



West Ottawa Public Schools

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Lakewood Newsletter

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Greetings Lakewood Families,

Can you believe that we've already surpassed the 100th day of school! It seems like it was just yesterday that we welcomed all of our awesome students back for another year. Just recently we have added two new staff members to our wonderful team of teachers at Lakewood. Please join us in welcoming Sarah Volker as our teacher of students with Autism Spectrum Disorder in grades 3 through 5. In addition, we've also recently hired a new teacher for our technology class special to work both at Lakewood and at Waukazoo. Please welcome Katherine Frederickson to our fantastic teaching team.

Please remember that our mid-winter break will take place on Monday, February 17. There will be no school on that day. On Thursday, February 20, the West Ottawa High School's top jazz band will be coming to Lakewood for a performance at 3:00 pm. In addition the staff from Macatawa Bay Middle School will be visiting our 5th grade classes on Friday, February 21 to answer any questions and provide useful information for the transition to middle school. Finally, please join us for our next PTO meeting which will be held on Monday, February 24 at 6:30 pm in our media center.

We wish you all the best,

Michael Ghareeb



Important Dates:

February 17
Mid-Winter Recess
No School

February 24
PTO Meeting
6:30 PM

March 12
Half day
Dismissal at 11:52

Parent Teacher conferences
1-4 and 5-8 PM

March 17
Parent Teacher Conferences
5-8 PM

Spring Break
April 3-10



Thank you for your support with Kindness Grams and Purple Power!
What an amazing group of children and parents we have.



In the LOOP with LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY

Student Council Updates

This month the Student Council is proud to support Purple Power by sponsoring a Hat Day. Every child who paid a dollar was allowed to wear a hat on Wednesday, February 12. In addition, Student Council is encouraging kindness this month with a special day set aside for random acts of kindness. This day is February 21.



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



**LINKS of the
WEEK**

WEEK OF February 2-6, 2020

Hudson Pippel: I joined LINKS because I like helping other students that need help. It is not difficult to work with the students with autism. I have helped them during their specials time and it is a lot of fun. When I am not at school, I love to play football. I would like to be a really good professional football player when I grow up.

Eva Foster: I decided to become a LINK because I really like helping other students. In addition, my parents told me that I have the gift of reading body language and I thought it might be fun to use one of my gifts. My favorite part of LINKS is working with the students with autism because it is so fun seeing how they interact with others. When I am not at school, I enjoy riding my bike. I would like to be a pilot when I grow up.

Maya Sterling: I became a LINK because I like to help others. The LINKS meetings are a bright spot in my day. I wake up those mornings excited because we have a meeting. I have helped the students with autism in the lunch line and during their gym class. I would like to be a professional swimmer, tennis player, artist and singer when I grow up.

WEEK OF February 10-14, 2020

Addley Field: I decided to become a LINK because I like to be loving and kind to those who have autism or a disability. They are such amazing people and I want them to know they are as good as everyone else is! My favorite thing about being a LINK is the connections that I have made with two student with autism who are both in my 5th grade classroom. It has been so rewarding to develop these relationships with them. When not at school I enjoy playing with my dogs and friends in the neighborhood and sledding down the hill. When it is warm outside I also enjoy biking and swimming. I would love to be a pediatrician when I grow up and specialize in working with children with autism.

Jaxon Hall: Last school year I began helping students who have autism or another disability get on the bus at the end of the day. That was before LINKS was started and then I joined LINKS this school year. Now I help by being a lunch and gym buddy. What I like most about LINKS is being their friend. They like you much more if you pretend not to be their teacher. They also listen better to you than their teacher because they will see you do something and want to do it, too. For fun, I enjoy eating, playing video games, and sports. Someday I would like to not play sports professionally but be the referee or announcer.

Sophia Post: I decided to become a LINK because I wanted to help students who have autism or another disability, especially when it can be hard for them to focus or do well in class. I help them during lunch picking out their food and during gym class so they can have fun and focus on what they are doing. My favorite thing about LINKS is meeting with the students that I help as well as learning more about autism. When not in school I like to play with my brothers, and read, read, read! When I grow up, I would like to become a zoologist and study animals.

March Is Reading Month

Teachers are working on some great plans for reading month, which is coming soon! Be looking for detailed information to come home at the end of the month explaining the reading incentives and more! We also are excited that Joel Tanis, a local artist, will be coming to do a presentation for us! To show our appreciation for his time, we will be doing a coin war to raise money for a non-profit he is involved with, "Blood: Water Mission," which in large part brings support to groups that are helping African countries increase access to clean water. Start saving your coins now! We are also excited about the "One Book, One School" books that each family will be getting from our PTO. It's going to be a great reading month!



Moving with Mr. Metz

Hi Lakewood Families,

I hope you are all doing well. We will be wrapping up basketball skills and games this week in physical wellness. Lower elementary aged students have been working on developing shooting, dribbling, and passing skills individually and in small groups. They are improving rapidly! Upper elementary age students have been refining the same skills as well as learning about a variety of competitive shooting basketball games. It's great to see the students working together as they are learning about these games.



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 students recently started a unit on Spanish adjectives. We are learning a variety of Spanish adjectives to describe objects and people. Students will have a fun, new song called *La Cancion de Opuestos (The Opposites Song)*. Also, we will be working on a magazine project in partners. Ask your child how to say large in Spanish!

alto (tall)



bajo (short)



Fourth graders are spending time this year studying South America. Students are learning about the Spanish-speaking countries and the culture. One of the places we are discussing is Machu Picchu located in Peru. To read more about Machu Picchu and to see photos of this fascinating place, check out the website below:

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/travel/top-10/peru/machu-picchu/secrets/>

Music Notes from Mr. Loughrin

How many instruments of the orchestra can you name? (answer key below)

Lakewood 1st graders and 3rd graders are doing an intensive study of instrument families and the instruments of the orchestra. We generally divide musical instruments into four instrument families: Strings, Woodwinds, Brass and Percussion. Instruments are classified by how they generate sound (or make music). Lakewood 1st graders are learning the families and classifying instruments into their respective families as well as learning about the sounds they make. Lakewood 3rd graders are not only classifying instruments into families, but also studying the science and mechanics of different instruments, thereby making them experts on exactly how each instrument works. Or see if you can identify instruments by sound by taking an online quiz at:



http://www.musictechteacher.com/music_quizzes/music_quizzes.htm

From left to right: Clarinet, contra-bassoon, flute, oboe, timpani, snare drum, saxophone, piano, bass drum, bassoon, trumpet, gong, tambourine, xylophone, trombone, French horn, triangle, harp, tuba, English horn, viola, piccolo, chimes, organ, marimba, bass, cymbals, violin cello, bass clarinet

Summer 2020 W**O**cademy

Information

Morning WOcademy (K-9) HIGH SCHOOL NORTH COURTS

Two 1-week sessions or summer long.

Session 1: June 15-19

Session 2: June 22-26

Summer Long: June 15-19 & June 22-26

Days: Monday through Friday

Times: K-3rd meets 9-10am
4th-9th grade meets 10-noon

Cost: (Register by what grade you are entering)

K-3rd: \$25/session or \$50 for summer long

4th-8th: \$40/session or \$80 for summer long

*Child #1 and #2 are regular price. Each additional child is half price.

Night WOcademy (K-9) HIGH SCHOOL NORTH COURTS

One 2-week session.

Session 1: June 15, June 17, June 22, June 24

Days: Mondays and Wednesdays

Times: K-3rd meets 6-7 PM
4th-9th meet 6-8 PM

Cost: (Register by what grade you are entering)

K-3rd: \$25

4th-8th: \$40

*Child #1 and #2 are regular price. Each additional child is half price.

Q: How do I register?

A: Please visit www.wotennis.com/wocademy and click on "REGISTER FOR SUMMER WOCADEMY 2019" to register.

Q: How do I pay you?

A: On the first day of the session, you will give Coach Metz either cash or a check written out to West Ottawa Public Schools.

Q: My child has/has not done a tennis camps before, is this the right camp for them?

A: **100% yes!** Summer WOcademy is designed for those players that have never played before as well as those that have some playing experience.

Q: What does my child need?

A: Gym shoes as well as a tennis racquet.

Q: Who will be running WOcademy this summer?

A: Both Coach Peter Schwallier & Coach Brian Metz will run WOcademy. Coach Schwallier is the Women's Varsity Coach for West Ottawa. Coach Metz is the Men's Varsity Coach for West Ottawa. There will also be numerous lower level coaches assisting as well as high school players helping out.

Questions?
Contact Brian Metz at 616-334-6451

