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Great Expectations!*

West Ottawa Public Schools

Great Lakes

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Great Lakes PTO

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and bookmark it today!!!

Dear Families,

I wanted to take a moment to share with you an upcoming event that will be taking place at Great Lakes later this month. On February 23rd, Great Lakes Elementary will be hosting Family Science Night! Our very own Mr. Andrews, Mrs. Lindstrom, and Mr. Wilson have been working with our PTO to make sure this night comes together and is a huge success.

The plan for this event is to offer an opportunity for the Great Lakes community to come together, have some fun, and learn more about science. It is important for your child to continue to make the connection that learning does not only occur during the regular school day. This night will be a chance for them to make that connection. We are happy to report we are partnering with The Outdoor Discovery Center and two different science departments at Hope College to put on a night of science fun for all.

Famous American Poet Ralph Wald Emerson said that "men love to wonder, and that is the seed of science." I am hoping that you will mark February 23rd at 6:30 on your calendar so we can do some wondering together.

Thanks,

Mr. Stefanich

February 3, 2012

IB Mission Statement

Great Lakes Elementary

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

Important Dates

February 8– Student Count Day for the State of MI

February 9– Daddy & Daughter Dance at High School (South) 6:30-8 pm

February 10– Wear a Hat to school. Donate \$1 to "Hats for a Cure"

February 20– PTO Meeting 6 P.M.

February 23– Family Science Night 6:30-8 p.m.

February 29– Late Start Day
School starts at 10:20 A.M.
No A.M. Kinder Classes

SCHOOLS OF CHOICE AND NON-RESIDENT APPLICATIONS FOR 2012-2013

Internal schools of choice:

Elementary and middle school renewal forms will be mailed January 23.

Kindergarten applications are part of the Kindergarten Round Up packet.

New applications will be available February 1 at all West Ottawa schools and online at www.westottawa.net

To assist us in planning for the 2012-2013 school year, renewal forms and applications are due by March 1.

Non-resident applications must be completed each year and will be available February 1 at all West Ottawa schools and online at www.westottawa.net.

Pink Out 2012

FEBRUARY 10

COME TO WEST OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL

Pre-Game starts @ 5

Girls Varsity basketball game starts @ 6

Boys Varsity basketball game starts immediately after girls game

Approximately 730

Where?

WOHS: North Building (North Gym)
3685 Butternut Drive, Holland, MI 49424
Phone: (616) 994.5000

Why come?

You will be supporting cancer research and all proceeds go to Van Andel Cancer Research Institute

Where to park?

North building off 152nd street. (Make sure you go to the North building not South)

Cost?

Adults: \$5/each Students: \$3/each Children 5 & Under: FREE

Pre-Game: \$7/person

What's the Pre-Game?

Games, prizes, food from Qdoba, Hog Wild, Dairy Queen & Lance Armstrong's bike will be there, take pictures and ride!

YOU can help support!

Want to buy a shirt?

Go to this website! Deadline is 1-27-12
[http://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?](http://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dFRXZmtCdU5pOWdTMnVTRzMwcnBVZGc6MQ)

[formkey=dFRXZmtCdU5pOWdTMnVTRzMwcnBVZGc6MQ](http://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dFRXZmtCdU5pOWdTMnVTRzMwcnBVZGc6MQ)

*Fill out your name, Address, Phone Number, Pick-up Place...etc.



West Ottawa Wonders and Spanish Immersion Preschool Enrollment Begins

February 6 for the 2012-13 school year.

West Ottawa is excited to offer two tuition-based preschool programs: West Ottawa Wonders (W.O.W.) Preschool and Spanish Immersion Preschool. Both programs are designed for 3-and 4-year-olds, and are offered to all families.

Preschool programs are currently located in Lakeshore Elementary School. Families are able to take advantage of 2 or 3-day programs. Class size is limited. Child care options for preschool age children are also available.

A Preschool Open House will be held Monday, February 6 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Lakeshore Elementary School. Children are welcome to attend.

If you would like to speak to someone regarding West Ottawa Wonders Preschool, Spanish Immersion Preschool, or District child care options, please contact Katy Van Dam at 786-1433.

Walk For Warmth

Raising money to help families in Ottawa County keep heat and utilities turned on in the winter.

When: Sat., Feb. 11, 8:30 a.m.

Where: City on a Hill, 100 Pine Street
Zeeland, MI

Everyone is welcome! Registration is free. Last year the Walk for Warmth helped 130 families stay warm!

Show your school spirit and your compassion for others by creating a Walk for Warmth walking team! If you are interested in participating, you may pick up more information from the office or visit:
http://www.miottawa.org/HealthComm/CAA/walk_warmth_2012.htm

WEAR A HAT TO SCHOOL DAY!

Feb. 10th is "Hats for a Cure" Pink Out at West Ottawa. Send \$1 to your child's teacher by Thursday, Feb. 9, and your child will be allowed to wear a favorite hat to school on Friday, Feb. 10th.



Daddy & Daughter Dance

This is for girls K-5 and cost is \$20 a couple and \$5 for each additional person. Please come to the Holland Township office to sign up or go to www.eteamz.com/hollandtownship to sign up online under the registration options portion of that website. Contact Amber for more information at 395-0178 x3. There will be refreshments, dancing, and a special keepsake picture for you to remember your great night.

Deadline for signup will be Mon., Feb. 6, 2012

Held at West Ottawa High School- South Building located at 3600 152nd Street- Holland.

SAVE THE DATE



Emerging Drug Trends Facts Parents Need to Know

WHERE: Grand Haven 9 Movie Theater
17110 Hayes St., Grand Haven, MI

WHEN: Thursday, February 23, 2012

TIME: 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

INCENTIVE: First 50 people get a movie pass and 50% off Combo #1 (small popcorn & pop)!



WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED:

Emerging Drug Trends in Ottawa County (Spice/K2, Prescription Drugs, Alcohol and Marijuana plus local data) will be presented to parents along with how to talk to your kids about drugs. We will also have a panel discussion where parents can ask questions to an expert panel.

PANELIST:

Cindy Speilmaker - Ottawa County Drug Court
Stephanie VanDerKooi - Ottawa County Health Department
Karen Miedema - Ottawa County Prosecutors Office

LAW ENFORCEMENT:

Det. Cory Allard - Spring Lake/Ferrysburg Police Department
Sgt. Glenn Bo - Grand Haven Department of Public Safety
Dep. Sara Fillman - School Resource Ottawa County Sheriffs Dept.

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