



West Ottawa Public Schools

Preparing Students to Be College, Career and Life Ready!

Lakewood Newsletter

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Greetings Lakewood Families,

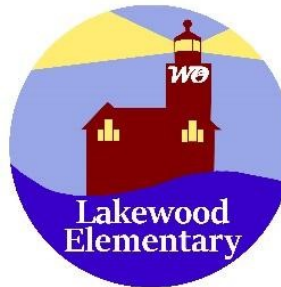
We are excited to once again announce that we will be holding our one and only fundraiser for the year quite soon. The "Move and Groove" fundraiser will be held on October 7 with the kickoff event scheduled for September 23. Please stay tuned for more information to be shared shortly.

This year we will be looking to begin to pilot a new science curriculum in a few classrooms across the district. We are hoping that what we will introduce will align well with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). If you are interested in learning more about the NGSS, you can access information at this [link](#).

If you have not had the chance to view the new West Ottawa Public Schools website you can do so [here](#). One new feature that we are excited about is that each school's calendar is now available under that school's website. This means that you will be able to view events up to six months in advance. As we schedule new events or solidify dates, we will be sure to add them to the calendar so that you continue to be informed of upcoming dates.

Lakewood Elementary welcomes all families to join us in the education of our students. We welcome everyone into our school with open arms, however, if you would like to spend any length of time in the school, you must first complete a volunteer application. We always encourage all family and community members to volunteer and very much appreciate the efforts of our volunteers. If you have not already done so, you can complete the application process [here](#).

Sincerely,



Michael Ghareeb

Important Dates:

September 27
Hearing Screening
Grades K,2,4....

Popcorn Friday!!

October 1
Vision Screening
Grades 1,3,5

October 2
Count Day: It's extremely important your child(ren) are in attendance this day

October 4
Kindergarten Field Trip
4th Grade Field Trip

October 7
Move and Groove

October 10
5th Gr Field Trip

October 24





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.

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DESIGNATED BUSING AREA

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 p.m.

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Bus Drop-Off

THIS LOT FOR BUSES AND STAFF ONLY

Visitors & volunteers 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.

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Lakewood PTO

Next meeting is October 14 at 4:00 PM

Would you be interested in a later meeting time? We are planning to alternate meeting times every other month. Please let us know what time would work best for you to be able to participate!

Mark Your Calendars!

Popcorn Friday: September 27 and October 11

If you wish to prepay for popcorn, send a check made out to Lakewood PTO for \$4.50.

Move and Groove Kickoff: September 23

Packets are coming home Monday!

Move and Groove: October 7 [This is a date change](#)

Coming Up Soon!

Please watch for emails with a sign up genius link to find out how you can make an impact! We will need help with **Move and Groove, Popcorn Fridays, Teacher Appreciation Meals, Halloween Parade, and the 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, Open House, Reach Out, Staff Appreciation, Ice cream Social, Tulip Time Props, Support Our Troops, Kindness Grams, Reading Night, Halloween Parade, Hiking club, Science Night, Book Fair, Move and Groove, Square One Art, T-Shirt Sales, Big Business and More!!!

Check out our facebook "Lakewood Parent Community" and our website www.lakewoodpto.org for more information

PTO Board Members

Laura Edwards / Jenine Elzinga / Madeleine Keen

Shannon Murray / Laura Reiner / Theresa Snider

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Links from the Lab

By Miss Marco Technology Instructor



Internet Safety and Digital Citizenship: It's that time of the year that I speak with my students about these 2 topics. I would also like to pass on some helpful Internet tips to parents.

Agree with your child rules for Internet use in your home.

Try to reach an agreement with your child on the guidelines which apply to Internet use in your household. Here are some tips to get started.

- Discuss when and for how long it is acceptable for your child to use the Internet
 - Agree how to treat personal information (name, address, telephone, e-mail)
 - Discuss how to behave towards others when gaming, chatting, e-mailing or messaging
 - Agree what type of sites and activities are OK or not OK in our family
 - Follow the rules yourself! Or at least explain why the rules are different for adults.

The above information was provided by:

<https://www.webwise.ie/parents/advice-top-10-tips-for-parents/>

Moving with Mr. Metz

Hello Everyone!

I hope you are all doing fantastic! The start of the school year has been wonderful and it's been great seeing all of our amazing students. In Physical Wellness, we have been working on getting back into our normal classroom routines. All of my classes are doing a good job with this. Looking ahead, over the next few weeks we will be completing our initial fitness assessments. This includes the mile run (shorter distances for lower elementary) and the PACER aerobic assessment. We will also be starting soccer in the coming weeks. I'm really looking forward to my 2nd year at Lakewood and my first few weeks back with our students have been great! See you all soon!

~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



Third graders are working hard on the Spanish alphabet. We are learning an alphabet song called "ABC de Colibri". Students will also play a Spanish alphabet board game and read two alphabet books in class. Encourage your child to recite the Spanish alphabet at home!

El alfabeto español













Also, Hispanic Heritage Month is going on right now. It is a time to recognize Hispanic and Latino Americans who have contributed to our country. We celebrate their rich heritage and culture. Check out this *link to learn more*:

<http://www.scholastic.com/browse/collection.jsp?id=695>

Music Notes from Mr. Loughrin

Lakewood students are learning music notation through a program called "Rockin' Rhythm Raps". With this program, we focus on rhythm only, learning note values and their respective rests. 3rd-5th grade students are applying their understanding and composing their own Rockin' Rhythm Raps with a partner in a dice game I call, "Roll and Rock". We are then challenging our class to see if they can read our songs accurately. We are also seeing who can create the most interesting and most difficult rhythm patterns. We will be using half notes, half rests, quarter notes, quarter rests and sets of two eighth notes and even dotted half notes. Can you read the rhythm to this minuet written by Johann Sebastian Bach? (Don't forget the repeat sign!)

NOTE AND REST DURATION CHART

NOTES (SOUNDING)	TYPE AND VALUE	RESTS (SILENT)
	Whole (4 Beats)	
	Half (2 Beats)	
	Quarter (1 Beat)	
	Eighth (1/2 Beat)	
	Sixteenth (1/4 Beat)	

18. A Bach Minuet



Here is a cool website (San Francisco Symphony for Kids) that allows students to compose their own songs using many of the note values we have been studying: <http://www.sfskids.org/compose/>