

West Ottawa Public Schools

Preparing Students to Be College, Career and Life Ready!

Lakewood Newsletter

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Greetings Lakewood Families,

We have just completed our winter benchmark testing in the area of English Language Arts and are reviewing our needs and planning both interventions and enrichment opportunities based on the data. As always, our students performed well and we are excited to see their progress over the next few months.

We will be holding a virtual Kindergarten Showcase on Thursday, January 28 at 6:00 pm. If you have an incoming Kindergartener or know someone that does, please join us at this <u>link</u> or spread the word about the event. We will be reviewing our offerings, providing a virtual tour of our classrooms and holding a question and answer session to hopefully offer a sense of security that we are the best place in all of Ottawa County to educate our students.

Although we are currently not able to have parents in the building, we encourage you all to stay as involved as possible. Please reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns that you may have. Also, as always, I am available to speak with you via phone or video conference and welcome any communication that may be desired. Please stay safe and believe that we can get through this together!

Michael Ghourt

Sincerely,

Michael Ghareeb

Important Dates:

2021

Jan. 22

Students Half Day Dismissal 11:52 End of Semester 1

Jan. 28 at 6 p.m.

Virtual Kindergarten Showcase

Feb. 15

Mid Winter Recess
No school



SPANISH SPOTLIGHT WITH SEÑORA DILLON

Fourth grade students have been reviewing numbers 0-59 for a new unit on telling time. Students need to read and write these numbers in order to express a time in Spanish.

For example, 2:50 in Spanish is Son las dos y cincuenta.

Ask your child what time it is!

Check out my website: https://senoradillon.weebly.com/



Art News

To know what awesome things are happening in art class, please visit my art news website at

https://sites.google.com/westottawa.net/mrs-halls-art-news/home

Don't forget!

ART Makes you SMART!

-Mrs. Hall





Hi Lakewood Families,

I hope you are all doing well! It's been so wonderful being back in the gym with all our students over the last few weeks. All classes have started working on basketball skills and shooting games. The students are working really hard and improving every time I see them. Over the next couple of weeks we will keep adding more and more shooting games as well as refining our dribbling/passing skills.

Stay warm and keep being active!





LAKEWOOD - WEST OTTAWA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

THE TECH LAB

Week of 1/11







Happy New Year!

I hope everyone has had a restful winter break! I am excited to be working with all your children in this new year!

This week, students worked on a Google Slides activity that included a reflection of this last year. Even though it has been a challenging year, there are many great things we can celebrate! Students reflected on the things they learned and what they were most proud of. We also focused on some National Geographic activities which included creating a graphics organizer using Pixteller, and Jamboard, a student favorite!

The lower elementary students listened to winter stories and used Story Creator to write and illustrate their own winter creations.

We're of to a great start to this new year!











Music Notes from Mr. Loughrin



Lakewood Recorder Unit!

I am excited to share that Lakewood 4th graders will be participating in Carnegie Hall's Link-Up Recorder Program this year. In association with the Holland Symphony Orchestra, we will be learning and preparing songs to sing and play at (we hope) a culminating performance with area 4th graders. We do not yet know whether the performance will be virtual or whether COVID-19 mitigation procedures will allow us to gather in any size group.

Regardless, this is an amazing opportunity for students to learn about the orchestra and participate in a grand performance along with the Holland Symphony and hundreds of area 4th graders.



In December, our Student Council service project was to make Holiday cards for the residents of The Warm Friend, a senior living facility in downtown Holland. 50 bundles of four or five cards each were wrapped, and delivered to the doors of the residents there. Each tag read, "To a Very Special Friend, from the students of Lakewood Elementary." The residents LOVED these cards, and we have even had one resident write back to students, thanking them for their kindness.

Way to go, Lakewood students!

LW PTO PULSE



WE NEED YOU!

to turn in store receipts by March 17 - send them to school with your student for their teachers to collect.

For every \$150,000 in Family Fare and D&W store receipts we collect, our school earns \$1,000 from SpartanNash!





STAY CONNECTED!





@LakewoodParentCommunity

3 Ways to Give Back

For every \$150,000 in Family Fare and D&W store receipts we collect, our school earns a donation of \$1,000 from SpartanNash.



Download the Box Tops app and scan in your store receipts. Or, if you find the traditional box top clips, cut them out and send them in with your student.



When you shop online for your friends & family, Amazon will donate a portion of your purchases to our school.



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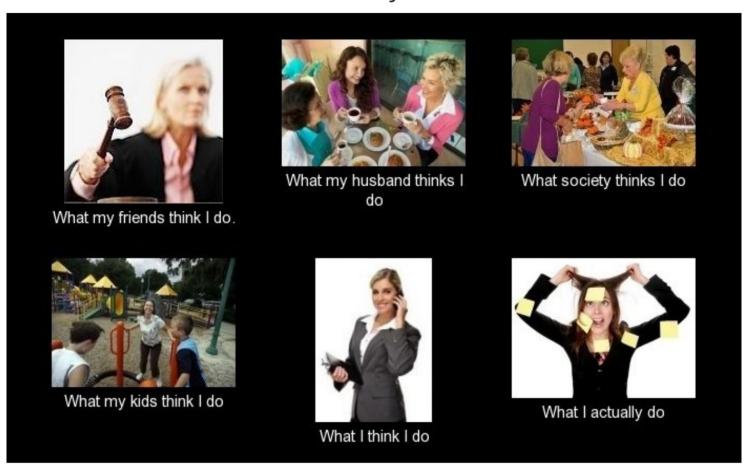
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Your PTO wants YOU!

We're a growing group of parent leaders and we'd love to have you join us!

If you have just a little time each month, and some creativity and ideas about how to better engage with our parent community, we hope you'll join our fun, supportive bunch.

We're a casual group and we work together to get things done! We meet via Zoom two Fridays/month. Please email: LWPTO@westottawa.net and let us know your interest. Thank you!



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In the LOOP with LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY



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/parent-portal/

Morning Parent Drop Off....Parents our bell rings at 8:35. If you arrive after 8:35 you will need to park your vehicle and walk to the front office to sign your student in. Thank you



Kindergarten Showcase Thursday, January 28 6:00 pm.

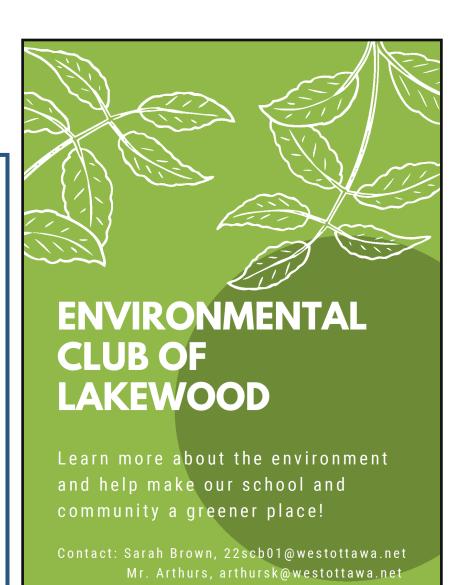
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Please Call the office if your child will be absent due to illness. Be sure to note your child's name, teacher, and symptoms.

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





WE HAVE THE POWER AND ABILITY TO KEEP THE CHILDREN IN OUR LIVES SAFE FROM SEXUAL ABUSE!

VIRTUAL PREVENTION TRAININGS

5 STEPS TO PROTECT CHILDREN, MANDATED REPORTER (MR), OR GROOMING SIGNS

2021

Monday, February 22 6:30-7:30 pm - 5 Steps

Tuesday, March 30 11:00 am-12:00 pm - MR

Tuesday, April 14 11:00 am-12:00 pm - Grooming

Wednesday, May 26 11:00 am-12:00 pm - 5 Steps

Thursday, June 24 6:30-7:30 pm - MR

Tuesday, August 10 6:30-7:30 pm - Grooming

To register, go to

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/virtualprevention2021

Questions? Please contact Amy Dalman at 616-393-6123 or at adalman@cac-ottawa.org.

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

