



# PTA Pulse

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## Lakewood Elementary

### Upcoming Dates:

- March 3-5—Parent Teacher Conferences
- March 3—Chinese Acrobats at 3:00 in the gym
- March 4—1/2 Day of School
- March 5—Striketime Dancers Assembly at 1:00
- March 11—Science Night 6:30-8:00 pm
- March 15—Yo-Yo Assembly
- March 25—PTA meeting 6:30pm in the Library

- PTA Board 2009-2010
- President, Whitney Engle
- 1st Vice President, Shannon Erickson
- 2nd Vice President, Lisa Drost
- Secretary, Wendy Biedenbach
- Treasurer, Sarah Temple
- Assistant Treasurer, Matt Metcalf

### 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!

## Family Science Night

### Thursday, March 11th

### 6:30-8:00pm

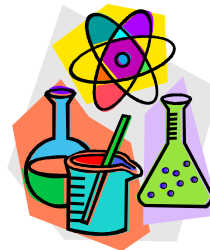
Please join us March 11th for an educational and fun Science Night. Here are a few highlights of what you can expect to see and experience:

**\*\*Tod Gugino and Hope College students with hands on science explorations.**

**\*\*Wade Gugino with cartooning and science.**

**\*\*The West Ottawa Wobot-ics team with robot demonstrations and much more.**

**\*\*Outdoor Discovery Center with animals and microscopes to help us explore and learn more about the wetlands and biology.**



We hope you can join us for another fun filled, hands-on experience!

## PTA General Membership Meeting

### Thursday, March 25 at 6:30 pm

Please join us Thursday, March 25 for our March general membership meeting. We will be discussing fundraising ideas for the 2010-2011 school year, t-shirt design and colors for next year's Lakewood t-shirt, open PTA committee chairs and voting on the candidates nominated for the 2010-2011 Executive PTA Board.

We would really appreciate your input, so we hope that you can take the time and join us for the March membership meeting.

**FYI—you need to be a registered PTA member in order to vote for any of the candidates nominated for the 2010-2011 PTA Board, t-shirt designs and fundraising ideas.**

## The Goodies Factory Spring Fundraiser

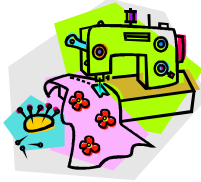
**Congratulations Lakewood, so far we have sold \$15,292.00.**

Because we did such an amazing job selling, all Lakewood students are invited to the Super Party on Friday, March 19th.

During that day, each grade will have their own special time in the gym listening to their favorite songs and enjoying the many different inflatable activities that the Goodies Factory provides.

This will be a fun filled time for the kids and a great way to reward them for all of their hard work.

Thank you for your continued support of Lakewood's PTA and the wonderful programs it provides for our students and staff!



## Lakewood Craft Bazaar Saturday, April 17, 2010 9:00am-3:00pm

Do you or someone you know love to shop and browse craft shows, well if you do, please stop by on Saturday, April 17th and visit Lakewood's first Craft Bazaar. We will have crafts and gifts to buy, games and activities for the kids, a PTA bake sale and much more.

If you are a crafty person and would like to feature your talent, there is still room for you to reserve a table at the Craft Bazaar. Please contact Angie Servis at 738-8796 or [am.theartofwords@gmail.com](mailto:am.theartofwords@gmail.com) for more information.

We hope that you can join us on April 17th from 9:00-3:00 and help support Lakewood's first Craft Bazaar.

Hope to see you there!



**Save The Date**

**Blood Drive**

**May 21st 11:30am—5:30pm**

**at Harderwyk Church**

Lakewood Elementary will be participating in a Blood Drive on May 21st at Harderwyk Church. We are teaming up with Waukazoo Elementary to help the Red Cross with this worthy cause.

Our goal is to collect 50 units total for both schools.

Tell all of your friends and family to stop by anytime from 11:30am-5:30pm to help Lakewood and Waukazoo Elementary achieve their goal!

If you would be interested in volunteering, contact Matt Metcalf at 283-6003.

More information on the Blood Drive will be coming home soon.

**Student Quotes**

The 3rd and 4th Graders recently had the privilege of seeing a local dog sled team led by Terry Perysian. Mr. Perysian let each of the children personally meet his Siberian Huskies. He gave them an inside look of the work involved in training his dogs, and he made a run with his team through Keppel Park as the children cheered him along. This was a great opportunity for the 4th graders as it tied directly to a book they read this year. The book is called, Akiak, and it told of a dog in the Iditarod Race in Alaska.

Ben Hoey, a student in Mrs. Dunn's class, had this to say about the dog mushers, "It was so cool! It would be really fun to be a dog musher, but some hard work too."

Nate Maher, a student in Mr. Arthurs class, said this, "I liked petting the dogs, their coats were so soft. I was amazed that they could run so fast in the snow."

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

Save Money, Support Your Community



**Sign up for a membership at [www.DutchDeals.com](http://www.DutchDeals.com).**

- \*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.

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](http://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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28	29	30	31	<u>Upcoming Dates:</u> April 2-9 Spring Break April 17—Craft Bazaar 9:00-3:00 April 19-23—BOGO Book Fair	<b>Student Council Giving Focus for March: Baby items</b>	<u>FYI:</u> <b>Wacky Tacky Day April 1st</b>