



PTA Pulse

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Lakewood Elementary

Upcoming Dates:

Jan. 14 — HOME Roller Rink Skating Party 6:00pm-8:00pm

Jan. 15 — Popcorn Day

Jan. 21— PTA Meeting
6:30 pm in Library

Family Night—HOME Skating Party

January 14, 2010 6:00pm—8:00pm

Dust off your roller blades or roller skates and join us on January 14, 2010 at the HOME Roller Rink. There will be a D.J. playing your favorite tunes and a snack bar to purchase a special treat. Cost per person is \$3.00 and skate rental is \$1.00. Make sure you mention "Lakewood" to get this discounted rate.

We hope to see you all there!



PTA Board 2009-2010

President, Whitney Engle

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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!

PTA General Membership Meeting

January 21, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Library

You are invited to our January General Membership meeting on Thursday, January 21st at 6:30 pm in the library. We will be talking about upcoming events. We will have a special guest speaker, Jerry McDowell, principal of Great Lakes Elementary, who will be presenting on the IB program offered through West Ottawa Schools. Please join us in learning more about what the IB program has to offer for the education and preparation of our students. Mr. McDowell will gladly answer any questions or concerns that you may have in regards to the IB program.

Free childcare will be available.

PTA Kindergarten Mid-Year "Welcome" Meeting

January 12, 2010 6:00pm-7:00pm

We would like to invite all Kindergarten Parents to a mid-year welcome meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 6:00 pm in the library. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to Lakewood Elementary, see how the year has gone so far for your family and answer any questions you may have about Lakewood Elementary PTA and how you can get involved. Free childcare will be available if you RSVP to Shannon Erickson at 786-0027 or shannon@singingsand.com

Refreshments will be served and we hope you can come!

Scholastic Book Fair

We would like to thank all of the families that donated loose change for our One for Books Challenge during the Scholastic Book Fair week. It was a huge success and Lakewood was able to raise \$588.00. All of the money collected was put towards purchasing books for classroom libraries. Scholastic will also match the money collected and help to put books in the hands of children in need. We would also like to thank the teachers who were willing to do a wacky stunt or silly dress/up in order to collect loose change for this program. Mrs. Whitbeck was the lucky "winner" and gets to kiss her hissing cockroach and snake!. Congratulations Mrs. Whitbeck!

We would also like to thank all of the volunteers that worked the week of the Book Fair. It was another huge success and we couldn't have done it without you!



Barnes & Noble Book Fair

We would also like to thank all of the volunteers that worked at the Barnes & Noble Book Fair that was held on December 15, 2009. We know it was a busy time for many, but we appreciate everyone that was able to help work the PTA table that day and also to those families that stopped in and did some holiday shopping to benefit Lakewood Elementary. Thanks again for all of your support!



Take your Family To School Week

February 7-13, 2010

We invite you to come and have lunch with your student any day during the week of February 7th-13th. 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.

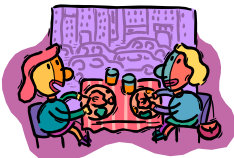
More information to come home soon.

We will also again host our Lakewood Elementary bake sale every lunch hour during the week of February 7th-13th. 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. Look for more information to be sent home on how you can either volunteer to work the bake sale table and/or bake a yummy treat to sell.

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 13, 2010



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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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