attention to the posted signs

Car Dismissal

Pre-K students will be dismissed to their parents in the parking lot located behind the building.

Car dismissal will begin at 3:15. If you are planning to pick your child up, please stay in your car and follow the curve to the marked pick up zone area. Do not park or get out of your car. Please be ready to move with the line to prevent backups. The driveway in front of the school is designated for buses only.

- **Family Names:** Parents/guardians will be given two papers with your family name on them. When you pick up you must have your family name card displayed when entering the parking lot so student(s) are ready when the car line moves. Parents/guardians wishing to meet a student to walk them to the car, must park in a parking space and walk to the waiting area on the sidewalk. Family names/numbers must be displayed while waiting.

Any family needing more than two name/number tags are asked to make their own additional tags by writing their name and number clearly on a large piece of paper.

- **Traffic-** Traffic backs up quickly as cars arrive but begins moving smoothly once we start loading students. Please always be on the lookout for individuals walking in the parking lot, including students, family members, and staff. Remember that “you are right when you turn right”... enter the parking lot by turning right and exit the parking lot by turning right. This will ensure smooth traffic flow and safety.
- **Communication:** All individuals who will be picking up students (ex: babysitters, siblings, grandparents) should be made aware of these procedures prior to picking up students. • **Patience and Kindness:** Please be patient as traffic volume may increase this year. Our goal is to get all students home safely and in a timely manner.

Bus Transportation Guidelines:

- Students who requested transportation will be placed at a bus stop. Visit the [District Map on our website](#) to find bus stop times and locations.
- School buses are confined spaces that require a particular focus on social distancing.
- Students will have an assigned seat and bus drivers will keep a seating chart
- For the health and safety of our students and bus drivers, we are reducing the number of student riders per bus

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17	18 No School	19 No School	20 No School	21 No School	22 No School	23
24	25 Students Return	26	27	28	29	30

District Mission: Toledo Public Schools' mission is to produce competitive college and career ready graduates through a rigorous curriculum across all grade levels by implementing Ohio's New Learning Standards with fidelity.

District Vision: Toledo Public Schools strives to be an 'A-rated' school district whose graduates are college and career ready.



Ottawa River is a Title 1 funded school. Title 1 funds help us to serve our students better. We are able to support the curriculum through professional development for our staff. Our staff is dedicated to the success of each child and each of us work diligently to help each and every student.