



West Ottawa Public Schools

Preparing Students to Be College, Career and Life Ready!

Lakewood Newsletter

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Greetings Lakewood Families,

We are off to a wonderful start to the school year! The first two weeks have been spent with the teachers getting to know their new students, reinforcing our building wide expectations and of course, a strong emphasis on the curriculum. This year, we are continuing to focus on utilizing Restorative Practices and by the end of the year, all of our staff will have had formal training in implementing the approach. If you would like to learn more about Restorative Practices, please feel free to contact me and I can provide you with some information.

M-Step (Michigan's Statewide Assessment for Grades 3-8) scores from last year have recently been released and you will all be receiving your student's individual report at conferences. If you would like to receive your student's report earlier, please let me know. In addition, we will be conducting our beginning of the year reading assessments (Acadience) with the next few weeks so that we can begin to individually plan for each child's needs.

I truly hope that all families have had a chance to get into our building to meet the wonderful staff that we have here at Lakewood. If you have not yet been able to visit, please feel free to come in so that we can meet and work closely together this year to create the best possible experience for each student that attends Lakewood Elementary.

Sincerely,

Michael Ghareeb



Important Dates:

September 11
Picture Day

September 17
5th Gr. Field Trip

September 19
Kindergarten "Cookies
and Questions"
6:30-7:30PM

September 27
Hearing Screening
Grades K,2,4

October 1
Vision Screening
Grades 1,3,5



Check out the new district website <https://www.westottawa.net/> . Here you will find the latest information and can search what is happening at Lakewood Elementary. Check out the calendar section of the Lakewood Home Page for events happening this month.

In the LOOP with LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY



Please Call the office if your child will be absent due to illness. Be sure to note your child's name, teacher, and symptoms.

We also need a call if your child is out due to pre-planned absences or appointments. Thank You!

616-786-1300 press 1 for the attendance line



Please try and schedule appointments after school. If your child is going to be late or leave early you must sign them out at the office.

Thank you

Lost and found

items can be found by the bus lot doors. Please

check this frequently as items will be donated to a local organization after fall conferences.



Parent Pick Up/Drop Off Etiquette

We are off to a really good start and we hope to continue to see Parent Transport working smoothly. The next page gives a detailed layout of how to navigate this process. It is important that we all follow these guidelines so that our children stay safe as they enter and exit the vehicles.

Please remember if you would like to walk your child to their door you must park your vehicle in the designated spaces and not in the drive through lane. The bus lanes must also remain clear for buses to safely pick up and drop off children.

Thank you for viewing the next page and for working as a team to keep our kiddos safe.

W Lakewood Blvd

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NO STUDENT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP BEFORE SCHOOL OR AT
DISMISSAL

You may pick up/drop off in this area ONLY
after 9:00 am and before 3:00 pm.

Lakewood
Elementary School

2134 W Lakewood Blvd

Bus Drop-Off

THIS LOT FOR
BUSES AND
STAFF ONLY

Visitors & volun-
teers may enter this
area between 9:00-
3:15 but NOT before
school or after
dismissal.

THIS LOT FOR PARENT
PARKING & DROP-OFF/PICK-UP

If parking, please walk your
student to the playground and
walk to pick up your student.

PLEASE PULL FORWARD.
NO PARKING ALONG WALKWAY.

N 168th Ave

N 168th Ave

N 168th

LAKEWOOD PTO

Next PTO Meeting is Monday, September 16!

Please join us! Childcare and snacks provided.

Mark Your Calendars!

Popcorn Friday: September 27 & October 11

Move and Groove Kickoff: September 23

Move and Groove: October 4

Coming up soon!

Move and Groove, Popcorn Fridays, Teacher Appreciation Meals,
Halloween Parade, Veteran's Day Assembly,

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

We have many opportunities for you to be involved with our
incredible Lakewood Community!

Committee Chairs:

PTO Closet Keepers, Student Handbook/Directory, Publishing Center, Open House,
Reach Out, Staff Appreciation, Ice Cream Social, Tulip Time Props,
Support Our Troops, Popcorn Fridays, Kindness Grams, Reading Night,
Halloween Parade, Hiking Club, Science Night, Book Fair, Move & Groove,
Square One Art, T Shirt Sales, Big Business and more!

Join us Monday to find out how you can make an impact!

Volunteer Opportunities

Check our Facebook "Lakewood Parent Community"
and our website www.lakewoodpto.org for more ways you can help!

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Shannon Murray / Laura Reiner / Theresa Snider
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Links from the Lab

By Miss Marco Technology Instructor

Free Resources: Here are some free websites and apps that I recommended for the summer but are still great:

For coding: code.org and the apps **Scratch Jr.**, **Scratch** and **Hopscotch**

For Lower and Elementary:

<https://www.starfall.com/h/> (reading)

<https://www.tvokids.com> (variety of topics)

For Lower and Upper Elementary

<https://www.turtlediary.com/> (math, language Arts and Science)

Keyboarding skills grades 2-5:

<https://www.typingclub.com/>

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/z3c6tfr>

<https://powertyping.com/>



Moving with Mr. Metz

Hello Everyone!



Welcome Back To School! Let's get Moving!!!

~Mr. Metz



Art News

The art room is exploding with creativity! To know what awesome things are happening in the art room please visit my art news website at woartmakesyousmart.weebly.com

Don't forget! ART Makes you SMART! -Miss TenBarge



SPANISH SPOTLIGHT WITH SEÑORA DILLON



Hola Lakewood families! It feels great to be back at school and the kids are off to an amazing start! The first week of school we discussed why it is important to learn another language. Here are some of the students' responses:

- "There are a lot of people who speak Spanish in the world."
- "Another language is useful when traveling."
- "It will help you get a good job when you grow up."
- "You can make new friends and get along with others."
- "Learning another language is fun!"



Overall it was a great brainstorming session!

This year we will continue to learn a variety of Spanish vocabulary and culture through songs, stories, games, and projects.

Music Notes from Mr. Loughrin

A Warm Welcome (and Welcome Back!)
to all Lakewood Students!!!!!!



I am delighted to be working with all our Lakewood Superheroes this year! We have an exciting year planned in music. We will begin the year working on many different rhythm activities to strengthen our rhythm skills and note reading ability as well as many other skills and songs. We will once again celebrate our nation's veterans in early November with our Veterans Day Celebration on November 11th!



I look forward to bringing out the musical superhero in every Lakewood student!!!