



West Ottawa Public Schools

Preparing Students to Be College, Career and Life Ready!

Lakewood Newsletter

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November 1, 2019

Michael Ghareeb Principal

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Greetings Lakewood Families,

On November 4 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm, we will be hosting a Blue Ribbon Open House in the gymnasium. We would really like to celebrate our staff and students who made this awesome opportunity possible for Lakewood Elementary. Please join us and invite your family and friends for cake and punch and a few words from our Superintendent and possibly myself.

November 11 is Veteran's Day and as usual we will be honoring our veterans by hosting a Veteran's Day assembly. Our scouts (both girls and boys) will be serving coffee and doughnuts to our honorees from 9:30 - 10:00 am in the multi-purpose room with the actual assembly beginning at 10:00 am in the gymnasium. If you are able, we encourage our whole community to join us in honoring those who have so valiantly served to preserve our freedom.

Our first of two Scholastic book fairs also begins on November 11 and runs through November 14. The fair will be held in the media center and will be open from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday through Wednesday and from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm on Thursday for family night which includes and Ice Cream Social from 6:00 - 8:00 pm (it will be closed from 1:00 - 2:00 pm daily). Also, during that week, we would like to invite all of you to come in and eat lunch with us for "Bring Your Family to Lunch Week."

Sincerely,

Michael Ghareeb



Important Dates:

November 1
No School

November 3
Daylight Savings Time
Move your clocks back 1 hour

November 4
Blue Ribbon Open House
7-8 PM

November 11-14
Scholastic Book Fair

Bring your family to lunch week

November 27-29
Thanksgiving Break

December 3
4th Gr Lansing Field Trip



In the LOOP with LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY

Student Council Updates

Lakewood Student Council has planned a few events in the upcoming months. On October 31st, students are invited to wear their superhero gear to school. Starting in November, student council will be organizing a food drive to benefit the Community Action House. The food drive will last from November 1st to November 27th. Please donate any non-perishable food. Coming up in December, we are participating in the angel tree sponsored by the Salvation Army. Tags will be placed on the tree mid-late November. Thank you for helping our community!



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. We saw SNOW today! 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 these fall and winter months.

Lost and Found Items are now located in the main office.



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





Dear Parents and Families,

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

Set the example. Let children see you read.

Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills.

Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: Nov. 11th to the 14th

Shopping hours: 8am to 1pm, 2pm to 4pm

Special activities: family night Thursday the 14th fair open 4pm to 8pm.

Ice Cream Social from 6pm to 8pm

Coin Drive Yeti vs Narwhal week before fair Nov. 4th to the 8th. Students bring coins to class and all coins will help buy books for the school.

Two NEW shopping options! Book Fair eWallet is a safe and convenient digital payment option for your student to shop the Fair cash-free. If you're not able to attend the Fair, try our new online shopping. We've partnered with the Scholastic Store to offer over 6,000 products that ship direct to home (with free shipping on book-only orders of \$25 or more)! Visit our homepage to get started: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/lakewoodelementaryschoolfall2019>

We hope to see you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Sincerely,

Our Book Fair Committee

Madeleine Keen, Laura Edwards, Liz Carr



Links from the Lab

By Miss Marco Technology Instructor



2nd Grade Update: 2nd 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. Our first mini challenge is to make two car characters race, using grid view to count to the finish line!



Moving with Mr. Metz

Hello Everyone!

It looks like the fall season is finally upon us! This week in Physical Wellness, all classes are playing a variety of "spooky" fall games that focus on teamwork and creativity! Next week upper elementary students will be starting at Mat Ball and lower elementary students will be working on their kicking skills in a variety of ways. Have a great week!



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



Second graders are busy learning calendar vocabulary. We learned a Spanish days of the week song using sign language movements. Now students will begin practicing the Spanish months. Did you know that Spanish days and months are not capitalized? Ask your child to show you the days of the week song!



Also, make sure to check out my webpage as a way to practice Spanish at home!

<http://senoradillon.weebly.com/>

Music Notes from Mr. Loughrin

As part of our preparation for our Veterans Day Assembly, students learned about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, located in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA. Students watched a YouTube video of the changing of the guards and learned how these elite soldiers volunteered to be part of what is known as the “Old Guard”. Students were fascinated to learn that the tomb is guarded 24hrs a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year!



The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

There are many videos on YouTube that show this serious and formal ceremony that occurs every hour. In addition, there are some wonderful “behind the scenes” videos that share the rigorous and demanding process of becoming a member of the guard and the detail and attention dedicated to bringing the ceremony as close to perfection as possible.

The Changing of the Guard: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4utXb3auOew>

Behind the scenes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VHc4oup12LM&t=200s>



JET PRESENTS...

TDS

Season Details:

Nov 9- DEC 14

Six Practices/Games

Saturdays Only

Between 3PM-8PM

Ages 4th-12th Grade

INDOOR FLAG FOOTBALL

Register Online:

WWW.JETFLAGFOOTBALL.COM

Location: Sportsquest Family Center
3325 100th Ave Zeeland, MI

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Athletes will have fun, learn fundamentals, and enhance their physical and mental capabilities! Boys & girls of all ability levels will benefit from this recreational league!