

West Ottawa Public Schools

Waukazoo Elementary

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, a partnership of students, teachers, parents and community, challenging and engaging all of its members to learn and succeed in a diverse world.

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School Hours:

AM Kindergarten 8:50-11:59 a.m.

Grades 1-5: 8:50 a.m. - 3:53 p.m

PM Kindergarten 12:44-3:53 p.m.

VIEW THE Panther Prints online at www.westottawa.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon., Jan. 16	- 6-7 p.m. PTA mtg.
Tues., Jan. 17	- 7-9 p.m. Celebrate Calm (see page 3)
Thurs., Jan. 19	- KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP (see pg. 2)
Fri., Jan. 20	- Elementary Basketball Night (see page 3)
Sat., Jan. 21	- 9 a.m.—Noon Girls on the Run Registration and Shoe Fitting (see pg 2)
Wed., Jan. 25	- 4th gd Buffalo Wild Wings
Thurs., Jan. 26	- 1/2 day of school (DISMISSAL IS AT 12:07) (no p.m. Kindergarten)
Fri., Jan. 27	- NO SCHOOL
Mon., Jan. 30	- OCHD Hearing for grades K, 2 & 4
Tues., Jan. 31	- OCHD Vision for grades 1, 3 & 5
Sat., Feb. 11	- 8:30-10:00 a.m. Walk for Warmth—100 Pine St., Zeeland

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Dear Families,

Happy New Year! I hope this newsletter finds you and your family healthy and enjoying the new fallen snow.

January 23-25 will be Waukazoo's second round of benchmark testing to ensure all of our students are progressing, in the area of reading, as we expect them too. We are excited to discover how much each child has grown since we first tested them in the fall. When test results are gathered and analyzed, we establish which students are not progressing at the expected level. We are then able to analyze specific areas of need and provide interventions for identified students through our RtI (Response To Intervention) process. These processes assist us in ensuring that each child is getting what they need academically to be successful readers!

Please continue to communicate with your child's teacher as concerns or questions arise! Communication regarding academics, as well as social and emotional concerns, is key to your child's success. I appreciate all that you do to help your child grow! Take time to enjoy the beautiful snow with your family this weekend!

Sincerely,

Ami L. Taylor

SAVE THE DATE!!

Kindergarten Roundup
is Thursday, Jan. 19 at
6:00 p.m.





Girls on the Run!

Girls on the Run is an after-school program for third, fourth, and fifth grade girls. Participants spend 10 weeks working with certified, volunteer coaches developing their running, social, and personal skills. Lessons emphasize healthy fun through activities that promote character building, and is based on a whole-person concept.

They stress the importance of developing the emotional, mental, social, and physical aspects of the individual. Girls meet two times a week at school for 1½ hours from the first week in March through May, ending with a 5K Fun Run. Coaches are needed for our Tuesday/Thursday practice days!

**Registration and Shoe Fitting Open Houses
in Holland Saturday, January 21
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Center for Women in Transition
411 Butternut Drive**

Flyers with all of the information for this program were sent home previously. Additional flyers are available in the school office. Dates and times for more open houses are listed on the flyer or visit their website at www.gotroac.org. Registration cost is approximately \$120 per girl. Payment plans are available.

Waukazoo's next newsletter will be Friday, January 25, 2012. You can find the newsletter online at www.westottawa.net

MANNERS CORNER—Manners For Every Kid

WEEK 8 —

“When you have spent time at your friend’s house, remember to thank his or her parents for having you over and for the good time you had.”



March 2011/Parents Magazine by David Lowry, Ph.D.

Links from the Library By Miss Marco, Library Media Specialist

3rd Grade update: 3rd graders have come up with an outline for a Fable story. After creating this outline, they are making pictures in Tux Paint to go with their story. These pictures are then being imported into a presentation program called Photostory where the text for each picture is added in order to tell a *digital* story. Once all pictures and text are completed, we will be recording our voices to go with each page/picture!!

Change Your World @ Your Library!

WEST OTTAWA PUBLIC SCHOOLS PRESENTS: KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

Premiering January 19, 2012

@6:00pm at your neighborhood
West Ottawa Elementary School

Featuring:

- All Day Kindergarten
- Half Day Kindergarten
- All Day Young Kindergarten
- Half Day Young Kindergarten
- All Day Kindergarten Spanish Immersion
- All Day Kindergarten Montessori
- International Baccalaureate (IB)



*Please bring a certified copy of a birth certificate, immunization records, and 2 proofs of residency

*ENROLLMENT PACKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW AT YOUR LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



GREAT LAKES ELEMENTARY
 LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY
 NORTH HOLLAND / SHELDON WOODS
 WAUKAZOO

**Elementary Basketball Night
 @ the Varsity Games**

Friday, January 20th, 2012

6:00pm

(Girls Play @ 6pm, then the Boys game starts about 7:30pm)

West Ottawa High School – North Bldg.



RESERVED END ZONE SEATING !!!



FREE ADMISSION FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED
 ELEMENTARY STUDENTS !!! (Adults: \$5.00 at the door)



SCHOOL RECOGNITION DURING THE GAME !!!!!



FREE POPCORN FOR STUDENTS !!!!!!!

STUDENTS ONLY NEED TO BRING THIS FLYER TO
 THE GAME FOR FREE ADMISSION

FOOD SERVICE JANUARY SPECIAL

Just wanted to remind you that we are running our semester special Jan 10 through Jan 27. If you purchase the second half of the year lunches, you will get one free weeks worth of lunches. Contact our office at 616-786-2100 if you would like to purchase this special offer. The following is the price information based on grade levels:

Full-Pay Meals

Elementary = \$184.80
 Middle School = \$202.40
 High School = \$224.40

Reduced Priced Meals

All Schools: = \$35.20

Waukazoo Kids Rock at the Elks Free Throw Contest Once again.

Wow was I proud to be a part of Waukazoo last Saturday. I would say that at least a quarter of the kids that competed in the area free throw shooting contest (Holland, Zeeland, West Ottawa) were Waukazoo kids. It was amazing!

Speaking of amazing, several of our kids took first or second place in the contest and won a trophy. Blake Racelis, Jadon Mayons, Maddie Plummer, Maggie Wehrmeyer, and Grace Pedersen all walked out of there with either first or second place trophies in their age division. Many others were right behind them. It was great.

Congratulations to all of you Waukazoo basketballers who were brave enough to go and give it a shot. We salute YOU!

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CelebrateCalm.com



Stop Defiance, Sibling Fights & Video Games Featuring America's Calm Coach, Kirk Martin, and his son, Casey.

It's like nothing you've ever experienced!

Watch the video at
www.CelebrateCalm.com

Create a stress-free home and classroom. Kirk will show you how to:

- Develop motivated, responsible children.
- Relieve anxiety, sensory issues and sibling fights.
- Improve focus, attention, and behavior in school.
- Eliminate defiance, disrespect, and power struggles.
- Create stress-free mornings, homework time and bedtime.

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Midtown Center
96 West 15th Street / Holland, MI 49423

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

9:30am – 11:30am

Fellowship Reformed Church
300 N. 168th Ave. / Holland, MI 49424
Workshop content from CalmChristianParenting.com

The workshops are graciously sponsored by the Fellowship Reformed Church.

For more information, contact us at 888-506-1871 or Brett@CelebrateCalm.com

Who should attend the workshop?

- Moms, Dads, and grandparents.
- Guidance Counselors, Special Ed teachers and all educators.
- Childcare providers and professionals.

Take 45 seconds to change your kids and community:

- Bring lots of friends to this FREE Event. There is no need to register.
- Promote the workshop via email, Facebook and Listserv.
- Invite your school, PTA/PTO and community organizations to attend.

Celebrate Calm, LLC | 170 E. Main Street, Suite D | PMB 110 | Nashville, TN 37075 | 888-506-1871 | www.CelebrateCalm.com



alk For Warmth

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012

8:30-10:00 a.m.

City on a Hill

100 Pine St., Zeeland

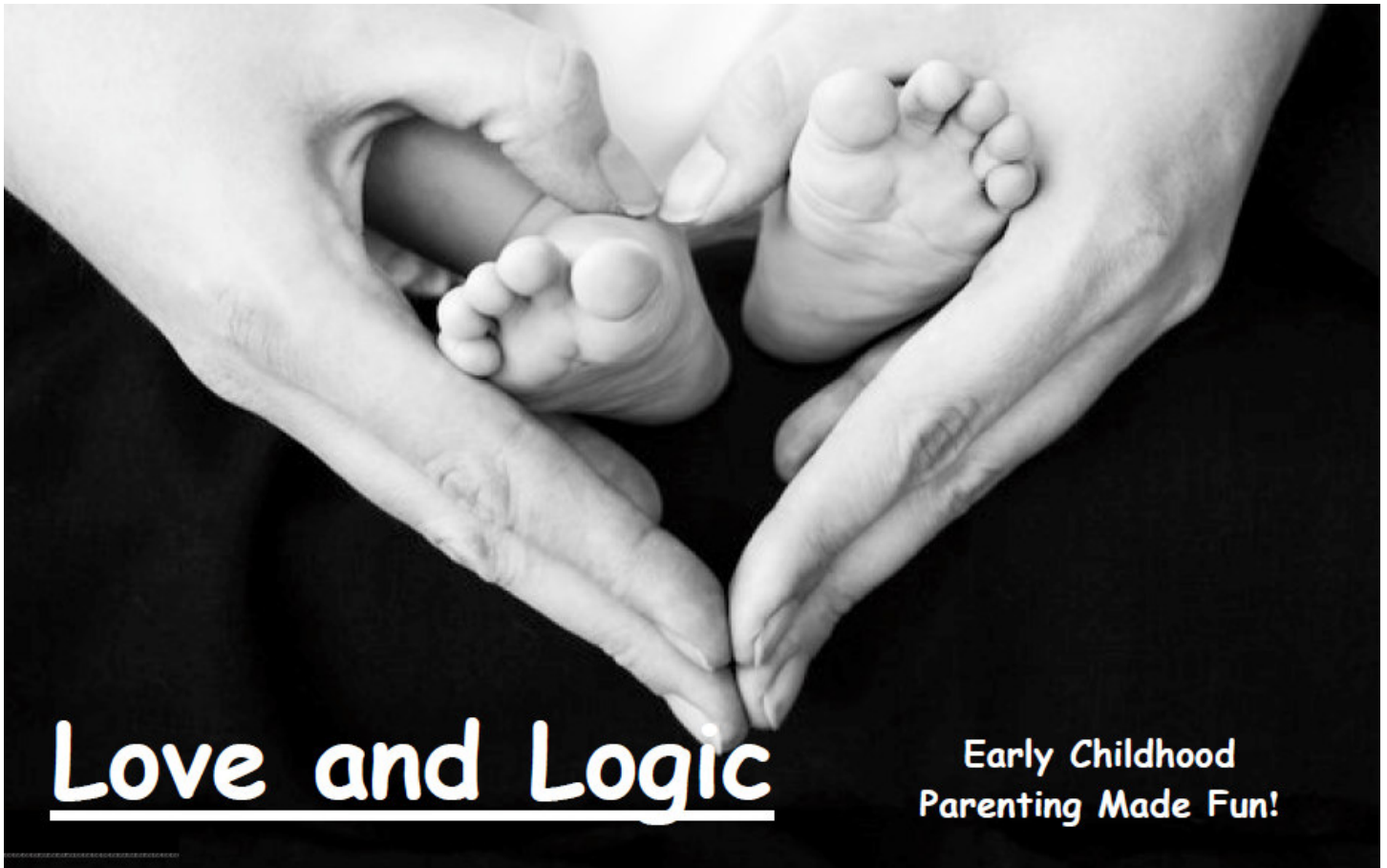
8:30 am: registration/coffee/donuts

8:45 am: elected officials speak

9:00 am: featured speaker, Alan Scaborn, from Winning at Home

9:15 am: 2 mile stroll around downtown Zeeland





Love and Logic

**Early Childhood
Parenting Made Fun!**

Presented by Veronica Pechumer, Parent Educator

This is a program that focuses on the needs of parents with children ages birth to 6 years of age. Parents learn how to establish healthy parental control without resorting to anger, threats, nagging, or power struggles, and ways to teach children to be responsible while gaining the confidence they need to meet life's challenges.

This class is a 5-week commitment scheduled every Thursday from
February 16th- March 15th
from 6:00-7:30 PM

Life Services Parent Center/Home of Deanna's Playhouse
11172 Adams, Holland MI

This class is \$25 per couple

Childcare is provided but space is limited so please sign up early!

**If you are interested in attending these classes,
please call 616-396-7566 ext 111**



Waukazoo Elementary Fundraiser

**A great cause
and some great food**



All friends, family and supporters of [Waukazoo Elementary](#) are invited to participate in their fundraising event on **Wednesday, January 25, 2012**

Everyone is invited to gather at Buffalo Wild Wings in Holland (2899 West Shore Drive) for lunch, dinner, or a snack. On this day, 20% of purchases* accompanied by the certificate below will be donated to the

Waukazoo Elementary.

**Waukazoo Elementary Fundraiser
Wednesday, January 25, 2012**

Present this certificate to your server at the time of your order and 20% of your purchases* will go to support the **Waukazoo Elementary.**



*Valid towards Dine-In and Carry-Out. Not valid towards gift card purchases.

Only valid at 2899 West Shore Drive, Holland, MI (616) 399-9461