



West Ottawa Public Schools

Preparing Students to Be College, Career and Life Ready!

Lakewood Newsletter

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Greetings Lakewood Families,

It's hard to believe that we're already approaching the Holiday Break and that nearly half of the year is complete. Time seems to have flown by this year thus far. There will be no school beginning on December 23, 2019 and we will return on Monday, January 6, 2020! The first week that we are back in school, we will be conducting our second round of Dibels testing to assess reading progress across all of the grades. That being said, please be sure to encourage reading during the break so that we can try to avoid any learning loss during that period.

Please take the time during this holiday season to get some well deserved rest and relaxation time and enjoy fun-filled times with family and friends. The best part of the season is remembering those who make the holidays meaningful. I would like to take this time to wish you all the love and happiness this season can bring, and may it follow you throughout the coming new year and for years to come. Happy Holidays everyone!

Sincerely,

Michael Ghareeb



Important Dates:

December 21

Victory Apparel orders due
<https://victoryapparel.org/>

Dec. 23-Jan. 3

Holiday Recess

Week of January 6

Victory Apparel orders will arrive at Lakewood

January 13

PTO Meeting @ 6:30 PM

January 17

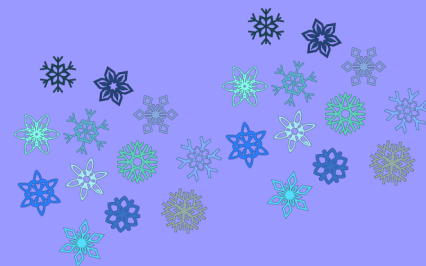
End of 1st Semester
Half Day: dismissal at 11:52

January 23

Kindergarten Showcase
6:00 PM

January 30

Science Night
6:30-8:00PM



Our PTO has a new newsletter format. These will be coming your way once or twice a month. You can also find information on their website: lakewoodpto.org

In the LOOP with LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY

Student Council Updates

Student Council would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season!

Thank you so much for giving to Angel Tree this year. Together you brought in 70 toys, 15 items of clothing, and \$65.00 in gift cards. You helped make Christmas great for children and families in our community. Way to Go WO!!!

Our final event for 2019 is Festive Friday. Dress up in your holiday attire on December 20th.



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 take the students out every day providing the weather is reasonably dry and the wind chill is not below 0 degrees. Please send your child to school with all their winter attire. 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 winter months.

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



Parent Pick Up/Drop off

Please remember to pull forward in the parent drive. Parking in the pick up lane is not allowed and causes a large back up of traffic on the street. If you wish to meet your child by the doors please park in the designated areas. Thank you for your help!



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

Links from the Lab

By Miss Marco Technology Instructor



5th Grade Update: 5th Grade students have created and shared a survey about favorite things. After a minimum of 3 classmates have taken their survey, they are looking at the results/responses and analyzing them. They have been asked to give their opinion about these results using a Google Doc that will be shared with a partner for peer editing and graded at the end of the 1st semester.

*Snow is falling
and books are
calling ...*

Moving with Mr. Metz

Hi Lakewood Families,

The holiday season is almost upon us. I wanted to take a second to wish you all a great holiday break and new year! Please encourage your kids to stay active both inside and outside (weather permitting). I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in a couple of weeks when we get back! I've really enjoyed this school year so far. All students are working really hard and it's a lot of fun to see them all improve at the things we are working on. Thanks again for sharing your kids with us! Have a great holiday break!



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



Don't forget your español over the holidays! Here are 5 great ideas for practicing Spanish:

1. Watch one of your favorite movies in Spanish (ask your parents for help in changing the language on the DVD menu).
2. Go out to eat at a Mexican restaurant and use a few Spanish words like "buenas noches" and "por favor".
3. Search for kid-friendly Spanish websites like <https://www.rockalingua.com/>
4. Check out books at Herrick District Library. They have an amazing selection of Spanish books and bilingual books.



Music Notes from Mr. Loughrin

Students did a fantastic job caroling around our school this week. Every classroom was visited at least once to receive good tidings and cheer as we head into our holiday break and close out 2019!



Happy Holidays to all of our Lakewood Families!!! Here's hoping your holiday break is filled with music, joy and time with family.

If you are looking for something fun to watch over the holidays, below is a link to the New York Ballet doing the Nutcracker. The music for this ballet was composed in 1892 by Pyotr Tchaikovsky and features well known music and dances such as "The Dance of the Sugar Plumb Fairy", "Waltz of the Snowflakes" and the "Arabian Dance". Here is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WO2SxXcffyI>

Have restful break!!!



GIRLS ON THE RUN IS

so much fun!

About the Program

Girls on the Run is an after school program which inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. Our **ten-week** program is designed for girls in grades **3-5**. Lessons are led by trained volunteer coaches who guide and mentor the girls through an uplifting curriculum that focuses on life-long skills to improve emotional and physical health. The program culminates in a non-competitive 5k which gives the girls a chance to shine and an overwhelming sense of accomplishment.

The 10 week curriculum offers lessons that specifically address some of the issues that will arise during elementary school. Teams of 8-15 girls will engage in in-depth, age appropriate discussions regarding topics such as bullying, gossiping, making healthy choices, keeping promises and self confidence!

Registration

To register, visit

WWW.GOTROAC.ORG

Registration opens: November 1st

Registration closes: November 30

Team size limited to 15

Late registration available for teams with available space!

scholarships

Families who are not able to pay the registration fee may request financial assistance!

The cost of the GOTR program is \$150

Assistance is awarded to **all** who request it. No proof of income is required. Information is kept confidential. *Financial assistance is immediately granted during the registration process.*

Simple and easy!

No girls are turned away from the program due to an inability to pay

This fee covers the full cost of one girl's participation which includes: a new pair of Adidas running shoes, 20 lessons conducted by two certified GOTR coaches, a Girls on the Run event t-shirt, participation in the 5K Celebration Run/Walk, a water bottle and a practice t-shirt.

Why it matters
IT'S FUN. IT'S EFFECTIVE.

Participating in Girls on the Run transforms girls' lives by helping them increase their self-confidence, develop healthy relationships, and feel good about themselves, inside and out.

You can register online OR at an open house. If you register online, you do *not* need to attend an open house.

Open House Dates

November 7— Coopersville South Elementary 3:30-6:00pm

November 14— Hamilton Elementary 3:30-6:00pm

November 16— Resilience (411 Butternut Dr. Holland) 9:30am-12

November 26— Pine Creek Elementary 3:15-5:00pm

Check our website for the most up to date times & locations!



Girls who were the least active at the start of the program increased their physical activity by more than 40%*



97% of participants said they learned critical skills to manage emotions, resolve conflict, help others or make intentional decisions*

*Results based on a 2015 independent study conducted by Positive Youth Development expert Maureen R. Weiss, Ph.D.

A program of:

RESILIENCE

ADVOCATES FOR ENDING VIOLENCE

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Did you know that each team needs 2 volunteer coaches? Visit our website and click on 'coach'!



Girls on the Run is for **EVERY**girl.

DO YOU WANT TO



**MEET NEW
FRIENDS?**



**ACCOMPLISH
BIG THINGS?**



**HELP OTHERS IN
YOUR COMMUNITY?**



**HAVE SO
MUCH FUN?**

NEW THIS SEASON!

We are excited to announce that we will be working with **Adidas** for our shoe needs! Shoe sizes will be collected at the time of registration, we will **NOT** be hosting shoe fittings in January!

**All shapes, sizes and abilities are
celebrated & welcome!**

AFTER SCHOOL ON CAMPUS *10 WEEKS *MEET 2X A WEEK* TEAMS OF UP TO 15 GIRLS*

3rd-5th GRADES* STARTS IN MARCH*CELEBRATION 5K IN MAY*

~REGISTRATION BEGINS IN NOVEMBER~

To register online, visit WWW.GOTROAC.ORG and click on the 'Register Now' tab!

Registration for Spring 2020 is open

NOW!

TOTAL TREK QUEST



<https://www.raceplanner.com/register/index/AOSpring2020>

TTQ is a fun, high energy program designed exclusively for boys in 3rd-5th grade! TTQ incorporates strength and stretching exercises while training for a 5K. Boys in this program will develop positive peer relationships and feel a part of a team while working toward individual goals. Additional practice activities focus on developing a healthy lifestyle, social/relationship skills, making positive choices, and knowledge of the effects of substances such as alcohol, tobacco and e-cigarettes.

Cost is \$45; scholarships are available.

Questions? Need a scholarship? Please
contact Brandon Melnyk at 616-450-4651 or

bmelnik@arborcircle.org

Spring Season starts the week of 2/24/2020

- Total Trek Quest is coached by adults who have completed program training, CPR/First Aid certification, central registry clearance, and background checks. Coaches are always needed; please consider being a coach!
- If school is cancelled for any reason, TTQ will also be cancelled that day.

TOTAL TREK QUEST

FREE Kick Off Event

The Lost City

12350 James Street, Holland MI 49424

Saturday, February 15th

10am-Noon

Unlimited Laser Tag, Mini Golf, and Mini Bowling

For all TTQ participants and their families.

Boys must be accompanied by an adult



- The TTQ Spring final event will be the Tulip Time 5K! Registration for TTQ boys is included in the program. Parents and friends are encouraged to participate and will receive a discount code after registration.

