

QUARTER 1

August/September 2023



OTTER OUTREACH!

From the Principal



Dear Ottawa River Families,
Welcome to the 2023/2024 school year. We are so happy to see the familiar faces and so many new faces at our wonderful school! The beginning of each school year brings new opportunities for the students and staff alike. At Ottawa River Elementary School, we have 55 dedicated professionals who work hard daily to ensure that our students embrace these opportunities throughout the school year. Together we will achieve great things through our continued focus on academic excellence and social competence to help your child meet the demands of the ever-changing 21st Century. It is our goal that the students of Ottawa River uphold our school values of *responsibility, respect, and readiness* so that they can become positive and productive members of our great community. I look forward to getting to know the students throughout the school year and building positive relationships to support their success. With the amazing welcoming staff, great support from families, and the common goal of promoting students' academic and community achievements, Ottawa River is truly a special place to be! A new part to our Newsletter will be a COOL THINGS ARE HAPPENING section where we will highlight the great things happening at school.

Warmest Regards,

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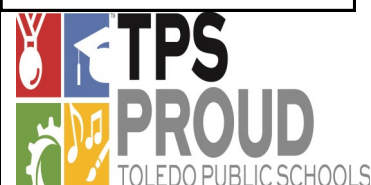
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Important dates

September 4th—Labor Day NO SCHOOL

September 26th—Picture Day

OTTAWA RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

August/September Newsletter

Meet Your SCHOOL COUNSELOR



WELCOME to a New Year!

HI! I am Mrs. Kronovich, the students call me Mrs. K! I am so excited for this school year and to be working with your amazing kids! This is my 9th year with TPS. I have a lot of fun things planned this school year. I will have individual, group, and classroom lessons. We will be working with 7 mindsets and Start with Hello this year and I plan to get into classrooms weekly for lessons. I have a website for you to explore with resources you can use as needed. Also, Make sure to check out the monthly newsletter for all my updates; and what is happening throughout the building.

MY FAMILY

My Husband Chris of 16 years is a Pilot for Endeavor Airlines. I have two amazing kids Kiera (13) and Connor (11), Kiera runs cross-country and is in theatre. Connor plays Tennis and Soccer. Both my kids love to rock climb! As a family we love to travel, we have been to 11 states. We also enjoy running Spartan Races together! This year we are hosting a foreign exchange student, from Germany, Hannah!

CONTACT ME: This year I am Full Time at Ottawa River. You can reach me by email or by phone. I also have a website that you can utilize; it has many resources for you and your family! My door is always open and I would love to hear from you!

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CODE TO GO
DIRECTLY TO
MY WEBSITE

Some of MY FAVORITE Things

I love to exercise, Spartan races, coffee, reading, the Avengers, the ocean, tropical starburst, F45 Gym, Home Goods, Yoga, Hiking, and Traveling!

NURSE'S CORNER

WELCOME BACK! The new school year is underway. Make sure that your child has the vaccinations required by Ohio Law. Kindergartners should have their shots updated and 7th graders need a TDap Booster and a Meningitis Vaccine. Call your Child's Doctor or Visit SHOTS 4 TOTS and TEENS Immunization Clinic. Call 419-213-4121 or visit [HTTP://WWW.LUCASCOUNTYHEALTH.COM](http://WWW.LUCASCOUNTYHEALTH.COM) for information about SHOTS 4 TOTS AND TEENS. Shots 4 Tots provides immunizations to children from birth through 18 years of age at eight community-based locations. All clinics are on a walk-in, first-come, first-served basis., or you can call and schedule an appointment.

Another option for your Child to receive immunizations is through Health Partners of Western Ohio, a School Based Health Center serving Toledo Public Schools. Woodward Health Center at 701 E. Central Avenue Toledo, Ohio 43608, phone 567-343-6890 may be closest for your Children. The Centers accept walk-ins or appointments.

Children will be excluded from school for not having their shots up-to-date until October 1st. So remember: The longer you wait, the longer the lines. Contact the School Nurse for a State of Ohio Legal Immunization Exemption ORC 3313.671 form if needed. ***This form must be completed each school year.***

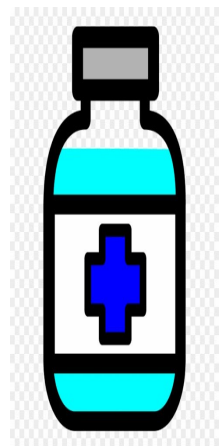
Be sure to complete the Emergency Medical Authorization Forms for 2023 -2024 school year. The form is available on line at TPS website.



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)





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.

Thank you for all you do to make Ottawa River a fantastic place to be!

Cool Things Are Happening

Ottawa River is the only school in the District that is implementing a new "Junior High Experience" for our 7th and 8th Grade students. The students attend four different classrooms for 55 minutes each and have 3 minutes between classes to go to their lockers, get a drink and go to the bathroom. They also attend one Special Class (Art, Gym, Music, Band or Orchestra) every day for 45 minutes. Each of the Specials teachers came up with a different curriculum for each Semester and the students got to select which Special they wanted to attend. We are excited about the opportunity for this initiative and believe it will make our student's more prepared for the transition to High School.



Picture Day

Picture Day will be held on Tuesday September 26th.



Ottawa River Sprit Wear

We have a brand new and exciting offer for you this month! See below for your image, message and link:

Get your new Spiritwear for Back to School

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/1stplacespiritwear/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/1st-Place-Spiritwear-104793921257678>

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLOWOUT SALE!

All **Ottawa River Elementary School** spirit wear is 30% off! New designs have just been released and we feature ultra-soft Bella Canvas tees. [Shop Now!](#)

FREE SHIPPING on orders over \$75



Labor Day

Just a reminder that Monday September 4th is Labor Day and there will be NO SCHOOL that day.





CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!!!

Louisa Lawson
Shay Albain
Holly Konesni
Dominic Selvera
Desiree Slinker
Carter Dickman
Selena Perez
Trenton MGhee
Chase Swyers
Eisley Fritz
Jaxon Manriquez
Sylvia Hickman
Kindsley Heighland
Caleb Knakiewicz
Talina Vazquez
Trevor Grandowicz

Jaelyn Monk
Jeffery Barber
Jaylen Anderson
Joy Jackson
Xzayvier Haynes
Julianne Hammond
Cheyenne Jackson
Ashton McCullough
Alayna Glashauser
Addissyn Budd



Students
OF THE
MONTH



AUGUST & SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!!

Rowan Howe 8/2
Leah Scarberry 8/2
DaiLenn Ellis 8/4
Aaliyah Sledge 8/5
Amara Clapper 8/6
Boston Frank 8/6
Aniyah Chandler 8/7
Andrew Mora 8/7
Brody Mosser 8/7
Wyatt Benedict 8/8
Ezaylia Hartford 8/11
Mikayla Hirschfield-Quigley 8/11
Alexander Gilford 8/12
Molly Gilford 8/12
Mariah Cook 8/14
Emily King 8/15
Dalia Selvera 8/15
Logan Hagan 8/16
Anthony Tanner 8/16
Catherine Tanner 8/16
Elijah Grigsby 8/21
Hannah Hamblin 8/21
Madeline Kern 8/21
Zane Hamrick 8/22
Maci Mack 8/22
David Bland-Arnold 8/24
Abel Morelli 8/27
Brian Krouse 8/28

Cecelia Cole 8/31
Vivianna Dickman 8/31
Mylah Vega 9/2
Evaline Zaborski 9/2
Levi Critchley 9/3
Kynslee Pellizzari 9/3
Liam Salyer 9/6
Piercen Offet 9/7
Xzayvier Haynes 9/8
Layla Hardin 9/11
Milone Hinds 9/13
Layla Giacalone 9/15
Tobias Balderez 9/17
Makhai Hartford 9/19
Selena Perez 9/19
Justin Dupree 9/22
Wynter Brooks 9/23
Sofia Dazley 9/23
Garrett Smith 9/23
Jazmyn Parker 9/24
Julianne Hammond 9/25
Lucille Buck 9/26
Amelia Inman 9/28
Lelani Wise 9/28
Jaclyn Hammond 9/29
Eisley Fritz 9/30



Arrival Routine

A note to parents/guardians who will be DRIVING/WALKING their student(s):

- Doors open at 8:45 AM. 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., unless they are eating breakfast. Students eating breakfast at school will enter through the front doors at 8:40

Arrival Routine for All Students

Walkers and Car Riders

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
- 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.
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- 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 3:10.
- **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.

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 No School Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Picture Day	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.