



West Ottawa Public Schools

Preparing Students to Be College, Career and Life Ready!

Lakewood Newsletter

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Greetings Lakewood Families,

As we continue to recognize "March is Reading Month", we want to encourage everyone to really emphasize the importance of reading daily. The benefits of reading are indisputable. A student who reads daily will have a bigger vocabulary, a better understanding of language, superior reading comprehension skills, and more general knowledge gleaned through their various reads. They'll also be better equipped to construct a narrative, including setting, characters, plot, and even ideas such as themes. Simply reading 20 minutes a day gives students a big advantage as they continue through life.

We are also continuing to sponsor a coin drive. All of the proceeds raised will go toward awarding scholarships to graduating seniors of West Ottawa High School who have also attended and graduated from Lakewood. In short, the more money we raise, the more scholarships will be available for our former students. Please help us in easing the burden of tuition for some of our brightest and best former students.

Finally, we are also conducting a Lakewood Logo mask sale. You should have received an order form which was sent home via backpack mail. These masks are very comfortable and adjustable. They also come with an attached lanyard for easy removal. All of our staff members have been given one and most wear them frequently. If you need more information or would like an additional order form, please contact us and we'll be sure to meet your needs.

Sincerely,

Michael Ghareeb

Principal



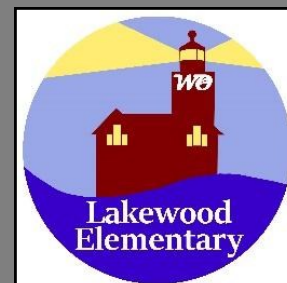
IMPORTANT DATES

March

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| 23rd | Wear Your Favorite Jersey Day! |
| 24th | Comfy Day! (Please plan something special for Reading Month) |
| 25th | Hat Day! |
| 26th | Dress As Your Favorite Book Character Day! |

April

- 2nd - 9th** Spring Break!



"At the end of the day, we can endure much more than we think we can."

— Frida Kahlo

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Quick Notes

- * **Remember to order your official Lakewood mask!** Proceeds fund various Lakewood initiatives. See *pages 7 and 13 for details!*
- * Need to give something to the front office? Drop off a tardy student or have early pickup? **Knock on the front office doors or give us a call at 616-786-1300.** *Parents and unauthorized visitors are not allowed in the building.*
- * We're closely following COVID-19 state and CDC guidelines. **Please see page 8 and 9 for how guidelines impact parents and students.**
- * West Ottawa Schools has an employment opportunity you may be interested in! Check it out on page 14.

Quick Links

- [Parent/Student Handbook](#)
- [Lakewood FAQ](#)
- [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#)
- [Previous Lakewood Newsletters](#)

SPANISH SPOTLIGHT WITH SEÑORA DILLON

Second graders are currently doing a unit on the home. We are learning the Spanish words for rooms such as *cocina* (kitchen), *sala* (living room), and next will be furniture vocabulary. Then we will explore family vocabulary like *madre* (mother), *hermano* (brother), and *abuela* (grandma).



ART News

To see all the awesome things happening in art class, please visit my Google Art Site at the link below!

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

Don't forget!

***ART** Makes You Sm**ART**!*

– Mrs. Hall



Moving with Metz!!



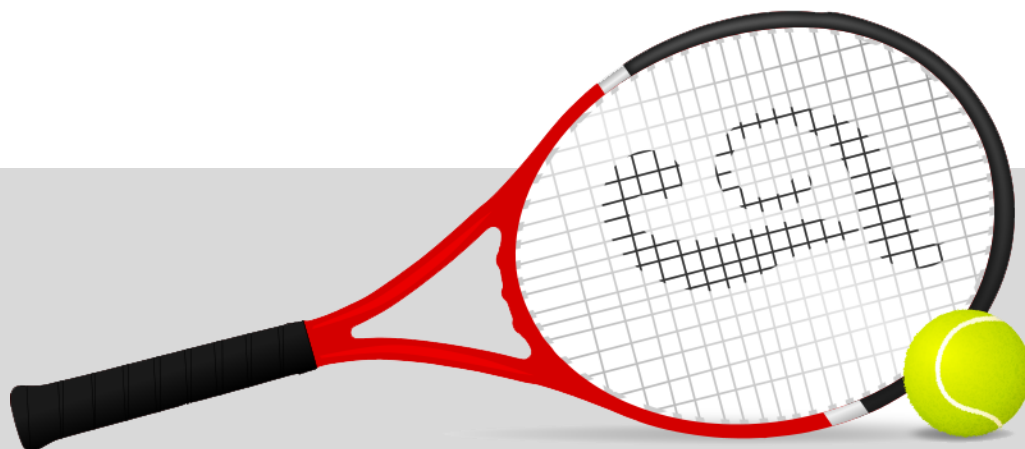
Hi Lakewood Families,

I hope you are all doing great! In Physical Wellness we are continuing to work on our tennis skills and the students are really improving every time I get to see them.

We've started rallying against a wall in class and even started to work on our serve.

I've been so impressed with how quickly all students are picking up the different tennis strokes and shots. They are all working hard and having a lot of fun, it really is great to see! Have a great weekend!

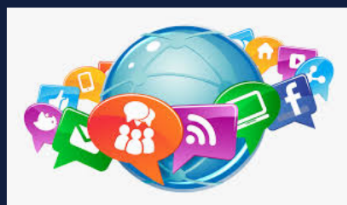
-Mr. Metz



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THE TECH LAB

Week of 3/15



This was the last week to identify mistakes in code using a fun debugging activity, then modify the code to run programs correctly. Students planned, tested and modified codes in order to solve an engineering challenge with Ozoblocky. We will revisit this skill again later on!

Students also focused on giving their own "Book Talk" recommendations using Flipgrid and AutoDraw. Students were encouraged to view other projects and add some books they found of interest to their "Must Read List!" We also are working on putting together a creative project where they will have a choice on how they want to present their "book of choice" using Google Suite tools.

Lower elementary students had the opportunity to visit Early World of Learning and talked about different ways to learn new things using technology. We shared some new facts that we learned regarding animals. After brainstorming some facts and opinions about their animal, students will be putting together a visual display to share!

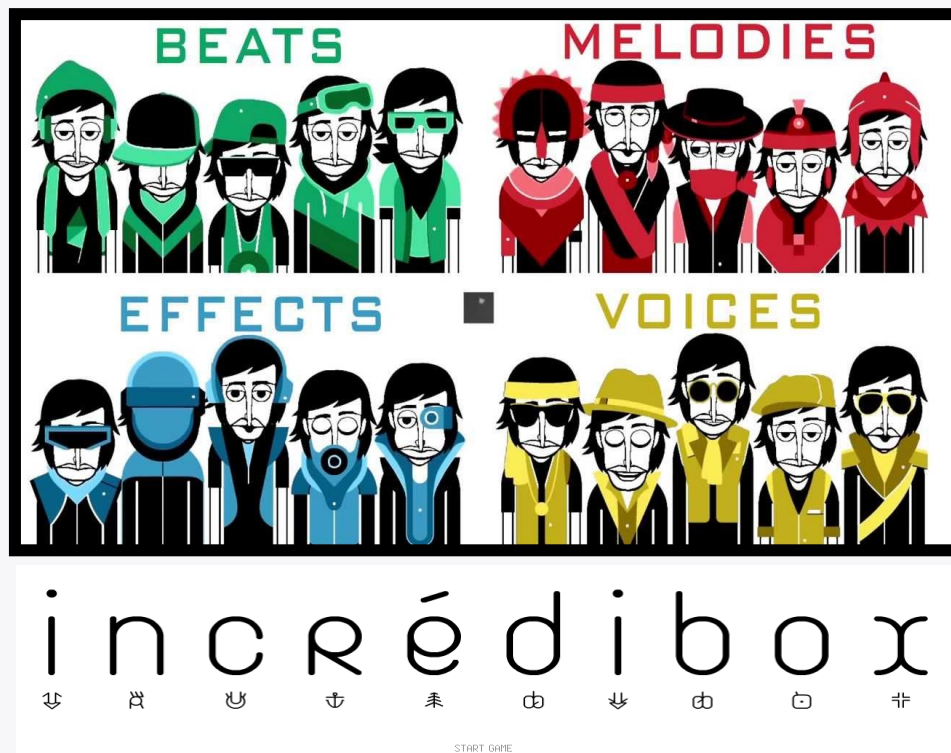


Have a wonderful weekend!

~Mrs. Fredrickson :)
fredricksonk@westottawa.net



Music Notes from Mr. Loughrin



Have you checked out Incredibox????? "Incredibox is a musical app in which you can quickly and easily create a mix by running a band of beatboxers". It is one of the coolest and most fun music websites I have ever seen!

Kids and adults can go online to www.incredibox.com and create and arrange their own beat boxing, hip hopping, jazz jumping arrangements using the Incredibox Beat Boxing "dudes". Each "dude" has their own riff or ostinato pattern. You pull them up and assign them a part and they play it. It is a ton of fun and quite addicting!! Check it out!!!!

PTO Updates

Mask orders are due
Friday March 26th!

Please send cash or
check made out to
"Lakewood PTO".

**Masks expected
Mid-April.**

Any questions or if you
need a new order form,
please email
lwpto@westottawa.net

*\$2.00 of every
mask sold
supports
Lakewood*

ORDER FORM:

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Submit order form and payment to teacher OR
the front office.

STUDENT NAME _____

TEACHER: _____

☐ Black – ADULT Qty: _____

☐ Blue – ADULT Qty: _____

☐ Gray – ADULT Qty: _____

☐ Red – ADULT SMALL Qty: _____

☐ Green – ADULT SMALL Qty: _____

☐ Pink – ADULT SMALL Qty: _____

☐ Yellow – ADULT SMALL Qty: _____

Total Quantity of Masks: _____

Total amount included: _____

(\$7.00 x Total Masks)

Cash or Checks (made out to LAKEWOOD PTO)
Only

GET IN THE LOOP WITH LAKEWOOD!

MORNING DROP OFF

First bell rings at 8:35 AM. **Students arriving after 8:35 AM are considered tardy.**

To drop off a tardy student, **please park in the south parking lot and walk your student to the front office.**

Please remember to sign in your student.

PICKING UP A STUDENT

If you need to pick up a student before normal dismissal time, **please give the front office a call and email your student's teacher.**

After 9:00 AM, you can park in the driveway directly in front of the office.

Please remember to sign out your student.

SICK STUDENTS

Illness happens—we understand! If your student must stay home due to illness, **please call the front office. Tell us your student's name, teacher, and symptoms.**



Call 616-786-1300 and press "1" for the attendance line.

If a student becomes ill while at school, we may send the student home for monitoring with a parent or guardian. **Ensure your contact information and preferred emergency contacts are up to date in your student's file!**

COVID-19 PROTOCOL

A reality of this school year has been managing the outbreak of COVID-19.

Students exhibiting at least **one primary COVID-19 symptom** OR at least **two secondary symptoms** must return home ASAP. To return home, **students must:**

- Receive a **negative** COVID-19 test,
- Be signed off by a doctor (**DO or MD**), or
- Self-isolate for 10 days or until symptoms are gone—**whichever is longer.**

To return in less than 10 days, you **must** supply a negative test or doctor's note.

***Please see page 9 for detailed protocol.*

Infinite
Campus

Parent Portal Login

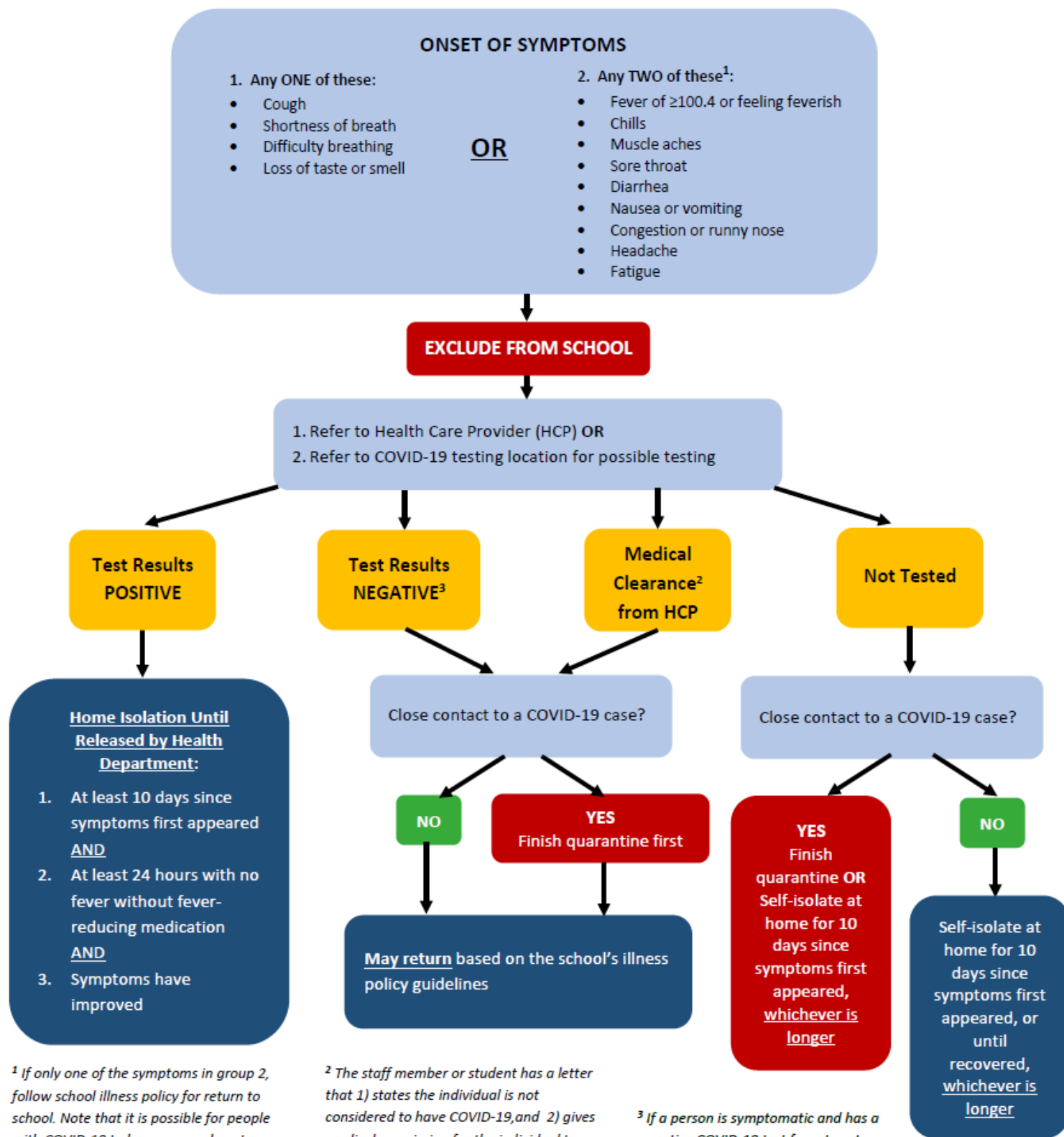
All families should have a Parent Portal account through Infinite Campus! The Parent Portal allows you to track your student's attendance, report cards, transportation, and other important information!

Please use the following link to set up an account:
<https://www.westottawa.net/parent-portal/>.

Keep Lakewood Safe! Stay Home If You Have COVID-19 Symptoms!

COVID-19: FLOWCHART FOR SYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS

Published by the Ottawa County Health Department

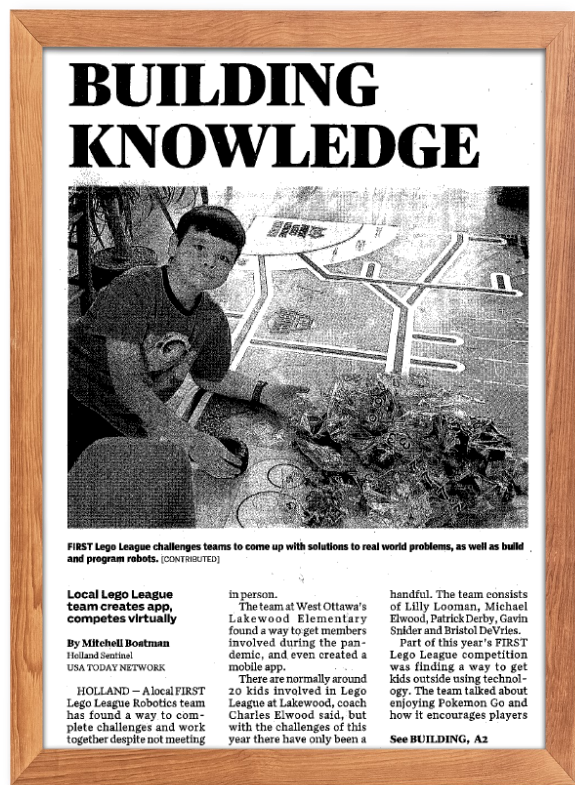


¹ If only one of the symptoms in group 2, follow school illness policy for return to school. Note that it is possible for people with COVID-19 to have no, or almost no, symptoms. If you have even ONE of these symptoms, you are encouraged to seek testing or consult your HCP for an alternative diagnosis.

² The staff member or student has a letter that 1) states the individual is not considered to have COVID-19, and 2) gives medical permission for the individual to return to school, and 3) provides a specific return to school date, and 4) is signed or countersigned by an MD or DO. See Appendix E.

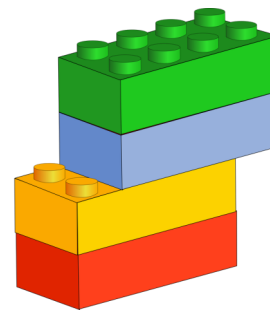
³ If a person is symptomatic and has a negative COVID-19 test for return to school, they must provide an official lab result including patient name, date of birth, laboratory name, test type, date of test and test result.

Successes at Lakewood!



Did you see Lakewood in the newspaper?

Check out *The Holland Sentinel's* **Saturday, March 6** issue and enjoy Lakewood's Lego League feature!



While all Lakewood students are incredibly talented, we had to pick a winner for this year's Yearbook Cover Contest. You'll see the following student's artwork dispersed through the 2020-2021 yearbook:

Ben Atkinson, 5th Johnson
Caroline Honey, 4th VanAllsburg
Eden Slager, 4th VanAllsburg
Keyona Hawkins, 4th Arthurs
Bristol DeVries, 4th VanAllsburg
Joshua Pearson, 5th Bosma
Sylvia Hamilton, 5th Bosma
Madison Gradnigo, 4th Arthurs





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.

LAKEWOOD MASK FUNDRAISER

Last Fall, the PTO purchased masks for each staff member. These masks quickly became a favorite for their fit, feel, and adjustability.

We would like to offer these masks to all families while helping raise money for Lakewood initiatives, such as 5th grade celebration, March is Reading Month, and Teacher Appreciation efforts.

Masks are available to purchase for \$7.00.

\$2.00 of each mask purchase will go towards the Lakewood PTO.



- ❖ WHITE Lakewood Logo.
- ❖ Adult size - Black, Blue, and Gray (Size purchased for staff)
- ❖ Adult SMALL - Red, Green, Pink, & Yellow
- ❖ Adjustable
- ❖ Comfortable fit
- ❖ Lanyard to make masks breaks easy

While many of us already have SO many masks and have hopes of masks going away, we know we will still be in them for a while.

So take this opportunity to support Lakewood while having a keepsake of this unprecedented time!

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Part-time work that pays

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West Ottawa is looking to hire additional people for positions starting at \$16 per hour with summers off and no required nights, weekends or holidays. This is a perfect job for a semi-retired person, a college student, a stay-at-home parent, someone needing a little extra cash, etc. We provide paid training and help new hires obtain a CDL Chauffer base license. The job begins by filling in as a sub bus driver and may move up to an assigned run of your own with a pay increase. All of our buses are easy to operate – one of the newest bus fleets in West Michigan.

Please fill out an online application (see below) or contact the Director of Transportation at (616) 786-2045 if you are interested or know someone who might be interested. Immediate positions available.

At West Ottawa...

- We have one of the newest, best maintained and most up-to-date bus fleets in the West Michigan area.
- Buses are all equipped with automatic transmissions, automatic doors, air ride driver seat, air ride suspension – very comfortable and driver friendly.
- You DO NOT need to have a Commercial Driver License (CDL) to apply. We provide paid training to obtain all licensing necessary to be a safe school bus driver.

*Do you enjoy working with a great group of adults who love kids?
Are you looking for something to do for a few hours each day... that pays?*

Apply online today!

Do an online web search for: **West Ottawa Public Schools Transportation**

Scroll down to: **Job Application Procedure**

Click on: **'Online Application'**

Select: **Substitute Bus Drivers – Job ID: 2095**

Click on: **'Apply'**

For more information, contact the
Director of Transportation at West Ottawa Public Schools
Tel: (616) 786-2045