



Ottawa Hills Elementary School

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Dear Green Bear Families:

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I hope your Green Bear is enjoying the summer and ready to learn and have some fun! If your Green Bear is nervous to begin the school year, please know that the end-of-summer “jitters” are normal and our staff will be here every step of the way.

At OHES, we strive for an atmosphere of academic excellence by working together with our families and students. As your principal, I aim to build supportive relationships and positive morale among our students, families, and staff. My door will always be open to you.

We had some changes and new additions to our staff...

Bethany Brooke is moving from Kindergarten to 2nd Grade

Ali Packo is moving from Math Intervention to 5th Grade

Angela Parker is moving from 2nd Grade to 6th Grade

Jeanie Hardman is moving from OHHS Office Secretary to OHES Office Secretary

Wendi Danzeisen will be co-teaching Kindergarten with Amy Wolff

Stacy Richards will be coming over from OHHS to teach Kindergarten Physical Education

From one Green Bear to another ... let's make it a great day at OHES! I welcome your feedback and encourage your participation in our school. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me at 419-536-8329 or jbauer@ohschools.org. I look forward to a safe and successful school year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeremy Bauer
Principal



What will you see in the coming weeks?



1

You will be receiving my weekly *Green Bear Bulletin* containing a video message, important dates, and snapshots of learning.

2

You will see me out front before and after school greeting and fist-bumping students. Arrival and dismissal are two of the most important parts of my day.

3

Your Green Bears will see me daily at recess and lunch. They will find that I am quite skilled at GaGa Ball and Four Square, but I need to work on my hopscotch technique.

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Your Green Bears will see me walking through their classrooms daily and, if I'm invited, they may hear me play a few songs on my guitar or see my origami skills in action.

5

Ottawa Hills Elementary School will continue to shine in **BIG** ways this year! Working together we will:

Build positive communication and relationships among students, families, and staff

Improve student academic performance through data-based decision-making

Gain more school spirit through new and exciting activities and programs



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Getting ready: Frequently Asked Questions

How and when do I find out my child's homeroom teacher?

Starting on Aug. 9, you will be able to login to your child's PowerSchool account to obtain your child's homeroom assignment. Whether you are a new family or a returning family, EVERY parent must update their child's school information. To do this, please visit www.ohschools.org, click on PARENTS (MYOH) and scroll down to the PowerSchool tab where you will create an account or update your existing account. Please have this completed prior to Aug. 14, 2023. Due to confidentiality and privacy laws under FERPA (The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act), we do not post class lists on the exterior doors.

Is there an Open House this year?

Yes! We are happy to announce that we are hosting an Open House for our families the evening of Monday, Aug. 14. Your child can bring his/her school supplies to school that evening. The supply lists can be found at www.ohschools.org under the **PARENTS (MYOH)** tab. To help with parking and to minimize crowds inside the school, we have established two 45 minutes waves according to the first letter of your last name:

Last names A-J: 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Last names K-Z: 6:15-7:00 p.m.

When is the first day of school and is there a staggered start?

School begins on **Tuesday, Aug. 15** for ALL students in grades 1-6. However, **kindergarteners will have a staggered start** and will attend school (based on last name) on either Tuesday, Aug. 15, Wednesday, Aug. 16, **OR** Thursday, Aug. 17. The first full day of school for ALL kindergartners will be Friday, Aug. 18. We look forward to seeing our 1st-6th grade Green Bears on Aug. 15, and we are excited to welcome our kindergarteners on the staggered start days below:

Kindergarteners with last names A-E: Tuesday, Aug. 15

Kindergarteners with last names F-M: Wednesday, Aug. 16

Kindergarteners with last names N-Z: Thursday, Aug. 17

***All Kindergarten students will be in session together starting Friday, Aug. 18.**

Frequently Asked Questions continued...

What if my child is absent?

If your child is absent, please email ohesattendance@ohschools.org. In accordance with state mandates, parents must notify the school of their child's absence each day by 8:00 a.m. on the day of the absence. If the school is not contacted of the child's absence within the first hour of school, the parent/guardian will be notified via our automated messaging system.

My child takes medication. What steps should I follow?

- **All Medication can be dropped off to the main office and checked in by our school nurse and/or office personnel Aug. 7-11 between 8:30-2:30 p.m. If you can not make this time work, please contact our office at 419-536-8329 ext. 2004 to schedule a different day/time.**
- Please complete the **Request for Administering Medication to Students form** which can be found at www.ohschools.org under the **Health Services** section.
- Kindergarten students must have immunization/dental records on file prior to Aug. 15.
- For questions about medication and/or other health related matters, please email our School Nurse, Laura Baird, at lbaird@ohschools.org.

What are my school fees and how do I pay them?

School fees vary by grade level and activities, and must be paid online by visiting www.ohschools.org. To see the fee schedule, click on the **PARENTS (MYOH)** and click on the **Academic Fees** tab. To pay your fees, click on **PARENTS (MYOH)** then **Online Payments**. **We will NOT be collecting fees at Open House.**

Is there an after-school program?

The YMCA of Greater Toledo offers an After-School Child Care Program inside the Elementary School. The program follows the Elementary School building calendar and is open 2:45- 6:00 p.m.; it offers full-time and part-time options for families. The program's first day is Tuesday, Aug. 15. If you have questions, please contact Brooke Bearley at bbearley@ymcatoledo.org or 419-535-2999.

How do I get calendar updates from the school and district?

In order to receive communication from the school, you will need to visit www.ohschools.org to select your email preferences. Please go to the district webpage, select **News & Resources** and click on **OH Connections**. For calendar updates, please visit <https://ohes.ohschools.org/calendars>.

Is there a lunch program?

We do not have a traditional lunch program. Instead, our Ottawa Hills Schools Parent Association (OHSPA) contracts with outside vendors and catering companies. The online OHSPA lunch program will not start until after Labor Day so students should plan on packing their lunch until OHSPA releases the menu and sign-up information. To stay up-to-date on OHSPA meetings, events, and the hot lunch program, please visit <https://ohspa.membershiptoolkit.com>.

Frequently Asked Questions continued...

What time is school in session?

DAILY SCHEDULE	
8:00 a.m.	Doors open
8:10 a.m.	Classes begin
2:45 p.m.	*Kindergarteners & Loading Den Students Dismissed
2:50 p.m.	All Walkers (Grades 1-6) Dismissed

*Please note—we dismiss our Kindergarten students from the Wondry side door #18 prior to the older students.

What time is lunch and recess?

GRADE LEVEL	LUNCH	RECESS
1st & 3rd Grade	10:35-11:00 a.m.	11:00-11:25 a.m.
5th & 6th Grade	11:05-11:30 a.m.	11:30-11:55 a.m.
2nd & 4th Grade	11:35-12:00 p.m.	12:00-12:25 p.m.
Kindergarten	12:05-12:30 p.m.	12:30-12:55 p.m.

What is the process for dropping off and/or picking up my child at school? Please refer to *The Circle* diagram below:

