

Ontonagon School District

FALL CELEBRATION

Dear Parents

It has been an exciting start to the school year with a talented group of students and wonderful families. We are looking forward to achieving amazing things this year! We hope you have had a good start to the school year. Here at school we have been hard at work getting students into school year routines and we are in the process of administering fall testing to ensure we are working to best support your child this school year. By the end of October parents in grades K-8 will be receiving information on fall testing for their students.

I hope you were able to enjoy the beautiful colors of fall. In this newsletter you will see information about events such as homecoming, a book fair, and an upcoming Halloween carnival to help us celebrate fall. As we enter this fall season unfortunately it also means the changing of seasons and winter is around the corner. With colder weather on the way this can impact travel to school. Should school need to close due to weather, we will communicate this out through our all call system, website, and social media pages. Please make sure your contact information is up to date so that you are notified of snow days and other important announcements that we send out.

Sincerely,

Lisa Johnson
Superintendent



The mission of the Ontonagon Area School District in concert with the community is to educate all students to reach their highest potential and be productive members of society.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE- NCES

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7

Watch for more information to be sent home in October regarding sign up processes for parent teacher conferences



FOOD SERVICE

The school district serves breakfast and lunch meals daily.

Breakfast and lunch this year is available free of charge to all students in the district. We encourage all families



to check out the menu and take advantage of the free meals. To see a copy of the menu please go to the School district website or pick up a monthly menu for home from the school office.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF

We realize that there have been changes to the pickup and drop off processes this year for students. These changes have been made with student safety in mind.

Drop off—The doors open each day at 8:00 am for students to enter the building. This time is set because our play ground and breakfast supervisors to monitor students do not start until 8:00 each day. Parents are asked to not send or drop off their children until this time. If they arrive prior they will be asked to wait in front of the building until the doors open. Parents are welcome to come in after 8 o'clock to talk to their child's teacher if the teacher is available. .

Dismissal—Thank you for everyone's cooperation in waiting outside until student dismissal for student safety. With parents waiting outside, we recognize that this is causing another issue with lots of congregating at the door. We are working with our local authorities to evaluate traffic patterns during dismissal to improve upon pickup processes. Do you need to visit with your child's teacher at pickup? Not a problem. At dismissal the doors will unlock and you are welcome to come in to have a conversation with your child's teacher if the teacher is available. You can also come to the main door and buzz in.

PARENT VOLUNTERS

Would you like to volunteer at the school? The school is always in need of volunteers or help and we welcome you as part of the team here at the school. Please call or stop in at the school office to discuss volunteer opportunities.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

October 10-14	Homecoming Week
October 11	Senior Financial Aid
October 14	No School
October 17	Picture Makeup Day
October 21	Half Day of School
October 28	School Book Fair
October 28	Halloween Carnival



WEEK OF OCTOBER 9

Homecoming is the week of October 9th. Below are dress up days for the week.

High School and Middle School Dress Up Days:

Monday: Adam Sandler Day

Tuesday: Retirement Home Day (Grandma & Grandpa Day)

Wednesday:

High School:

Disney Inside Out Day!

Seniors- Anger (Red)

Juniors- Disgust (Green)

Sophomores- Fear (Purple)

Freshmen- Joy (Yellow)

Middle School:

Monsters Inc. Day!

6th- Mike (Green)

7th- Randal (Purple)

8th- Sully (Blue & Purple)

Thursday: School Spirit (Throwback)

Elementary Dress Up Days:

Monday: Pajama Day

Tuesday: Crazy Hair / Crazy Pattern Day

Wednesday: Backwards Day

Thursday: School Spirit



October 28, 2022

Open until 8:00pm in the school library

Watch for more information soon!

WALKING AT THE SCHOOL

With the cold weather and snow right around the corner, we all need a place to be safe and get our exercise. Starting on October 10, the school will be open from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm, Monday through Friday, on days school is in session.

Enter the Building—We ask that you enter the building through Door 2.

Sign in— We ask that you sign in upon entering the door at the table located at the entrance.

During sporting events walking will be limited to only the secondary wing of the building due to the ticketed events going on.



A Halloween-themed poster with an orange background. At the top, it says "Halloween Carnival" in a cursive font. Below the title are silhouettes of a cat, a pumpkin, and a crow. The date "Friday, October 28" and time "5:30 to 8:00 PM" are listed. The host is "Ontonagon Area School by the Junior High Student Council". The invitation is "Come join us and have some fun!". A list of activities includes "Cake Walk", "Putt Putt", "Hoop Spook (Hoop Shoot)", "Pop Toss", and "And more!!!". Illustrations include a witch on a broom, a spider, a bat, a skeleton, and a ghost holding a pumpkin. The words "DOOR 2" are written vertically on the left and right sides of the poster.

WHAT IS TITLE 1?

Parents/Guardians may have noticed that along with the job of being an elementary principal, Mrs. Leach is also working as our school's Title 1 coordinator. Title I is part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The goal of Title I is to provide instructional services and activities that support students in meeting our state's challenging performance standards. Funding received through Title I most often coordinates with the regular education program. A large majority of this happens in class, helping students to best engage the curriculum. On occasion, Title 1 services supplement the regular education program. Ontonagon has what is known as School Wide Title I. What are the goals of the schoolwide programs? Here in Ontonagon, we are working to:

- Improve teaching and learning through teaming and small group instruction within the classroom

- New Curriculum in Reading for grades K-6
- Students are progress monitored after benchmark assessments K-8 After the first test we keep on re-checking that learning opportunities are working to help students close identified learning gaps

Research shows that how well a child does in school depends a great deal upon how much the adults in their lives get involved in their education. Keep an eye out for these newsletters as they will include school updates as well as ways for parents to stay involved. If you ever have any questions, feel free to send Mrs. Leach a short note.

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