

# West Ottawa Public Schools

## College, Career and Life Ready

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# Lakewood

### Important Dates:

**WEDNESDAY, FEB 8**

State of Michigan  
PUPIL COUNT DAY

**THURSDAY, FEB 9**

Parent Night at Macatawa Bay  
5th gr Transition Information  
6-7:30 pm

**FRIDAY, FEB 10**

Pink Out Basketball Game

**TUESDAY, FEB 14**

Valentine's Day

**FRIDAY, FEB 17**

Popcorn Day

**THURSDAY, FEB 23**

Family Movie Night  
6 pm at Lakewood

Feb. 3, 2012

Dear Lakewood Community,

Just like at Thanksgiving, Valentine's Day forces me to stop and reflect on who I appreciate in my life. The staff at Lakewood Elementary certainly appreciates the Lakewood community; students, parents, and neighbors, for all the ways they enrich our school and our lives.

### If Valentine's Day Did Not Exist

If Valentine's Day did not exist,  
No flowers, gifts or cards,  
We'd search to find another way  
To send you our regards.  
We must communicate to you  
Appreciation and respect,  
Hoping our heartfelt message  
Has a warm and good effect.  
But Valentine's Day is here again,  
So we send this poem to say:  
You're extraordinary, special, rare;  
Happy Valentine's Day!

By Joanna Fuchs

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Vander Wege  
Principal

### IB WORD OF THE MONTH

For the month of February students will be learning what it means to be knowledgeable and thinkers. Knowledgeable students explore concepts, ideas, and issues that have local and global significance. In so doing, they acquire in-depth knowledge and develop understanding across a broad and balanced range of disciplines. Thinkers are students who exercise initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively to recognize and approach complex problems and make reasoned, ethical decisions. You can see how these go hand in hand! This month we will have posters in the library of people who were knowledgeable and thinkers. Students will have the opportunity to guess who they are and what they did to be considered knowledgeable and a thinker. Some students will even research these people further. Feel free to visit the library as well and see how many you know!

### IB CORNER

Many parents have wondered if the PYP will change the content of what is taught in the classrooms. The content of what is taught at each grade level is dictated by the State of Michigan. When teachers write their PYP units, they refer to the Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCEs) or the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) to form transdisciplinary units of inquiry- units that include standards from more than one subject area with student inquiry embedded throughout the unit. While your child will be learning the same content as students at "non-IB" schools, he or she will be learning how to inquire, think, and reflect while making connections within and outside of school. Additionally, the content will be viewed from a more global perspective, encouraging students to evaluate information and more actively participate in their learning. As teachers had the opportunity to reflect on our walk to becoming an authorized IB school, several shared how the planning process has given them a much more in-depth understanding and knowledge of the GLCEs and CCSS.

## Physical Wellness with Mrs. Scholten

It is Physical Fitness testing time again!

Students in grades 3-5 will be tested on five different events between now and the end of May.

The first two events tested will be the Shuttle Run and the Sit and Reach.

### Shuttle run testing



This event measures speed, quickness and agility. Two parallel lines 30 feet apart are marked and two blocks of wood are placed behind one of the lines. Students start behind the opposite line. On the signal "Ready? Go!" the student runs to the blocks, picks one up, runs back to the starting line, places block behind the line, runs back, picks up the second block and runs back across starting line.

### Shuttle run scoring

Blocks should not be thrown across the lines. Scores are recorded to the nearest tenth of a second.

### Sit and reach testing

The student removes shoes and sits on floor with knees fully extended, feet shoulder-width apart and soles of the feet held flat against the end of a specially constructed box. With hands on top of each other, palms down, and legs held flat, the student reaches along the measuring line as far as possible.



### Sit and reach rules

Legs must remain straight, soles of feet against box and fingertips of both hands should reach evenly along measuring line. Scores are recorded to the nearest centimeter.

You and your child can learn more about the Presidential Physical Fitness events and standards at <https://www.presidentschallenge.org/challenge/physical/index.shtml>

## Music Notes

This week in music:

Kindergartners are working on steady beat accompaniment.

1st grade is learning the families of the orchestra.

2nd grade is learning to discern between woodwind and brass timbres.

3rd grade is learning all the instruments of the orchestra.

4th grade is learning to discern the specific timbres of each brass and woodwind instrument.

5th grade is learning the repertoire for the upcoming Grand Rapids Symphony performance.



Also this week, an insightful student asked me, "Why do we have to study music?" a thought-provoking question that should be considered. I briefly listed the intellectual reasons... "It is part of a classical education, it provides all the benefits that have been discovered through brain research, and West Ottawa students are part of a high-quality music program that is recognized at the state and national levels." These are all true and important, however, I also responded that the most important reason is "because you are a human." All humans, everywhere, make music. Music accompanies our celebrations and our sorrows. It uplifts us, connects us, relieves our stress, and is an outlet for expression and emotion. I cannot, nor would I want to, imagine a world without music—because that would be a world without beauty, joy and hope.



**REMINDER: PTA MEETING, TUESDAY, FEB 21 AT 6:30**

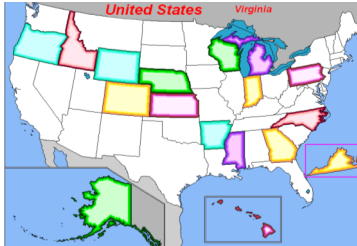


## Dream Big Using Books and Technology with Mrs. Whitbeck

Kindergarten illustrated a math concept in Tux Paint using stamps to show equal and not equal.

1st Grade created a plan for a book they're going to type on the computer next week about healthy foods and activities.

2nd Grade visited Booker's Room in Growing with Technology to locate things on the Internet about Ocean Life and to edit a Word document on sea turtles.



3rd Grade went to my web pages and explored sites to learn the 50 states.

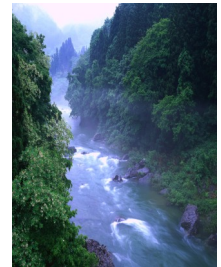
4th Grade began doing research on a person of their choice at World Book and Kid Rex.

5th Grade learned how to find Newbery award winning books in Lakewood's library using our on-line catalog, then continued their work on the Photo Story.

## SPANISH CLASS with Mr. Wearing



¿Qué tal? We have been discussing landforms in Spanish class. The students have been asked to focus on five words, but I included some extra words just for fun. The most important words they are required to know are el río (river), el lago (lake), la montaña (mountain), el volcán (volcano) and el desierto (desert). The "just for fun" words are la isla (island), la bahía (bay), la península (peninsula), la llanura (plain) and el valle (valley).



¡Buena suerte! –Señor Wearing

## Art News By Miss TenBarge



It's been another exciting week in art class. Students have been finishing work and are moving on to new lessons next week .

**Kindergartners** have been learning the color wheel and how to mix colors.

Next week students will begin learning how to use their knowledge of shape,

line and pattern to create a picture of a mouse. This will also teach them about "oil resist" when drawing with oil pastels and painting their mice with watercolor paints.

**First graders** are finishing up their fish unit that helped them learn the difference between drawing from observation and imagination. The next unit will be focused on family portraits. Students will learn about the famous artist Mary Cassatt and use artfully thinking strategies while viewing her works of art.

**Second and Third Graders** are finishing their shadow and light unit and will use their knowledge of shading in the next lesson. They will explore the world of architecture and building design. This will include a drawing and sculpture of their dream house.

**Fourth and Fifth Graders** have been working really hard to complete their awesome collaborative cityscape collages. I'm looking forward to hanging them in the halls for everyone to enjoy. They are starting a new art unit that explores art from around the world. For the first couple of weeks we are visiting Japan. Students will learn about Japanese traditions: Kanji, Sumi painting, and origami.



Remember ART makes you SMART!!

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



**Internal Schools of Choice** Elementary and middle school renewal forms were mailed Jan. 23.

**Kindergarten Schools of Choice** applications are part of the Kindergarten Registration packet.

New applications are now available at all West Ottawa schools and online at [www.westottawa.net](http://www.westottawa.net). They are due by March 1.

All applications must be submitted *each year* and are also available at all West Ottawa schools and online at [www.westottawa.net](http://www.westottawa.net).

*Kindergarten registration packets are available in our office.*

Please bring :

The Certified copy of the Birth Certificate

Current Immunization Record

2 Proofs of Residency

Please share this information with neighbors who may not have a child in school or who may not get our newsletter.

Thank you for helping to spread the word.



### Lakewood Elementary Fundraiser Craft Show at Westshore Mall Mar 17, 10am -3pm

**Vendors and volunteers wanted!**  
**Contact Angie Servis at**  
**[angie.servis@gmail.com](mailto:angie.servis@gmail.com) or 738-8796.**



### VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

This week we wish to say "Thank you" to Carmala Goddard for all her work organizing 'Take Your Family to School Week.' Lots of planning happens behind the scenes to make this a fun event for students and their families.

Our thanks too, to all of you who volunteered to provide special treats for the bake sale. See you next week!

Presented by Veronica Pechumer, Parent Educator \*New daytime class offered

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 Tuesday from  
**February 14th- March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
from 9:30-11:00 AM  
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

# It's almost here - National Take Your Family to School Week!! February 6-10



Plans have been made, lunches ordered, and baked goods planned. The PTA welcomes you and your family!

We do have one important request. We ask that you park in the two larger parking lots on the south side of the building, keeping in mind that *the bus lane adjacent to the building must be kept free of cars*. We have buses picking up morning kindergartners and dropping off afternoon kindergartners. Both times are smack dab in the middle of our lunch hour.

We also ask that you respect the spaces reserved for handicapped parking, and the yellow lines on the end of the parking lot nearest the building. This allows our buses to complete their turns when leaving the parking lots.

So, come enjoy lunch with your child, and visit with other moms and dads. We look forward to seeing you!

P.S. Be sure to 'sign in' at the office. ☺

## Family Night - Dinner and a Movie

Thursday, February 23, 2012

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Please join us for **Family Dinner and a Movie Night** at Lakewood Elementary. This will be a fun evening for the whole family. We will be taking pre-paid orders for 14" large, 1-topping Peppino's Pizzas for \$6.00 and showing the movie **Kung Fu Panda 2** in the multi-purpose room. Pizzas will be available at 6:00 pm and the movie will start promptly at 6:45.



Popcorn, small candies and bottled water will be sold at our concession to make our Family Movie Night complete. Please feel free to bring your own drinks in a cooler if you would prefer. We will have lunch tables set up to eat your pizza on and we will provide plates and napkins. Please don't forget to bring folding/bag chairs or a blanket to sit on during the movie so everyone is comfortable.

There will be a \$1.00 per person or \$3.00 per family charge at the door to help offset any costs we will incur to bring this fun Family Night to Lakewood.

**Please note: parents must accompany their children at all times. No drop offs please!**

If you would like to purchase 1-topping Peppino's Pizzas, please return the bottom portion of this flier completely filled out along with complete payment for the number of pizzas you have ordered by Friday, February 17. Please make **checks payable to Lakewood Elementary PTA**. To confirm your pizza order, you will receive an order confirmation slip through backpack mail. If you do not receive an order confirmation slip back, please contact Sarah Temple to make sure your pizza order was received. We will not be placing orders for any un-paid pizzas or ordering extra pizzas.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Temple at [temple5@charter.net](mailto:temple5@charter.net) or April Scholten at [ascholten@msn.com](mailto:ascholten@msn.com). Hope to see you all at the movie!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ # attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (please indicate # of pizzas next to topping)

Cheese Pizza: \_\_\_\_\_ Pepperoni Pizza: \_\_\_\_\_ Sausage Pizza: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Pizzas: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$6.00 per pizza)

## AUTHOR VISIT

Mark Newman, author of Sooper Yooper, came to Lakewood on Thursday to talk to second through fifth graders about his book. His presentation was entertaining and informative as the students learned about invasive species inhabiting the Great Lakes. Thanks Mrs. Whitbeck for organizing this for the students at Lakewood!



Dear Parents,

Macatawa Bay Middle School is hosting an information night for Lakewood 5th grade parents and students on Thursday, February 9 from 6:00-7:30 pm. This information night is designed to explain and showcase the opportunities your student will experience as they become middle school students at Macatawa Bay.

Here are a few of the opportunities offered at Macatawa Bay Middle School:

- Advance courses in English, mathematics, science, and social studies offered for high school credit
- Macatawa Bay students can earn up to six high school credits by participating in accelerated courses
- Spanish is offered in grades 6-8 for high school credit
- Academic programs prepare all students for college preparatory curriculum in high school
- Outstanding music programs in band, choir and orchestra
- Twenty-four interscholastic athletic teams for 7th and 8th graders

Numerous after-school extracurricular and enrichment opportunities

If you are unable to attend the information night, visitation can be arranged by calling Macatawa Bay Middle School at 786-2000.



## TOTAL TREK QUEST is back!

All boys in grades 3-5 were given information regarding this wonderful program.  
(Look for the lime green cover sheet.)

Registration for TTQ will be at:

The Lost City  
12350 James St  
Holland MI 49424

Saturday, February 18  
10 am–12 pm

FREE Unlimited Laser Tag and cosmic mini golf  
for spring TTQ participants and their families.

Boys must be accompanied by an adult.

Practices begin February 27, at Waukazoo Elementary School.





# Pink Out 2012

**FEBRUARY 10**



**WEST OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL NORTH GYM**

**Pre-Game starts @ 5**

**Girls Varsity basketball game starts @ 6**

**Boys Varsity basketball game starts immediately after girls game**

**Approximately 730**

***YOU can help support!***

***Do not miss out on this event***

## **HATS FOR A CURE**



**ONLY \$1 DONATION TO  
PINK OUT FOR CANCER RESEARCH  
ALLOWS YOU TO WEAR YOUR HAT  
ALL DAY AT SCHOOL  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

**\* DONATIONS MAY BE SENT TO OUR LAKEWOOD OFFICE**