



# West Ottawa Public Schools

*Preparing Students to Be College, Career and Life Ready!*

## Lakewood Newsletter

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Michael Ghareeb Principal

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Greetings Lakewood Families,

We really enjoyed celebrating our West Ottawa pride with a successful spirit week. The kids really had fun with dressing up and participating in the daily themed celebrations.

Monday, October 7 we will be holding our annual fundraiser titled "Move and Groove". The event will occur in the afternoon with the fundraising packets due on Friday October 11. This is our one and only fundraiser for the year and we hope for it to be even more successful than in previous years. This is a very fun experience for the students as well as the staff and we encourage you to join us if you're able.

Finally, if you have not already heard, Lakewood Elementary has been awarded a National Blue Ribbon for achieving very high learning standards. We will be holding an open house shortly to celebrate. We will be sure to inform you as soon as it's scheduled. If you would like to read more about the Blue Ribbon, you can access an article from the Holland Sentinel [here](#).

We truly hope everyone has had a great start to the school year and we are certainly looking forward to continuing to provide the best possible education for all students that attend Lakewood.

Sincerely,

Michael Ghareeb



### Important Dates:

#### October 7

Move and Groove

**YK-1st Gr:** Bright Orange

**2nd-3rd GR:** Bright Blue

**4th-5thGr:** Lime Green

(please wear your class designated color)

#### October 10

5th Gr Field Trip

#### October 11

Popcorn Friday

#### October 18

Halloween Parade  
6:30-8 PM

#### October 23

Vision Screening  
1st, 3rd, 5th  
Hearing Screening  
2nd, KG, 4th

#### October 24

Students Half Day  
Dismissal at 11:52

Parent Teacher Conferences  
1-4 PM and 5-8 PM

#### October 29

Parent Teacher Conferences  
5-8 PM

#### November 1

No School



# In the LOOP with LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY



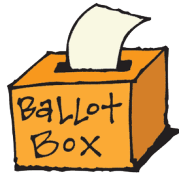
**Please Call the office if your child will be absent due to illness. Be sure to note your child's name, teacher, and symptoms.**

**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**

## Student Council Updates

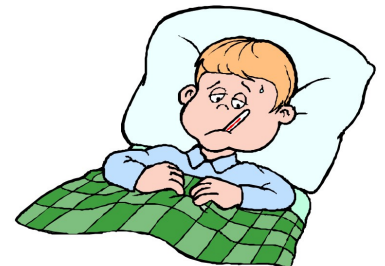
Student council applications were made available to students the last week in September and were due October 4th. Elections will be held the week of October 7th. As soon as representatives are elected we will set a date for our first meeting.



Michigan Weather is upon us. One minute it is warm, the next minute it is cold. Please send your child to school in layers. It will also be helpful to label coats, hats, mittens, etc. so we can quickly identify lost items. Thank you for helping us transition into Autumn.

Cold and Flu season is here. Please remember these few simple policies if your child is feeling ill.

- Children must be fever free (under 100 degrees) for 24 hours and without the aid of medicine before returning to school.
- Children taking prescribed antibiotics must be on them for 24 hours before returning to school
- Children must be free from vomiting and diarrhea for 24 hours
- If your child is experiencing other symptoms and is struggling to participate in class we will call to have them picked up





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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 meeting October 14 at 4pm and 6pm!

Would you be interested in a later meeting time?

We are planning on alternating meeting times every other month. Please let us know what time would work best for you to be able to participate! This meeting we will be having at both 4pm and 6pm!

## Mark Your Calendars!

Popcorn Friday: October 11th & 25th

Move and Groove: October 7th

Move and Groove packets due Friday, October 11th

## It's time for our Annual Halloween Parade!

Friday, October 18 6:30-8pm

Please take a look at the signup genius to find out how you can help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4fada62da6ff2-halloween2>

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

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

Join us Monday 10/14 to find out how you can make an impact!

### Volunteer Opportunities

Check our facebook "Lakewood Parent Community" and our website [www.lakewoodpto.org](http://www.lakewoodpto.org) for more ways you can help!

Laura Edwards / Jenine Elzinga / Madeleine Keen  
Shannon Murray / Laura Reiner / Theresa Snider  
[lwpto@westottawa.net](mailto:lwpto@westottawa.net)



## Links from the Lab

By Miss Marco Technology Instructor



**Young Kindergarten and Kindergarten Update:** This week, young kindergarteners logged in independently with a log-in ID card using an individual username and password for the first time. Kindergarteners also did this for the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> time this week. They also went to a website called [Starfall Reading](https://www.starfall.com/) which is an awesome free resource that can be used at home. Another website that can help students learn where the keys are on the keyboard, is [abcya.com](https://www.abcya.com/) if you choose Keyboard Zoo.

Enjoy!

## 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](https://woartmakesyousmart.weebly.com)

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



## SPANISH SPOTLIGHT WITH SEÑORA DILLON



Kindergartners and 1<sup>st</sup> graders are practicing Spanish numbers 0-20. We will learn a counting song called “Diez Calabazas” (Ten Pumpkins) and read the book *Cinco Monitos Brincando en la Cama* (Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed). Please encourage your child to practice at home by counting objects in Spanish. For example, ask your child to count the number of plates on the dinner table or count the number of teddy bears on his/her bed. 

Also, I am very excited to announce the launch of my Spanish website! Students can go there to practice skills at home. I will update it periodically with happenings in class. Please check it out: [senoradillon.weebly.com](http://senoradillon.weebly.com)

Los Números 1 a 20			
1  uno	2  dos	3  tres	4  cuatro
5  cinco	6  seis	7  siete	8  ocho
9  nueve	10  diez	11  once	12  doce
13  trece	14  catorce	15  quince	16  diez y seis
17  diez y siete	18  diez y ocho	19  diez y nueve	20  veinte

## Music Notes from Mr. Loughrin



Lakewood students have begun to prepare music for our Veteran's Day Assembly scheduled for Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. This year students are learning an exciting new song entitled: “All American – Me and You”. The song is a spirited up-tempo song celebrating our freedom as Americans. In addition, we will be singing the song “Thank You Soldiers” and keep our tradition of ending our celebration with the song “This is My Country”. A group of 5<sup>th</sup> graders will lead our school in our national anthem, “The Star Spangled Banner”. Many students like to practice our songs and movements outside of school. Listed below are the YouTube links to each of the songs we are performing, along with movement/choreography videos for both “This is My Country” and “All American – Me and You”.

Links:

“All American – Me and You”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hP1zrYDSdT0>

Choreography: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=btyKHNvt59U>

“Thank You Soldiers”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PYw0qQIPNHE>

“This is My Country”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EyHYbfUfFH0>

Choreography: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZaAi1wooYus>

“Star Spangled Banner”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=skhdXSJK5nM>

