



**West Ottawa Public Schools**

*Preparing Students to Be College, Career and Life Ready!*

# Lakewood Newsletter

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Greetings Lakewood Families,

We have gotten off to great start with assessing our 3rd through 5th grade students on the required state assessment. The M-Step is a prescribed assessment that will also determine who would fall under the 3rd grade reading law in Michigan. **All third grade families will receive information on the law and I would encourage everyone to read the document carefully.**

We have also decided on an end-of-the-year fundraiser during which we will hopefully be able to have parent participation. We will be communicating the details shortly, so please stay tuned for an upcoming publication. **Also, please note that if we have parents on campus, all family members will have to remain in their vehicles for the entire time.** We encourage everyone to roll down their windows or open sun roofs and cheer our kids on, but please stay in your vehicles.

We are also nearly done with the planning for the 5th grade celebration. Although it will look very different from previous years, we are confident that we will be able to provide a memorable experience for our 5th grade students. Once again, if we have an option for parents to attend, all household members must remain in their vehicles. We realize that this is not ideal, but very much appreciate your cooperation in assuring the safest possible atmosphere for our students.

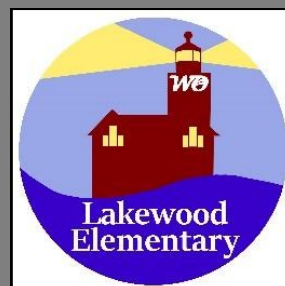
Sincerely,

Michael Ghareeb

## IMPORTANT DATES

### May

|             |                          |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| 4th         | Chipotle Family Night    |
| 4th - 5th   | Benchmark Testing        |
| 5th         | Cinco de Mayo            |
| 6th         | Tulip Time - Half Day    |
| 9th         | Mother's Day             |
| 11th, 13th  | M-Step (4th Grade)       |
| 27th - 28th | Fundraiser (stay tuned!) |
| 31st        | Memorial Day             |



**"Life is about making an impact, not making an income."**

**—Kevin Kruse**

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### Quick Notes

- \* Check out the Kindergarten Readiness Camp flyer on page 13!
- \* 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 10 for how guidelines impact parents and students.**
- \* **Note:** Per MDHHS guidelines, the quarantine period for COVID-19 close contacts and symptomatic individuals has returned to 10 days.

### Quick Links

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

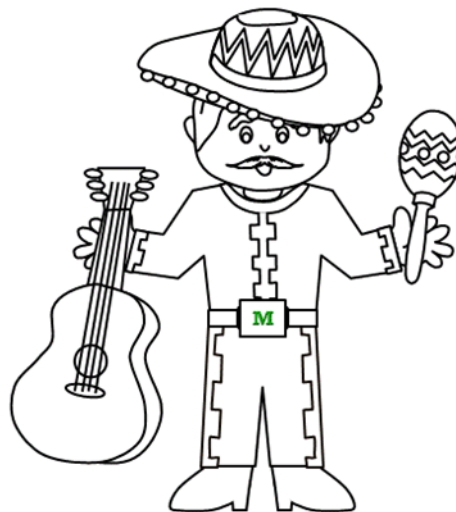
## SPANISH SPOTLIGHT WITH SEÑORA DILLON

Cinco de Mayo (May 5th) is right around the corner and a national holiday in Mexico. It recognizes the Mexican victory over the French at the battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. The French were much more powerful, but the Mexican people were determined to defend and protect their beloved country. This one victory helped Mexico later gain independence. Today in Mexico and parts of the U.S., people celebrate by having fiestas and parades.

### Cinco de Mayo Word Search

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festival  
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maracas  
mariachi  
Mexico  
Puebla  
sombrero





## **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 well. While it certainly doesn't feel like it this week, spring is right around the corner! Students are working on their throwing & catching skills with a football in Physical Wellness over the next few weeks. As they improve, we will be playing a number of games that focus on teamwork, throwing accuracy, and catching of a football. I'm super excited to teach the students these games and know they are going to have a lot of fun with them. As a reminder, in the beginning of May we will be doing our final 1 Mile Run (shorter distances for lower elementary) of the year. Encourage your child to get outside and get some running in. It will help them on this final test. Have a great weekend!

-Mr. Metz





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# THE TECH LAB

Week of 4/26- 4/29



It has been an extremely fun week of programming! Students have been using block coding to control their Bolts. We will continue to work on different coding and programming and give our Bolts some fun tasks to complete!

Lower elementary students also worked on coding using Scratch Jr. Students were able to program certain characters in a way that mirrored a story that we read. This week, we read Jack and the Beanstalk. Students made certain characters behave in a way that replicated similar actions from our story!

Have a wonderful weekend!

~Mrs. Fredrickson  
[fredricksonk@westottawa.net](mailto:fredricksonk@westottawa.net)





*Music Notes  
from Mr. Loughrin*

## April is JAM!



“Every April, **Jazz Appreciation Month (JAM)** highlights the glories of jazz as both a historical and a living treasure. Here is one special month to draw greater public attention to the extraordinary heritage and history of jazz and its importance to American culture. Musicians, concert halls, schools, colleges, museums, libraries and public broadcasters are encouraged to offer special programs during this month.”

~<http://americanjazzmuseum.org/event/jazz-appreciation-month-jam-2014/>

There are many terrific links to learn about Jazz and its place in American history. A good start would be to log onto Washington D.C.'s Smithsonian Institute website for jazz <http://americanhistory.si.edu/smithsonian-jazz/education>. There you will find a variety of links that allow students to explore this great American art form!

Here are links to two of my favorite jazz songs:

“Sing, Sing, Sing” by Benny Goodman and his orchestra: [https://youtu.be/r2S1I\\_jen6A](https://youtu.be/r2S1I_jen6A), and

“Take 5”, by saxophone great, Dave Brubeck: <https://youtu.be/PHdU5sHigYQ>

# Pandemic EBT

**Important information for parents or guardians of student's eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch at Lakewood Elementary School.**

## What is the Pandemic-EBT Program?

The Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) Program gives food benefits to families with children who were not able to get free or reduced-price school meals due to COVID. You may hear about this benefit from other schools or in the media.

## Who is eligible?

Being eligible for this program will depend on what school your student attends. Eligibility for the Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) Program can be different between schools within the same district.

## What makes a school eligible for P-EBT?

A school building is eligible only if the building has had 5 school days in a row of reduced in-person hours due to COVID.

## What could make my student eligible for P-EBT?

- 1) If the school they attend is eligible for P-EBT and
- 2) If your student normally gets free and reduced meals at school and
- 3) If your student is not getting instruction in-person for some or all the month.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issues P-EBT benefits based on:

- How each school building reports their eligibility
- How most of the students attend school during the month

There may be months when your student's attendance was different from what the school reported. In that case, you may be able to have your student's benefit level reconsidered. Your request to be reconsidered must be submitted by June 30, 2021. In the month(s) below your school reported primarily in-person. Your student(s) may be P-EBT eligible if they attended class on-line, for some time or all the time in the following month(s):

September 2020, October 2020, November 2020, December 2020, January 2021, February 2021, and March 2021

**For more information, visit [Michigan.gov/PEBT](https://Michigan.gov/PEBT) or call 1-833-905-0028.**





# PTO UPDATES



## Family Night

May 4th - 5:00-9:00

Online code: **R2X24LC**

See flyer in students back packs

## Teacher Appreciation Week

Don't forget to recognize our AMAZING staff next week.

If you volunteered to purchase gift cards, please send them in by Monday. Thank you for your support!



## LAKWOOD FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars- May 27th-28th.  
Stay tuned for more details

## Direct your Dollars

Keep the receipts coming! We are SO close to earning \$1000.00 for Lakewood



# 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 to school, **students must:**

- Receive a **negative** COVID-19 test,
- Be signed off by a doctor (**DO or MD**), or
- Self-isolate for 14 days or until symptoms are gone—**whichever is longer.**

To return in less than 14 days, you **must** supply a negative test or doctor's note.

*\*\*Please see page 10 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/>.

## GET IN THE LOOP WITH LAKEWOOD!



REMEMBER—Online registration deadline for existing students is **June 1st!**

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

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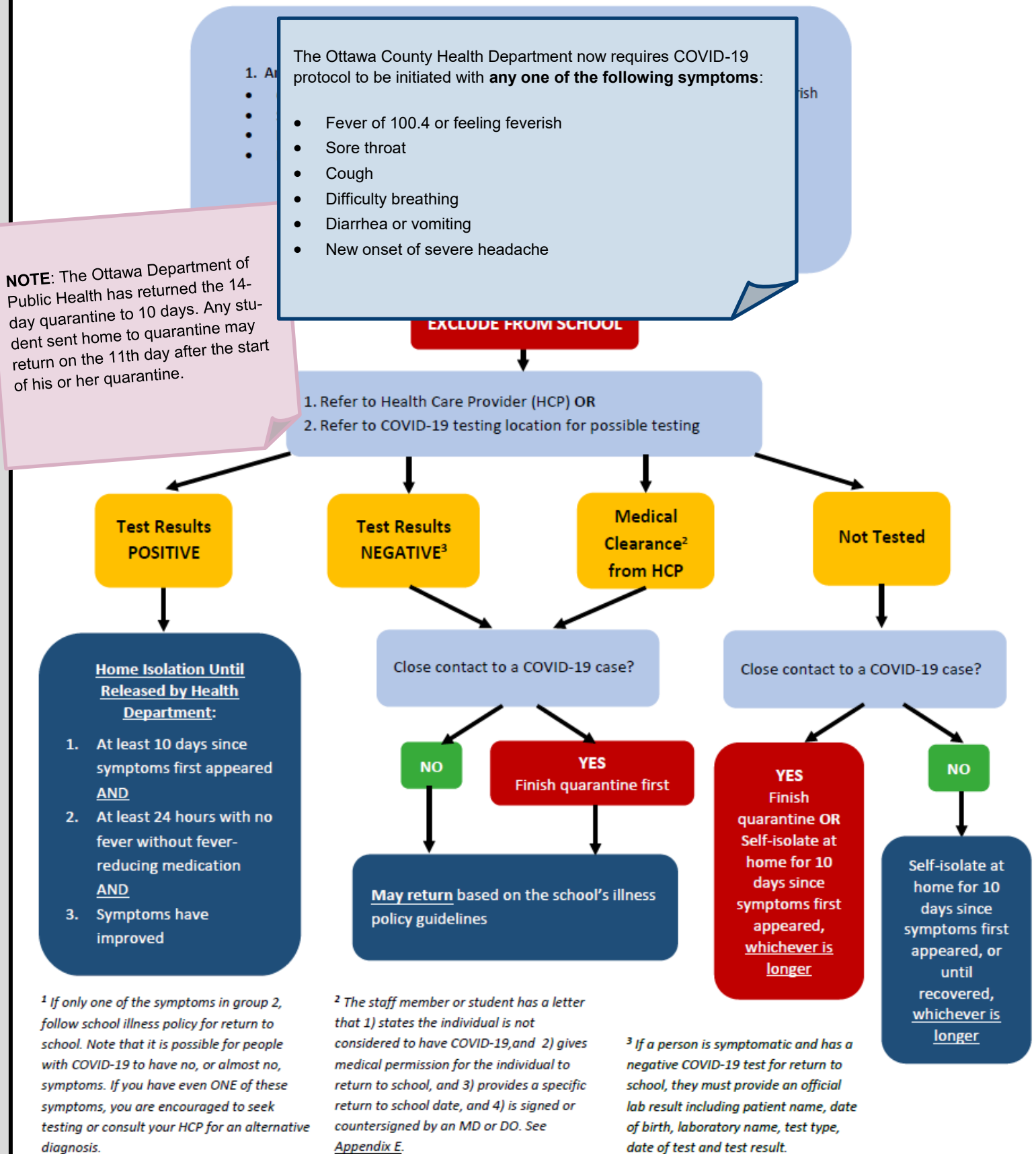
If your having trouble with your Parent Portal login, please contact the West Ottawa Public Schools Help Desk at 616-786-2050, extension 2029.



Keep Lakewood Safe! Stay Home If You Are Feeling Sick!

# COVID-19: FLOWCHART FOR SYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS

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HAVE A CHILD ENTERING KINDERGARTEN THIS FALL?

## KINDERGARTEN READINESS CAMP | 2021

FOUR WEEKS - MONDAY TO FRIDAY MORNING - DATES VARY BY SCHOOL DISTRICT

### READY FOR SCHOOL



SCHOOL DISTRICT PARTNERS:

HOLLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS | JULY 5 - JULY 30

ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS | JULY 5 - JULY 30

HAMILTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS | JULY 5 - JULY 29

WEST OTTAWA PUBLIC SCHOOLS | SESSION 1: JUNE 21 - JULY 16 ( 7/2 AND 7/5 OFF)

WEST OTTAWA PUBLIC SCHOOLS | SESSION 2: JULY 19 - AUGUST 13

TO LEARN MORE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION, VISIT: [READYFORSCHOOL.ORG/SUMMER](https://readyforschool.org/summer)



Kindergarten teachers tell us: When a child is curious, asks questions, is able to wait their turn and is comfortable in a classroom environment, it helps with being ready to learn.

Created by Ready for School and delivered by teachers, this Kindergarten Readiness Camp, combines the routines of a typical school day with outdoor exploration to build the academic and social-emotional skills that kindergarten teachers want to see in their students.

**YOUR CHILD WILL REACH KINDERGARTEN MORE CONFIDENT, CURIOUS, AND SOCIALLY READY.**

Breakfast and lunch are provided daily. Transportation support is available. Priority is given to children who live in the Holland, Zeeland, Hamilton, or West Ottawa school district who have had little-to-no preschool, but all are welcome to apply! Partial to full scholarships available to children registered for kindergarten with our school partners and who qualify based on financial need.

Questions? Call Ready for School at (616) 834-0515 ext. 108 or email [summer@readyforschool.org](mailto:summer@readyforschool.org)



# 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](mailto:22scb01@westottawa.net)  
Mr. Arthurs, [arthursk@westottawa.net](mailto: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](mailto:adalman@cac-ottawa.org).





# NOW HIRING

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 Part-time work that pays

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 PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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