Ottawa Area Center
Parent Link

OCTOBER 2019

Calendar of Events

October 2019
- October 8 & 9 – Picture Day
- October 10 & 11 – ½ Day for Students
- October 16 – Early Dismissal
- October 17 – Wear Black Day
- October 25 – ½ Day for Students

November 2019
- November 20 – Early Dismissal
- November 27 - ½ Day for Students
- November 21 – Wear Brown Day
- November 28 & 29 – Thanksgiving Holiday

School Pictures
Pictures will be taken Tuesday, October 8 and Wednesday, October 9. Your student's classroom teacher will inform you of your scheduled time. Re-takes will be on Wednesday, October 30.

Staff Inservice Day
Staff Inservice is scheduled for the afternoons of Thursday, October 10 and Friday, October 11. Students will have ½ day of school and will be dismissed at 11:50 AM on both dates. Students will not receive lunch or noon medications. Please make sure someone will be home to meet the bus when it arrives.

Early Dismissal
On Wednesday, October 16, students will be dismissed early and arrive home 1½ hours earlier than normal. Be sure to mark your calendar to make sure someone will be home when the bus arrives.

Wear Black Day
On Thursday, October 17, staff and students are asked to wear something black to celebrate the color of the month.

Records Day
Friday, October 25, students will have ½ day of school and will be dismissed at 11:50 AM for Records Day. Students will not receive lunch or noon medications. Please make sure someone will be home to meet the bus when it arrives.

Trick or Treat
At Ottawa Area Center, we have a Trick or Treat parade which gives students the opportunity to practice communication skills, eye contact, and socialization. Classrooms take turns “trick or treating” around the building so that students have the opportunity to give out candy/treats to students, as well as receive them. This year, we are planning to have our parade on the morning of Thursday, October 31, 2019.

If you would be willing to donate a bag of candy for your son/daughter’s classroom Trick or Treat bowl, please send it to school by Friday, October 25, 2019. This will give teachers the opportunity to purchase more candy if needed. Please make sure that candy/treats sent to school are peanut free due to students with severe allergies.

Thank you for assisting us with this fun-filled and educational event. We know that our students look forward to it every year!
**Parent Communication/ Emails**

The Ottawa Area Intermediate School District utilizes the Infinite Campus Emergency Messenger Alert System. This system will send an automated message to parents via a telephone message to home and/or cell phones and/or to emails. This system will be utilized in the event that the entire Ottawa Area Center is closed or delayed due to inclement weather, or any other pertinent information that administration feels necessary to broadcast. School closings and delays will also continue to be broadcast on local television and radio stations. **Please contact us to add/update your email address.** This will assure you receive emergency information.

**In Sympathy**

It is with a very heavy heart that we share the following news with you. **We recently had a staff member, Lynette Brown, pass away after a hard fight with pancreatic cancer.** Lynette Brown passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 29. We know that Lynette touched many lives in her 32 years working at OAC. This is a huge loss for our OAC family and we will miss her dearly.

Below is the information regarding the funeral arrangements for Lynette Brown. Please continue to keep Lynette’s family in your thoughts and prayers as they navigate the difficult days ahead.

**Visitation** is scheduled for Monday, October 7 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM and from 7:00 – 9:00 PM, at North Dykstra Funeral Home, 295 Douglas Ave, Holland, MI

**Funeral** is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8 at 4:30 PM at Central Wesleyan Church, 446 W 40th St, Holland, MI

If you would like to send cards or other items to the family, the address is:
14203 James Street, Holland, MI 49424

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**PARENT TO PARENT**

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- Ottawa County’s medication take back events on Saturday, October 26 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Go to the following link for locations and details: [https://michigan-open.org/](https://michigan-open.org/)

- Ottawa Food would like to help you connect with them. The following website: [OttawaFood.org](https://OttawaFood.org) can be accessed to find resources available within the county.

- There is a local family looking for respite care. It’s for a 36-year-old male in a wheelchair located in Zeeland. Time frame would be sometime between 7-9 AM on Mondays - Friday’s at the family’s home in Zeeland. The dad’s cell is 616-566-7137.