



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,

I would like to personally thank everyone who contributed to our Move and Groove fundraiser. It is very important that we raise money through outside sources so that we can continue to create varied learning experiences for our children at Lakewood. This year we were able to raise nearly \$8,000 which is a little short of our goal, but nonetheless integral in assuring that we can provide awesome programming for our students.

Tonight is our annual Halloween Parade which begins at 6:30 and ends at 8:00 PM. We encourage everyone to attend and we can always use additional help at this event, so if you have time, please join us in lending a hand to help our volunteers run a smooth event.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on October 24 from 1:00 - 4:00 and again from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. The second date is on October 29 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. If you have not yet had the chance to sign up for your child's conference, you can do so at this [link](#).

Finally, we are excited to announce that we have scheduled a date to celebrate being awarded with a National Blue Ribbon for being an Exemplary High Performing School. We will hold an open house here at Lakewood on November 4 from 7:00 - 8:00 PM. Please join us in honoring our teachers and students who made this award possible!

Sincerely,

Michael Ghareeb



Important Dates:

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

November 4

Blue Ribbon Open House
7-8 PM

November 11-14

Scholastic Book Fair

Bring your family to lunch
week

November 19

4th Gr Lansing Field Trip

November 27-29

Thanksgiving Break



In the LOOP with LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY

Student Council Updates

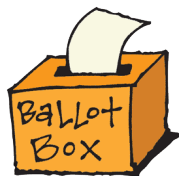
Third, Fourth, and Fifth grades had elections for Student council representatives last week. They are as follows:

Third Grade: Michael Elwood, Kaylinn DeWitt, Connor Edwards, and Bristol DeVries.

Fourth Grade: Marielle Price, Nevaeh Reynolds, Audrey James, and Lincoln Overway.

Fifth Grade: Olivia Hughes, Hannah Ripper, Paislee Hartman, and London Bateman

Congratulation Students!



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!

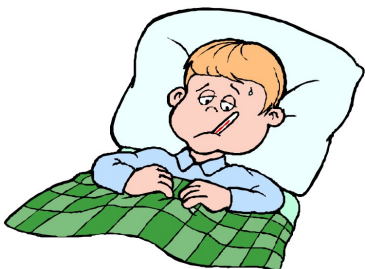
616-786-1300 press 1 for the attendance line



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 UPDATES

Join us Monday November 18th at 4pm for our next meeting! Childcare and snacks are provided.

This year we have come quite short of our Move and Groove goal, with only half of all students participating. Please send in your donations as soon as possible.

Mark Your Calendars!

Popcorn Friday: 10/25 and 11/8

Thank you to everyone who has joined us! So far we have raised over \$600 for the Lakewood Scholarship!

Teacher Appreciation Meals

We need your help to support our incredible teachers during conferences! Please visit our signup genius to find out how you can help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4FADA62DA6FF2-fall2>

Thursday October 24

Setup Lunch: 11:00 - 2 Volunteers

Transition to Dinner: 4:00 - 1-2 Volunteers

Cleanup: 8:00 - 2-3 Volunteers

Friday October 25

Coffee Cart: 8:30 - 2-3 Volunteers

Tuesday October 29

Setup Dinner: 3:00 - 2 Volunteers

Cleanup: 8:00 - 2-3 Volunteers

Veteran's Day Assembly

Before the assembly, the PTO will host coffee and danishes for the children and their veteran guest. We are asking for donations for this special event. A sign up will be sent closer to the event.



It's time for the Scholastic Book Fair!

Book Fair -

Nov 11th through 14th

Ice Cream Social Nov 14th

Help Needed

Decorations

Setup

Ringers

Wish List Helpers

Tear Down

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Thanks in advance-

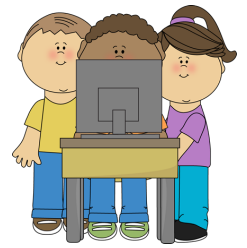
2019-2020 PTO

Laura Edwards / Jenine Elzinga / Madeleine Keen / Laura Reiner / Theresa Snider



Links from the Lab

By Miss Marco Technology Instructor



1st Grade Update: First grade students have been learning how to do some coding using the Scratch Jr. app on the iPads. This app is free so they might want to use it at home as well. They are learning that coding means that you give commands or directions to make a program run and to make a character or objects do something such as jump, spin, move right, move left and more.

Moving with Mr. Metz

Hello Everyone!

I hope you are doing well. Over the past few weeks we have been wrapping up fitness testing and continuing to learn about soccer. All classes are doing great and working really hard. We have a week or two left of soccer and then most classes will be moving into MATBALL (think kickball, but inside and the bases are large mats). Have a great weekend.

~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



Fifth grade just wrapped up a unit on Hispanic Heritage Month. Students learned a great deal. For example, we discovered that American households now have more bottles of salsa than ketchup!

Check out these festive postage stamps made by fifth graders:



Music Notes from Mr. Loughrin



Last week, Lakewood fifth graders had the opportunity to audition in music class to be part of an ensemble to lead our whole school in singing our national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner" at our annual Veterans Day Assembly on November 11th. This is one of several fifth grade opportunities to be a featured singer and sing into a microphone in front of a large group of people.

It takes a lot of courage to be a risk taker and audition in front of your peer group and to then prepare to perform in front of the whole school, parents, teacher and guests. Fifth grade students did an outstanding job and our visiting veterans will have the privilege of hearing these talented fifth graders honor our veterans and our nation at the Waukazoo Veterans Day Celebration.

Congratulations to those 5th grade students who auditioned and earned the privilege of singing "The Star Spangled Banner".

Hey, do you know the history of the writing of "The Star Spangled Banner"? Check out this link to a cool video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iiVryYnzmdl&t=6s>