



PTA Pulse

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Lakewood Elementary

Upcoming Dates:

Feb. 8-12 — National Take Your Family To School Week

Feb. 12— Spirit Day

Feb. 19 — Popcorn Day

Feb. 26—"Beach Day"

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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. 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!!

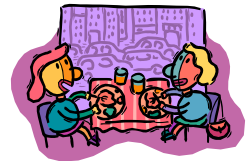
Membership

There is still time to join the Lakewood PTA. The cost is only \$5.00 and it helps to support the many wonderful programs the PTA sponsors for our school throughout the year!

Take your Family To School Week

February 8-12, 2010

We invite you to come and have lunch with your student any day during the week of February 8th-12th. You can either bring lunch in for you and your student or hot lunch will be available for parents to purchase. Grandparents, aunts, uncles or special persons are also welcome to come and enjoy this fun filled week. Please stop by the office to sign-in when you arrive.



Once again we will host our Lakewood Elementary Bake Sale every lunch hour during this week. We will have baked items for students and families to purchase at reasonable prices. We will also have peanut free Hostess snacks available to purchase. Information on how you can either volunteer to work the bake sale table and/or bake a yummy treat to sell was sent home the week of January 18th. If you did not receive it, please contact Denise Radakovitz at 738-1841 or dradakovitz@gmail.com.

All proceeds benefit Lakewood Elementary PTA!

We will also be selling Lakewood "Spirit Wear" during this week.

(All orders will be due no later than Friday, February 12, 2010)

Spring Fundraiser

This year's Spring Fundraiser will be merchandise from "The Goodies Factory", which is based right here in Holland. There will be a wide assortment of goods available for sale and hopefully something for everyone! The kick-off will be on Friday, February 5th. Students will be bringing home all the details in the information packet that they will receive that day. Lakewood will receive a percentage of each sale, PLUS, the students will earn an inflatable party for all their hard work in raising money for their school.

Family Science Night



Mark your calendars for Lakewood Science Night, March 11th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Lakewood. It's going to be a fun, hands-on science exploration. There will be explosions, goo, live animals, cartoon drawings, robots and more! Hope you can join us! More information will come in February.

Younkers Community Day

For all of you who love to shop, this is for you! We will be selling Younker's Community Day coupon booklets for just \$5 each. Each booklet contains one \$10 coupon, one 30% off early bird coupon, and six 20% off coupons which can be used on Saturday, February 27th at Younkers. Booklets are available for purchase by contacting Jean Ramirez at 218-2309 or jramirez@bandglp.com. Best of all, Lakewood will get to keep 100% of the profits! As always, thanks for your support and Happy Shopping!



First Annual Lakewood Bazaar

Lakewood will be having a community event on April 17th from 9-3 in the Multi-purpose room. If you are willing to help with this event (either planning or on that day) or you are interested in renting a booth, please contact Angie Servis at am.theartofwords@gmail.com or 738-8796 immediately to ensure Lakewood families get first choice.

PTA Kindergarten Welcome Meeting

We would like to thank all the Kindergarten parents who attended the meeting on January 12th. We understand that everyone has busy schedules, so we really appreciate your time. We hope that we were able to explain what the PTA does and answer your questions. We would also like to thank you for your feedback and we will work toward implementing those great suggestions!

Family Night—Home Skating Party

Thanks to all the families who attended the Skating Party on January 14th. Everyone (young and old) looked like they had a great time!



Student Council Information



Student Council will be selling Hot Chocolate on Wednesdays and Fridays through February during lunch. The cost is 50 cents a cup.

February 26th is Beach Day! Dig out your beach attire (no swimsuits), sandals, sunglasses and your beach towel for a "sun" filled day.



The giving focus for February is "Help for Haiti". Student council is collecting money to help the people of Haiti recover from the earthquake. Coins, bills, and checks (made out to Red Cross) can be sent to school with your student in an envelope marked "Help for Haiti". Thank you in advance for your generous donations and showing the students of Lakewood how we can help those in need.

Student Quotes

The 3rd Graders recently went to see "Stomp" and Bill Vits, the Principal Percussionist with the Grand Rapids Symphony. This correlates with their sound unit in science.

Ben Gawlik, a student in Mrs. Ryan's class, had this to say about the trip, "It was cool!"

The 4th Graders went to the Capitol and the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing which is part of their social studies unit.

Kelly Dowker, a student in Mrs. Hyvarinen's class, said this, "My favorite thing at the Capitol was the beautiful dome and the detailed art work. At the Museum, I loved when I put my hands on the surface of the copper. The copper absorbed the heat from my hands and then my hands became cold when I took them off."

Support Your Community. Support Local Businesses. Support Lakewood PTA. Save Money!!!

Sign up for a membership at www.DutchDeals.com.

Save Money, Support Your Community



- *You'll get special "member only" coupons from hundreds of local businesses
- *You'll get special discounts emailed to you monthly and get special discounts on your birthday
- *You can quickly search and print coupons that fit your needs from any computer

A one year membership costs \$20 and gives you access to a ton of great deals from local businesses. For every membership purchased Lakewood will receive \$10. When you register on the website just make sure you select Lakewood Elementary from the dropdown list of non-profit organizations.

You can also purchase Dutch Deals cards in the school office or at PTA meetings. Please pay by check or with exact amount in cash.

Cash for Class

Shopping Days

The dates for the next Cash for Class shopping days are February 14-20 at D&W and February 21-27 at Family Fare. Don't forget to stop in during those dates and Lakewood will earn money for your purchases.

The code for Lakewood is 87938.



Consumers Credit Union has found a great way to help Lakewood PTA! Open a Johnny Appleseed savings account for your child and Consumers will match the initial \$5 deposit.

Plus, for every account opened Consumers will donate \$5 to Lakewood PTA!

- Teach your child the early benefits of saving
- Monthly prize incentives for making a deposit
- Great rates on Johnny Appleseed CD's
- A great way to help the PTA



Visit them at their 2 locations, 3320 West Shore Drive (inside Meijer) and 1037 S. Washington Ave. Coupons are available at the office or stop in one of the branches and tell them you are from Lakewood Elementary when you open an account.

Blue Nile Traders Coffee

If you are a coffee drinker and love great coffee, please think about buying your coffee from the non-profit company, Blue Nile Traders. We are more than a free trade company, we buy our coffee beans from farmers in Addis Abba, Ethiopia. It is Mountain grown which is 100% organic. The coffee is then roasted by a self help group of women who mostly have HIV and are trying to live and take care of their children. We pay the farmers and the women in the self-help group. We sell it and send all of the profits to an orphanage where they use the money for school supplies, clothes and food for the children. Every time you take a sip not only will you love the coffee, but you are helping children who otherwise would not have a chance at life. Price per pound is \$10.00 for 16 oz. Check out the website www.blueniletraders.org for more information. If you are interested in purchasing coffee, please contact Paul Osburn at 399-7619 or you can order online at the website listed above.



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