



PTA Pulse

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Upcoming Dates:

- Dec 10— Popcorn Day
- Dec 13—Square One Art Orders Distributed
- Dec 17—Carol Sing, 3:00
- Dec 20-Jan 2—Holiday Break
- Jan 13—Family Art Night
- Jan 24—PTA Meeting, 6:30



Don't forget to check out the handy calendar on the last page of this newsletter!

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Greetings –

As we start the holiday season, I wanted to take a moment to thank all the parent volunteers who help make Lakewood a great place for our children. Whether you volunteer in the classroom, volunteer to chair or work on a PTA committee, make donations or take the time out of your busy schedule to come to meetings, Thank You! I appreciate your time, effort and willingness to help.

A note from the PTA President...



I would also like to thank the teachers and staff who teach, guide and mentor our children on their educational journey. We (and our children) are very fortunate to have them. Thank You!

I also wanted to pass along a Thank You note from Marc & Betsy Dozeman, the parents of Billy Dozeman who is the soldier in Afghanistan that will receive (along with his unit) the 194 pillows that were decorated by the students of Lakewood during Operation Pillow Talk. They will also receive the cards that were made and three huge boxes of needed items and goodies.

Dear Lakewood School,

Thank you so much for all the wonderful pillows and cards you decorated. Billy's troop will be thrilled with the pillows and they love mail from kids. Thank you for supporting our troops!

Betsy & Marc Dozeman

The generosity and compassion of the Lakewood community has inspired two other schools (Woodside and Holland East) to take part in Operation Pillow Talk as well. Thank You Lakewood for sending a little bit of home to our troops in Afghanistan!

I hope you all have a safe, healthy and enjoyable holiday season!

Shannon Erickson

Are You "In-the-know?"
Stay up-to-date, find important information, get the scoop at Lakewood's website:



www.westottawa.k12.mi.us/schools/lakewoodelementary/pta/



Next PTA Meeting
Monday, January 24, 2011
6:30 PM, school library

Topic: Health & Nutrition for Kids (& Adults!)

Free childcare available



The **Student Council** will be hosting an **Angel Tree** again this year.

This is a great opportunity to make the season bright for a less fortunate child in the Holland area.



**Beginning Wednesday,
December 7, 2010**

With parental permission, students from Lakewood may take an "angel" off the Angel tree. Each slip is labeled with either "Boy" or "Girl" and an age. You can bring in a new unwrapped toy for your "angel" with the slip attached to Lakewood School's office by December 16th.

What a great way to show the TRUE spirit of Christmas!

Operation Pillow Talk

Thank you to everyone who participated in this wonderful Veteran's Day event.

The students decorated 194 pillows, made hundreds of thoughtful and inspiring cards and collected enough donations to fill 3 large boxes. Everything has been shipped to Billy Dozeman's troop in Afghanistan where they will be greatly appreciated.

My family can't thank Lakewood School enough. It's an unbelievable feeling when your community supports your own child.

Betsy & Marc Dozeman

The West MI Military Support group is looking for more West Michigan soldiers to send donations to. If parents know someone they can contact Rena Guttrich at 616-554-3989.



Lakewood Gear For Sale

- 1-black t-shirt (adult small) - \$10
- 1-lime t-shirt (adult medium) - \$10
- 1-lime t-shirt (adult small) - \$10
- 3-lime t-shirts (youth small) - \$10
- 1-black t-shirt (youth small) - \$10
- 1-black t-shirt (youth medium) - \$10
- 1-white sweatshirt (youth small) - \$18

If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, please contact:

Shannon Zimmer

616-786-3232

Shannon1987@charter.net

There are still several unclaimed orders—if you ordered gear at the start of the school year and have not received your items, please see the front office.



Earn Cash for Our School!

Remember to keep clipping those Box Tops! Each one earns 10 cents for our school—every one makes a difference!

Monthly classroom competitions continue...see poster on "PTA Cave" door for latest results.

See General Mills website for a complete list as well as other great ways to earn money for Lakewood at www.boxtops4education.com

SQUARE ONE ART

Lakewood has a lot of budding artist! All the kids did such a great job on their artwork.

Your orders have been placed with Square One and products will be delivered to Lakewood by December 13th. Thank you to everyone who participated.



Questions? Contact
Carrie Dummer
at dummer@hope.edu



Congratulations to the prize winners for the fall fundraiser!

Peyton Keely was the Top Seller - he sold \$405.00 and earned a 20" Bike!

Raffle Winners

Ben Metcalf- Fuzion Scooter

Tyler Pilger- "Night Out at the Movies Gift Card"

Anthony Taylor- 4 in 1 Digital Camera

Jacob Un- Custom Fathead

Ms Jawahir was the top selling classroom with \$1253.50 in sales!



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FOR BULLYING PREVENTION AND CHILD SAFETY, THE BEST IDEAS DON'T COME IN A CAN. THEY COME FROM PTA.

Michigan PTSA and Grand Rapids Public Schools present a

Parent/Family Engagement Seminar

Empower - Inspire - Educate

Saturday, December 4
Gerald R. Ford Middle School

Watch for additional Parent/Family Engagement events in other regions in 2011.

Get ready for those New Year's Resolutions...

Here's a great opportunity to get fit, save money, and help the PTA!

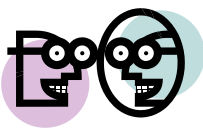
The FIT GROUP is the newest fitness spot in Holland. Located inside Westshore Mall, they offer affordable fitness classes without the burden of a gym membership.

Through the month on December, they are offering a special to the parents and friends of Lakewood Elementary. For \$50 you can purchase a 10-class punch card and get your 11th class free! The best part is that the FIT GROUP will donate \$25 back to our PTA!

The punch cards can be purchased at Tree Huggers, which is located across from the FIT GROUP inside Westshore Mall. Simply mention Lakewood Elementary when purchasing a card and a donation will be made on your behalf.

Please note that only cash or checks will be accepted when purchasing the punch card.

For class schedule information, please go to shopwestshoremall.com and click on News & Events.



Volunteering

Please fill out your Volunteer Profile form and turn it into the office. This needs to be done before you can volunteer in the classroom or for a school event. Volunteering is a very important part of the success of Lakewood school. Please stop by the office and sign in and out each time you volunteer here. Thank you for all you do!!

"Rewards for Re-using" School Fundraiser!

Don't forget to take your used printer cartridges to the **Holland Cartridge World** on Riley & US31.

You will be able to purchase the ink cartridges that you need, and when you redeem the coupon, you will receive an extra \$1.00 off your purchase for each cartridge you buy. Cartridge World will then donate \$1.00 per cartridge you purchase back to our school!



Questions?
Call: 616.928.0966
or email: sales@cwwestmichigan.com

2010-2011 PTA Committee Chairpersons

Big Business	Brenda Marzynski/ Dawn Mazeikis/MaryAnne Unglenieks
Book Fair	Susan Bentz / Sarah Temple / Whitney Engle
Community Care – Keppel Park	Bruce Lane / MaryAnne Unglenieks/ _____
Community Garden	-----/-----
Cub Scouts Pack 3049	Matt Hemmelgarn
Donut Daze	Jen Linart
Fall Fundraiser	Vicki Corneanu/Whitney Engle
Family Nights	Jean Ramirez / _____
Halloween Parade	Shannon Erickson/_____
Helmet Sale	Cristy LaDuke / Jill Gawlik
Hiking Club	Yvonne Johnson
Kindergarten Liaison	Yvonne Johnson
Open House	Amy Karp / Mindy Prins
Popcorn Days	Debbie Warsaw / Tammy Hartman
PTA “Cave” Managers	Becky Karner/Laura Pohl
PTA Handbook/Directory	Wendy Biedenbach/Lisa Drost
Publishing Center	Karrie Hendrick /Anne Snider/Sarah Temple
Reach Out	Kelly Panse / Becky Karner
Science Night/Art Night	Lisa Drost
Spring Walkathon	Heather Wolterink/Sarah Temple/Stacie Hoey
Spring Bazaar	Angie Servis/Carmala Goddard/_____
Square One Art	Carrie Dummer
Staff Appreciation	Cathy Blackburn/_____
Take Your Family To School Week	Denise Radakovitz /Carmala Goddard
T-Shirts Sale	Shannon Zimmer
Tulip Time Props	Dawnel Antrup
Volunteer Coordinators	Karrie Hendrick /Yvonne Johnson
Web Site	Shannon Erickson



There are still a few open chair positions for this school year, please let one of the board members know if you are interested in co-chairing a committee.

Also, if you know you are interested in chairing a committee for the 2011-2012 school year, it's never too early to sign up!

Thank you to all of our volunteers—it wouldn't be possible without you!

Don't delay...become a PTA Member today!



PTA®: HELPING CHILDREN ACHIEVE

The Importance of Involvement

Research shows that students do better when their families are involved both at home and at school. Grades are higher. Test scores rise. Self-esteem grows. Schools improve.

PTA has been connecting parents to their children's education for more than 100 years. It is the defining organization for parent involvement. See what it can do for you.

5 Great Reasons to Be Part of PTA

1. **Be in the know.** PTA helps you keep up with what's happening in your school and how you can support your child's education.
2. **Access great resources.** PTA provides information on topics ranging from homework help to bullying prevention to media safety to child health and more.
3. **Build relationships.** PTA connects you to other families through meetings, events, and communications, and helps build a sense of community.
4. **Hone your skills.** PTA offers opportunities for you to use your talents to benefit children and the school. PTA can help you expand your skills too.
5. **Speak up.** PTA can be a way to more effectively suggest changes at your child's school and in your community, and to be involved in making them happen.

PTA Member Benefits

As part of PTA's national network of families, educators, and leaders, PTA members receive many great benefits:

- A monthly e-newsletter addressing parenting issues
- Special offers and discounts from PTA's corporate supporters (go to PTA.org/Benefits for details)
- Leadership training through conferences, workshops, and free e-learning courses
- Discounted rates for PTA conventions and on subscriptions to PTA's *Our Children* magazine
- PTA Takes Action Network, with updates on legislative issues affecting children, families, and schools, as well as alerts that give you an opportunity to weigh in on key federal policy issues with your members of Congress

Team Up with PTA

Everyone is invited to join PTA: moms, dads, teachers, principals, students, aunts, uncles, grandparents, caregivers, businesspeople, advocates, community members.

To join, or to learn more:

Visit PTA.org/Join
Call (800) 307-4PTA (4782)
Contact your local PTA

ABOUT PTA

The National Parent Teacher Association® (PTA®) comprises millions of families, students, teachers, administrators, and business and community leaders devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of family engagement in schools. PTA is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit association that prides itself on being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education. Membership in PTA is open to anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference for the education, health, and welfare of children and youth.



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Membership for the Lakewood Elementary PTA is \$5 per person. Membership forms are available in the front office. Please consider becoming a member today.

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Lakewood Elementary PTA



Lakewood Elementary PTA is excited to announce a new way for you to support us while reaping substantial benefits for your family.

Support us by visiting
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Sign in to CashBack4Kids.com
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LakewoodPTA

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Budget

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DEPOT

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TARGET



Lakewood Elementary
Calendar of Events

December 2010

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19	20 Holiday Break Starts See you next year!	21	22	23	24	25 
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