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Mission Statement: Inspiring and empowering learners to achieve a lifetime of success.
Vision Statement: Preparing students today for the challenges of tomorrow.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

The holiday season has quickly arrived and before we know it we will be ringing in 2016. We want to thank all of our families for their endless support and dedication to Ojibwa Elementary. This time of year always reminds us how lucky we are to work with you as we support your child's success.

We encourage our students to continue working on their math and reading skills outside of school. The IXL scores are impressive and it is evident that our students are working hard. Each month students are given celebratory tags in honor of their IXL scores. The top scoring students are recognized during a monthly tag assembly. It is a joy to see students applauding one another for their hard work and setting their own goals to continue sharpening their math skills.

During this month we have plenty of great activities planned to celebrate our students. Most of our holiday parties will take place on December 17th with the exception of 1st grade. They will host their party on December 18th. December 18th will also be our annual pajama day. This is always an exciting day for students as we say goodbye to 2015 and hello to 2016.

December 18th is not only pajama day but also our last day to say goodbye to Mr. Rose before he begins his retirement. Mr. Rose has been dedicated to Ojibwa since 2002. His leadership has been instrumental to the success of our school. Mr. Rose has always demonstrated a positive attitude and been student focused. Throughout the district he is well respected as a pillar of knowledge when it comes to students, staff and best practice. I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Rose during the past four months.

What will you miss the most about Mr. Rose? I will miss his sense of humor. No matter what the situation, Mr. Rose has the ability to find the bright side and make you smile. I will miss his wisdom. His experience as a teacher, counselor, assistant principal and principal have given Mr. Rose a wealth of knowledge that he is always willing to share with others. I will miss his Tuesday and Thursday morning announcements. His voice captivates the audience while making even the dreariest weather report sound interesting and promising. I will miss his presence. He is a symbol of wisdom and strength and a wonderful leader that I am lucky to call a friend. The one thing that I will miss the most about Mr. Rose is the fact that each time he walks down the hallway students yell out his name in excitement. Their excitement is an example of the same enthusiasm Mr. Rose demonstrates for his students and their success. His legacy will always remind us to focus on our students and their needs. Join me as I say goodbye to Mr. Rose and wish him a wonderful retirement. His memory will forever be etched in our hearts.

Have a wonderful holiday and a great 2016,

Marina Licari

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STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Thank you to all the families that contributed to the Student Council Canned Food Drive during the month of November. Together we can help alleviate hunger in Macomb County.

Thank you,
Student Council

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Jackets, hats, gloves or mittens and boots are essential during this time of year especially on the way to and from school. Dress your child in layers of clothes that can be removed if they get too warm. All students should wear warm clothing to school every day.

Outdoor exercise is good for children. They need the chance to run, jump and get exercise every day. Unless there is rain or severe weather, students will go outside during lunch time.

STUDENT COUNCIL 2015-16

Congratulations to the Student Council Officers for the current school year!

President: Kaylee Marsh
Vice President: Ava Plovie
Secretary: Zara Ridley
4th Grade Creative Director: Lauren Yang

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FUNDRAISER

We would like to thank all the families who sold Entertainment Books, as well as those who returned their books and money on time. We were able to raise almost $8,000 which will be used to offset the cost of field trips and grade level activities.

HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE UPDATE 2015

Ojibwa PTO will organize their annual Giving Tree program again this year to support our local community and provide holiday support to families in need. Look for more information in the weekly PTO Hoot Happening emails.

HOLIDAY CONCERT

Join Ojibwa's 3rd and 5th Graders for a Holiday Extravaganza on **Wednesday, December 9, at 7:00 PM** for parents, family and friends. Third and Fifth grade students are asked to wear white t-shirts, black pants and black shoes for the performances. If you don't have a pair of dark shoes, tennis shoes are fine.

Thank you for your cooperation. I look forward to seeing everyone at the concert.

Mr. Mallare

LANSING FIELD TRIP

The fourth grade classes made their annual journey to Lansing at the end of October. Word travels fast that this is a terrific field trip and there were many parents who were able to enjoy this learning experience with their child.

Students, teachers, and parents left Ojibwa at 8:45 a.m. and didn't arrive back at school until about 7:00 p.m. The day started at Impression 5 Science Center where the students were able to do some hands-on science activities and also attend an informative and fun workshop about electricity. From there the groups went on to the Michigan Historical Museum where students, parents AND teachers learned about events of Michigan's past and saw artifacts from those earlier eras. The last stop on this amazing day was at the capitol. Everyone was able to tour the capitol and marvel at its beauty and see where the business of the government takes place. Dinner was served on the bus and then we headed home. All in all, each group had a great time learning, sharing, and making life-long memories!

SAVE YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Media Center is collecting fronts of Christmas, birthday cards, etc. These will be made into bookmarks that the students can choose in the Media Center. When the cards are cut up, they are like a puzzle piece. The students love to choose their bookmarks and see what part of the puzzle they have. This activity also supports our Michigan Green School status as we are reusing the cards. Card donations can be sent to the Media Center.

JANUARY IS SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

January is School Board Appreciation Month. We would like to thank our wonderful board members for the important role they play in our district by supporting and leading our schools.

2015-2016 Lego Robotics' Team – Coaches: Mrs. Lewis & Mrs. Pittiglio

Kaiden Davis Galilea Flores Gavin Fuller Nick Henderson
Evan Johnston Madyson McInally Brayden Miller Helen-Rose Pangilinan
Sterling Primeau Connor Rogus Auston Shafer Joshua Sosnowski

CHARACTER COUNTS

Character Counts December/January Jibber Jabber:

With the holidays fast approaching, what better time to recognize some students who are a "gift" to the Ojibwa community. Read on to hear about six of Ojibwa's finest characters!

This month, we are starting at the top with our 5th grade nominee, ***Angelia Deska***. Mrs. Blake said Angelia is a wonderful student to have in class. She walks into the classroom with a smile on her face every day and is respectful to the students and staff at Ojibwa. Angelia is very responsible by demonstrating her best effort in all of her work, and Mrs. Blake knows she can count on Angelia's help to get any job done. Keep it up, Angelia!

Mrs. Kimmel has recognized ***Ava Smith*** as 4th grade's model student. She describes Ava as a lovely young lady who shows kindness wherever she goes. Although Ava is a quiet girl, Mrs. Kimmel guarantees her hard work is not going unnoticed. Ava rarely complains and works well with others, and those two character traits alone make Mrs. Kimmel very happy to have Ava in her classroom this year.

Connor Castelli is making Mrs. Thorpe very proud! He follows the classroom and school "Hoots" each and every day. Connor is also very responsible by taking his time when completing his school work. Mrs. Thorpe appreciates Connor's kind, considerate nature and the way he shows respect toward others on a daily basis. Connor clearly deserves recognition for being a positive role model in 3rd grade.

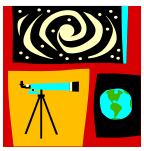
Payton Richardson is 2nd grade's *Character Counts* representative because she is setting a good example in so many ways. Mrs. Matway nominated Payton for being kind and respectful to ALL students. She also said Payton is an enthusiastic leaner who tries her best every day. In addition, Payton stays organized and takes great care in completing her assignments. Mrs. Matway says Payton is cooperative with the teachers and other adults at Ojibwa, and she never has to ask her twice to do anything. Payton exemplifies what it means to follow the "Three Hoots"!

This month's top character in 1st grade is ***Joseph Sand***! Joseph is an outstanding student and a leader in Mrs. Geck's 1st grade classroom. He displays an enthusiastic, positive attitude toward each new learning activity. He is always patient and willing to help others. Joe works hard and strives to perform at his highest potential. He is responsible by completing his assignments with care, turning in his work on time, and reading nightly. Mrs. Geck is extremely proud of the success Joe is experiencing and the model student he is becoming in their classroom.

Last, but certainly not least, we announce ***Alaina Grant*** as kindergarten's shining star! Since the first day of school Alaina has demonstrated respect and cooperation in Ms. Munaco's classroom. When her teacher is talking, Alaina makes sure her eyes are looking forward and she has her listening ears tuned in. Ms. Munaco applauds Alaina for showing cooperation by taking turns, listening to others, and working through problems, especially during creative play and recess. Alaina's warm heart and genuine kindness make her a true pleasure to have in class.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Congratulations to the following fourth and fifth grade students who have been selected to represent Ojibwa at this year's Science Olympiad tournaments!



Nadia Bednar	Marc Bienkowski	Sophia Casasanta	Hayes Clayton
Simon Davis	Rachel Jimenez	Sefin Sinjari	Ariana Widmer
Joe Buk	Anthony Henderson	Mackenzie Koehn	Zachary Kowalski
Kaylee Marsh	Brayden Miller	Olivia Wheeler	Luke Zieleniewski

IXL WINNERS –NOVEMBER 2015

Congratulations to our IXL Tag winners last month! These students have worked hard to practice and master math skills. Each month students will be rewarded for mastering grade level skills (Skills Mastered) within the IXL program. The top 12 (twelve) students who mastered grade level skills will be rewarded a tag. We would like to encourage every student to practice these math skills and become a Math Master!

KINDERGARTEN

Emerald:	Gold:	Silver:	Bronze:
Elizabeth Huyghe	Austin Krebs	Ava Wheeler	Jackson Bendler
	Nico Moustakas	Madeline Davis	Nicholas Sehnert
	Wesley LaFever	Adria Trumper	Gabriella Wood

1ST GRADE

Emerald:	Gold:	Silver:	Bronze:
Brayden Krebs	Nathan Copek	Timothy Moustakas	Carson Reiss
	Addison Archibald	Jacob Kmiec	Andrew Menefee
	Bradley Davis	Alex Wisniewski	Skylynn Geml
	Raelynne Davis		Ava Fisher

2ND GRADE

Emerald:	Gold:	Silver:	Bronze:
Oliver Zielinski	Sebastian Jundy	Lance Lane	Ella Pihalja
	Matthew Sehnert	Tam Tran	Gracelynn Vazana
	Austin Aranowski	Oliver Davis	Liyah Medina
			Anthony Gergely

3RD GRADE

Emerald:	Gold:	Silver:	Bronze:
Justin Lee	Tyler Krebs	Jack Aranowski	Johanna Glinz
	Kate Andrus	Anthony Dang	Alyssa Williams
	Ian Flechsig	Owen Sulik	Emma Hutchins

4TH GRADE

Emerald:	Gold:	Silver:	Bronze:
Simon Davis	Sarah Myziuk	Jordyn Carter	Keegan Amex
	Austin Collier	Devyn Teepler	Julia Rutkowski
			Marc Bienkowski
			Emily Brown

5TH GRADE

Emerald:	Gold:	Silver:	Bronze:
Ethan Ostrowski	Evan Sokolowski	Joseph Biondo	Connor Flynn
	Zachary Veal	John St. Pierre	Dondre Penn
	Noel Crossley	Brooklyn Plitz	Noah Genna

DECEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Report Cards Go Home Today	2 Student Council Meeting @ 8:05 AM Conferences (Evening Only)	3 1/2 Day School Dismissal @ 11:42AM *No School for ECSE* Conferences (Afternoon & Evening)	4 1/2 Day School Dismissal @ 11:42AM *No School for ECSE*	5
6	7	8	9 Early Release Day Students Dismissed at 2:18 PM Holiday Concert 7:00 – 8:00 PM	10	11 PTO Pancakes with Santa 5:30 – 8:00pm	12
13	14	15	16 Bi Lingual Book Fair	17 Classroom Holiday Parties	18 All School Christmas Sing-A-Long Holiday Break Starts @ End Of Day	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1	Jan 2

PTO Book Fair

PTO Santa Shop

NO SCHOOL - HAPPY HOLIDAYS !

CLASSES RESUME ON JANUARY 4, 2016

January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4 **Classes Resume**	5	6 Student Council Meeting @ 7:55 AM 	7 PTO Meeting 7:00 pm 	8 Bright Smiles Traveling Dentist 	9
10	11	12	13 Fitness Night 7:00 – 8:30 pm	14	15 A/R Cut-Off Bagel Day	16
17	18 **No School** - Teacher Professional Development Day ********** Martin Luther King Day 	19	20 Early Release Day Dismissal 2:18 pm	21	22 Progress Reports Go Home Today **********	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Donut Day 5th Grade Winter Birthday's Celebration 	30

Star Lab during Science Specials All Week

Star Lab during Science Specials All Week

CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOLS
COMMUNITY / DISTRICT CALENDAR
2015-2016

Refer to the district website for a complete listing which includes Middle School / High School Dates.
http://www.chippewavalleyschools.org/our-district/calendar/

December 2	Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences – Evening Only Elementary Students Attend All Day
December 3	Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences PM and Evening Conferences Elementary Students Attend in the AM Only
December 4	Elementary Students Attend in the AM only
December 9	Early Release Day – All Students
December 18	Holiday Break Starts at the End of the Day
January 4	Classes Resume
January 18	Martin Luther King Birthday – No School - All Students Teacher Professional Development Day
January 20	Early Release Day – All Students
February 12	Mid-Winter Break at the End of the Day
February 22	Classes Resume
February 24	Early Release Day – All Students
March 4	End of the Second Trimester - Elementary
March 9	Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences – Evening only Elementary Students attend All Day
March 10	Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences – PM/Evening Elementary Students attend in the AM only
March 11	Elementary Students in AM only
March 25	No School – All Students
April 1	Spring Break Begins at the End of the Day
April 11	Classes Resume
May 27	All Students - 1/2 Day -Teacher Professional Development Day – PM
May 30	Memorial Day – No School – All Students
June 14	Students Attend in the AM Only
June 15	Last Day of School for Students Students Attend in the AM Only End of 3rd Trimester – Elementary