



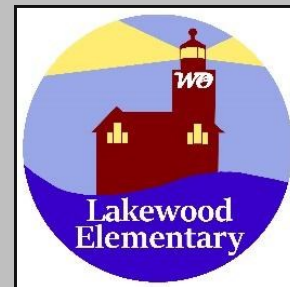
West Ottawa Public Schools

Preparing Students to Be College, Career and Life Ready!

Lakewood Newsletter

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Greetings Lakewood Families,

I am excited to announce that Lakewood Elementary will be celebrating spirit week next week (September 28 through October 2). The themes for the days are as follows:

Monday - Pajama Day

Tuesday - Tie Dye Day

Wednesday - Crazy Hair Day

Thursday - Beach Day

Friday - Black and White Day

Recently, a law was passed that requires all schools to test each student in the areas of math and ELA at the beginning of the year and at the end of the year. We will be using the Acadience platform (formerly DIBELS) to assess the students in ELA and we will use the Math Expressions pre and post tests to assess the students in math. We have used Acadience for years, so this will not be new for the students, however, the math assessments will be new for most.

We really have gotten off to a wonderful start to the school year considering the situation that we are all in. It's wonderful to see how our staff and students relate to each other and it certainly appears as though everyone is getting the most out of being back in school. That being said, I am thrilled to introduce a new theme for the year which exemplifies what we at Lakewood are all about. The theme for the next two years will be "We are Family"!

Sincerely,

Michael Ghareeb

Important Dates:

October 22

Parent Teacher
Conferences

1-4pm and 5-8pm

Students Half day
Dismissal at 11:52

October 27

Parent Teacher
Conferences 5-8pm

Picture Re-Takes

October 30

No School

November 1

Daylight Savings Time
Ends

November 11

Veterans Day



SPANISH SPOTLIGHT WITH SEÑORA DILLON

Hola Lakewood families! It feels great to be back at school and the kids are off to an amazing start! The first week of school we discussed why it is important to learn another language. Here are some of the students' responses:

"There are a lot of people who speak Spanish in the world."

"Another language is useful when traveling."

"It will help you get a good job when you grow up."

"You can make new friends and get along with others."

"Learning another language is fun!"



Please check out my website to see what each grade level is currently working on:

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

Mrs. Hall has created a wonderful web site for you to view all of the **Art** istic things your student is learning about. Visit her site at this link...

<https://woartmakesyousmart.weebly.com/>



 **Moving with Metz!!** 

Lakewood Families,

I'm so glad to be back working with our students in Physical Wellness this school year. While things certainly look a little different, over the first few weeks the students have been absolutely wonderful and are doing great in my class. We've been learning new class procedures and routines as we will be outside the vast majority of the time this fall. The students are doing fantastic with social distancing and making sure we are all safe while they are outdoors. We've also started to work on soccer skills and 'm looking forward to seeing them play modified soccer games soon! Please let me know if you have any questions. The easiest way to get ahold of me is by email at metzb@westottawa.net. I'm looking forward to a great year with each student.

~Mr. Metz



Music Notes

from Mr. Loughrin



A Warm Welcome (and Welcome Back!) to all Lakewood Students!!!!!!

Something Different This Year!

Due to COVID-19, as you may or may not know our specialists are on a cart. Rather than have all students visit our rooms, each specialist is traveling on a cart, visiting each classroom (or Cohort) for greater health safety.

It will be different, but for now, we will make the best of it! I have "tricked out" my cart complete with a keyboard, sound system and guitar, along with a few extras as needed.

THE RHYTHM OF THE BEAT

As we begin our year students are reviewing rhythm and how music has a study beat. We are exploring this through a variety of engaging rhythm songs and activities to challenge our skills and get us moving to the beat!

I look forward to a wonderful year with your children!!!

THE TECH LAB

Welcome to a new school year!



Hello! I am Mrs. Fredrickson, and I am your child's technology teacher! This will be my 18th year of teaching, but first full year in the computer lab! I graduated GVSU with a Master's in Education and Technology!

It has been a wonderful couple weeks getting to meet all the students! We have been spending some time getting to know each other and shared some positive things that we spent doing this summer. Students did a wonderful job using Google Slides to share "All About Me!"

We have also been familiarizing ourselves with the routines and procedures of what the technology lab/classroom will look like the beginning of this school year. We have been working on logging in with our new passwords, and talking about what it means to be a safe, respectful and responsible digital citizen. This week, began discussing what cyber safety is. Students used Canva, a graphic design platform to create a poster showing examples of cyber safety.

I am looking forward to this school year! So far we are off to a wonderful start!

~Mrs. Fredrickson :)



Infinite
Campus

Parent Portal Login

Every family should have a Parent Portal account. This is where you will see your child's attendance, report card, transportation and other important information. Please follow this link to set up an account... <https://www.westottawa.net/>



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

***See the next page for our Covid symptom guidelines**

Environmental Club Of Lakewood (ECO Lakewood)

Help make Lakewood a greener place! Meet with other 4-5th grade students interested in taking care of the environment and put together projects to make your home, school, and community greener. We will talk about litter, recycling, invasive species, water quality, and other projects to improve Lakewood. Meetings will be held online once a month from 4:15 to 5:15, starting October 8. Contact us to let us know you're interested!

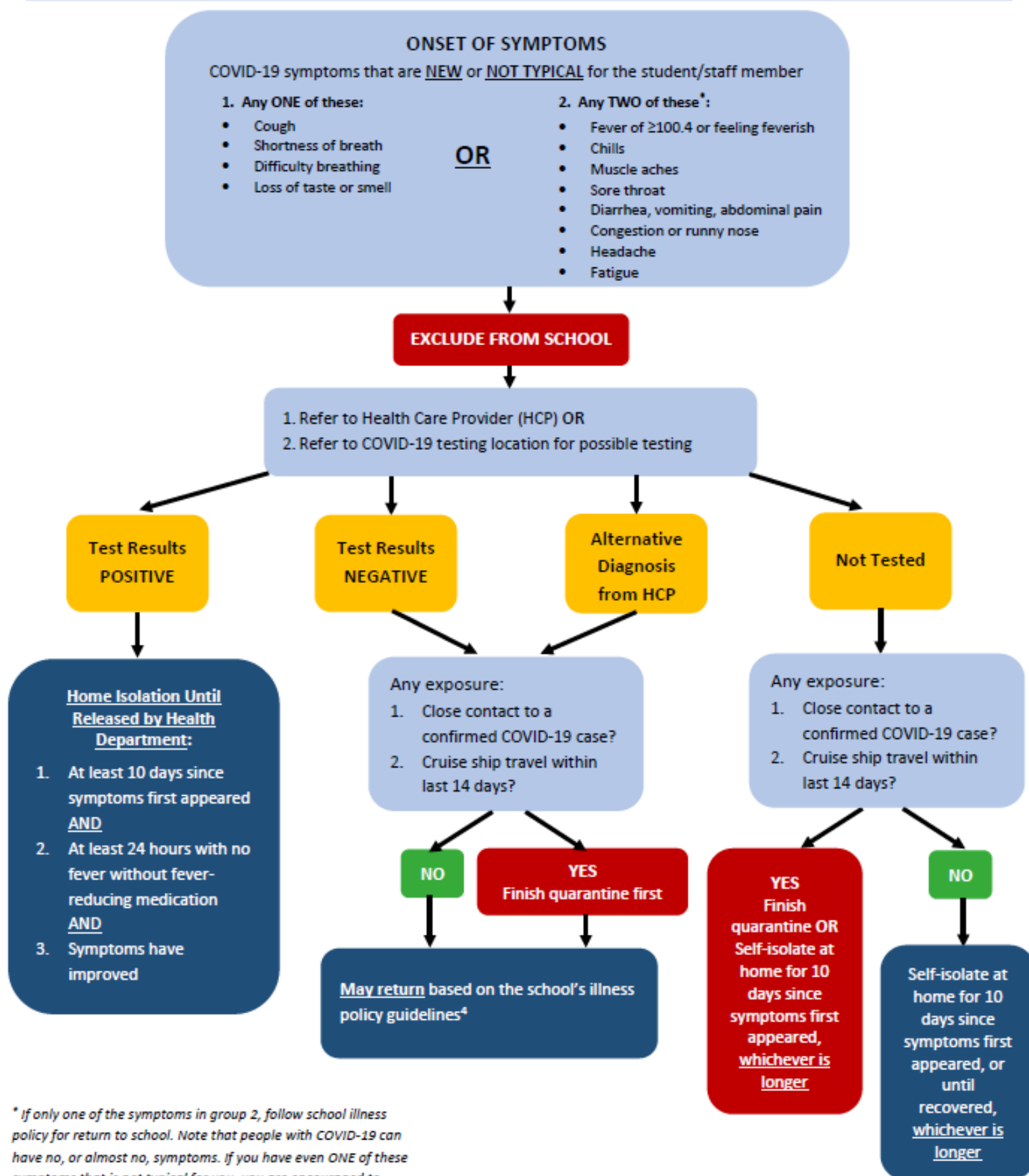


Hi! My name is Sarah Brown. I'm a high school junior and former Lakewood student who wants to help current Lakewood students care for their environment and make their school a better place. I'll be leading/facilitating this club for any student interested in participating, and I look forward to hearing your ideas!

Contact Info: Sarah Brown, Facilitator: 22scb01@westottawa.net

Mr. Arthurs, Teacher Host: arthursk@westottawa.net

FIGURE 1. FLOWCHART FOR SYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS (STUDENTS OR STAFF MEMBERS)



* If only one of the symptoms in group 2, follow school illness policy for return to school. Note that people with COVID-19 can have no, or almost no, symptoms. If you have even ONE of these symptoms that is not typical for you, you are encouraged to seek testing.

Are your kids
learning from home
this school year?

Let's get them...

OUTSIDE

at Ottawa County Parks



BECOME AN OUTDOOR EXPLORER

Time spent outdoors is crucial to personal health and well-being.

The **Outdoor Explorer Program** provides fun recreational opportunities throughout the park system for children between the ages of 4-14.

Sessions begin in September and are offered each week. Sign up for just one or join us for them all!

\$10
per session
per child



Taking learning outdoors

Participants will enjoy activities like hiking, biking, and kayaking that encourage active learning and exploration. All experiences will take place outdoors and with small groups.

Outdoor Explorers is a great opportunity for students who are participating in virtual or remote learning to get outside and have fun.

Weekly schedule

- Ages 4-5
Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 am • Grand River Park
Wednesdays 1:30-3:30 pm • Hemlock Crossing
- Ages 6-8 - Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 am • Hemlock Crossing
- Ages 9-11 - Thursdays, 3-5 pm • Various parks
- Ages 12-14 - Fridays, 3-5 pm • Various parks

Sign up
here!



bit.ly/parks-kids



Ottawa County Parks &
Recreation Commission

Questions? Contact us:
(616) 786-4847



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Girls & Boys
Grades K-5

Looking for adventure!?

Join Cub Scouts for family fun @
Waukazoo Elementary School!!!

New Scout night will be on:

Sept 17, 2020 @ 6 PM @ Howard B Dunton Park
290 Howard Ave, Holland, MI 49424

Pinewood Derby



For more information and
a program brochure

Contact: Michael Spliedt @
misplied@mtu.edu
906-370-2808

Games



Camping



Outdoor Activities



TOTAL TREK QUEST

TTQ FALL 2020

Arbor Circle will be providing TTQ in two different formats this fall: an all virtual option, and a hybrid option. TTQ is a fun, high energy program designed exclusively for male-identified students in 3rd-5th grade, which incorporates strength and stretching exercises with training for a 5k. Participants in this program will develop positive peer relationships and feel part of a team while working toward individual goals. Additional practice activities focus on developing a healthy lifestyle and resisting peer pressure. The fall 2020 program begins September 28 and ends with a virtual 5k the week of November 23.



TTQ FALL REGISTRATION:

Allegan/Ottawa Counties: raceplanner.com/register/index/TTQFall2020A0

Kent/Newaygo Counties: raceplanner.com/register/index/TTQFall2020KN

Muskegon County: raceplanner.com/register/index/TTQFall2020M

REGISTRATION FEES:

\$35 per child for virtual / \$45 per child for hybrid

Scholarships are available by contacting Brandon at bmelnik@arborcircle.org or 616-450-4651

BOTH FALL PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- Interactive practices held online, including a movement portion geared for 5k training
- Online curriculum activities that allow for relationship building
 - Recorded running tips and motivational support
 - Opportunities for parent support
 - A virtual kickoff that is open to all family members
 - A virtual 5k to end the fall season

VIRTUAL FALL PROGRAM INCLUDES:

2 online practices with TTQ staff coaches

HYBRID FALL PROGRAM INCLUDES:

1 virtual practice and 1 in-person practice held outside at several regional locations

SUPPORT FOR TTQ PROVIDED BY:

TTQ is a program of:



The Gerber Foundation
Enhancing the quality of life of infants and young children

