



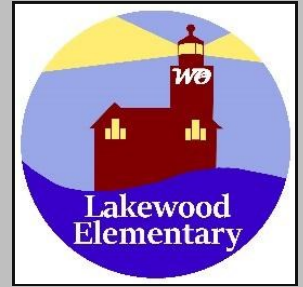
West Ottawa Public Schools

Preparing Students to Be College, Career and Life Ready!

Lakewood Newsletter

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February 26, 2021

Michael Ghareeb Principal

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Greetings Lakewood Families,

Parent Teacher Conferences are fast approaching. Due to our continued COVID conditions, we will again be hosting them virtually. You should expect an email from your child's teacher shortly requesting a conference sign-up. Conferences this year will be held on Thursday, March 11 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm and again from 5:00 - 8:00 pm and then also on Tuesday, March 16 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. We look forward to virtually meeting with all of you to discuss your child's progress to this point.

I would also like to remind everyone that March is Reading Month. Literacy skills and a lifelong love of reading both begin at birth. As your child's 1st teacher, parents and families play an important role in developing children's early reading skills. According to the National Commission on Reading, "The most significant factor influencing a child's early education success is an introduction to books and being read to at home prior to beginning school." It is not only important to read with your child prior to beginning school, but also as they are developing their reading skills in their formative years. Please be sure to encourage reading not only in march but throughout the year.

March also celebrates Women's History Month. The month is set aside to honor women's contributions in American history. Throughout the month, we will be learning about how women have contributed to our history and celebrate the achievements of women throughout history.

As always, please feel free to contact us at any time should you have any questions or need any type of clarification as we move toward another successful school year at Lakewood.

Michael Ghareeb

Important Dates:

March

Celebrating Woman's History Month

11th

HALF DAY

Parent Teacher Conferences

17th

Saint Patrick's Day

16th

Parent Teacher Conferences

April

2-9

Spring Break



SPANISH SPOTLIGHT WITH SEÑORA DILLON

First graders have been learning jobs in the community vocabulary.

Some of the words we've learned are *maestra* (teacher), *cocinero* (chef), and *bombero* (firefighter).

We are practicing these new words with games, stories, and a fun song to the tune of "Farmer in the Dell"!



Don't forget to check out my website. There are fun online resources for practicing Spanish at home:

<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





Moving with Metz!!



Hi Lakewood Families!

I hope you are all staying warm outside! In Physical Wellness we are starting to work on our racket skills by learning all about tennis this month!

Students are working on holding the racket the right way, controlling the ball with their racket, and starting to explore the different tennis strokes. I'm very impressed so far with how quickly all of the classes are picking it up!

They are all doing AWESOME!

-Mr. Metz



THE TECH LAB

Week of 2/22



It has been a wonderful week in technology!

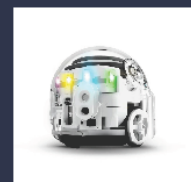
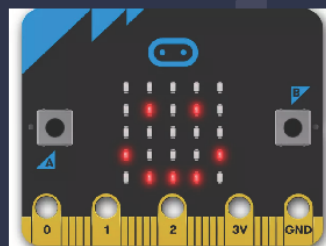
Within the next couple weeks students will have the opportunity to identify mistakes in code, then modify the code to run the programs correctly. They will plan, test and modify the plan in order to solve an engineering challenge with Ozoblocky.

Students are also programming Micro:bits on their Chromebooks. Micro:bits have small led lights which can flash messages. They also have motion sensors and they can be hooked up to other devices through cables and Bluetooth technology. It has been a lot of fun creating flashing hearts, dice that would change numbers after shaken, and many other fun programs!

The lower elementary students are using markers and OzoCodes to complete a scavenger hunt for an assortment of winter items. Students have been required to find the fastest path to visit every item, but every item must be visited only once!

Have a wonderful weekend!

~Mrs. Fredrickson :)
fredricksonk@westottawa.net





Music Notes

from Mr. Loughrin



Traditionally in late February or early March, Lakewood 5th graders have had a wonderful opportunity to attend a special concert by the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra. This is an annual event exclusively for 5th grade students, as they prepare to transition to the middle school music program. This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the concert will be pre-recorded and students will watch virtually in late March or in April.

We are very excited to give our student the opportunity to hear a professional orchestra and to make connections to many music concepts we have studied in music class.

For any Lakewood students interested in learning more about instruments of the orchestra, here is one of my favorite websites with lots of games and activities about instruments of the orchestra. Log onto: www.sfskids.com (San Francisco Symphony Kids website).



Coin Challenge Fundraiser

Who doesn't love a friendly competition between grade levels? It's even better when the challenge is to raise money to support one of our own!

In conjunction with Reading Month, Student Council will be holding a fundraiser. Each grade level at Lakewood will be raising money to help fund our Lakewood Scholarship. This scholarship is offered to a graduating senior who is a former Lakewood student. We are hoping to raise enough to support two former Lakewood students.

Rules of the Coin Challenge:

Jars will be placed outside the office and labeled by grade level.

- Coins are POSITIVES
 - You want to put the coins in your grade level buckets.
- Bills are NEGATIVES
 - You want to put bills in OTHER grade level buckets.
- Whichever grade level has the highest balance at the end of the challenge will win a ROOTBEER FLOAT PARTY!

girl scouts
of michigan
shore to shore



You're Invited!! To Make New Friends



*****Online Events for Fun at Home*****

Join Girl Scouts for a fun, online recruitment event where your girl will grow and meet new friends!

Girl Scouts unleashes the G.I.R.L. (Go-Getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)[™]
in every girl, preparing her for

lifetime of leadership—from taking a night-time hike under the stars to accepting a mission on the International Space Station; from lobbying the city council with her troop to holding a seat in Congress; from running her own cookie business today to tackling cybersecurity tomorrow. Learn more about the organization and meet our staff on the date and time that works for you.

02/10/2021 - <https://form.jotform.com/203514362289153>

02/17/2021 - <https://form.jotform.com/203513900935148>

02/24/2021 - <https://form.jotform.com/203513689809162>

03/03/2021 - <https://form.jotform.com/203513928242149>

03/10/2021 - <https://form.jotform.com/203514243071140>

03/17/2021 - <https://form.jotform.com/203513665301143>

If you are unable to make these events, contact 616-784-3341 to talk with one of our staff members.

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!*



*Thank
you!*

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.



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK
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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!



What my friends think I do.



What my husband thinks I do



What society thinks I do



What my kids think I do



What I think I do



What I actually do

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In the LOOP with LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY

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/parent-portal/>



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

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

**Black and White
Spirit Days
Every Friday**

Wear your favorite Black and White or WO apparel to school to show your School Spirit!



ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB OF LAKEWOOD

Learn more about the environment and help make our school and community a greener place!

Contact: Sarah Brown, 22scb01@westottawa.net
Mr. Arthurs, arthursk@westottawa.net



**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)

