



West Ottawa Public Schools

Preparing Students to Be College, Career and Life Ready!

Lakewood Newsletter

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Greetings Lakewood Families,

We have now completed M Step testing and are awaiting final results from the State. The preliminary reports look good so far. We have also completed our required end of the year ELA tests and will shortly be administering our end of the year Math assessments. At this point we are unable to share results as they are currently embargoed until finalized. Once they are viewable by the public, we will be sure to get you a copy of your student's scores.

We have finalized plans for our end of the year fundraiser and are excited about the opportunity for the Lakewood community. The fundraiser is titled "**Leggin' it for Lakewood**". All students will have the chance to participate and we encourage your support as this year has been difficult for fundraising. Students in grades K-2 will run a course that would total a half mile if they run 10 laps and the students in grades 3-5 will run a course that would total a mile if they run 10 laps. The events will be held over two days with the younger students running in the afternoon on May 27 and the older students running in the afternoon on May 28. The times are as follows: 1st and 3rd grades from 12:45 - 1:30, 2nd and 4th grades from 1:40 - 2:25 and YK/K and 5th grade from 2:35 - 3:20. On those days, we ask that parents who arrive early for dismissal wait on the street and do not enter the parking lot until the event has concluded.

Finally, we have arranged to hold a **5th grade celebration at Fellowship Church** on the last day of school (June 11) from 9:30 - 11:30. Although parents will not be able to attend in person, we think it will be a good send off for our wonderful Lakewood Graduates.

Sincerely,

Michael Ghareeb

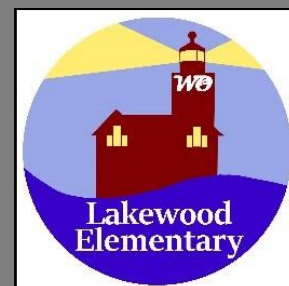
IMPORTANT DATES

May

- 27th - 28th** Leggin' it For Lakewood!
- 25th** Senior Walk
- 31st** Memorial Day (No School)

June

- 11th** Last Day of School!



"The best teachers are those who show you where to look but don't tell you what to see.

—Alexandra K. Trenfor

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Quick Notes

- * We have a host of **summer opportunities** for students! Check it out on *pages 12-14.*
- * 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 7 and 9 for how guidelines impact parents and students.**
- * Need to leave a voicemail on our attendance line to excuse a sick student? Please remember to mention all symptoms! Thank you!

Quick Links

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

SPANISH SPOTLIGHT WITH SEÑORA DILLON

Third graders recently spent time learning about Costa Rica. We discussed many important facts and created a postcard to share the information we learned. Costa Rica is a unique and special place. Ask your child to share with you one of the facts from our flag paper!

Also, I hope to start a food unit with third grade students before the end of the year. Buen Provecho! Enjoy your meal!



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 SmART!

– Mrs. Hall



Moving with Metz!!



Hi Lakewood Families,

I hope you are all doing fantastic and starting to enjoy the nicer weather! Over the next couple of weeks in Physical Wellness students will be completing their 1 Mile Run (shorter distances for lower elementary). We will also be starting to learn all about volleyball and improving our passing, setting, and serving skills! So far, students have been doing a fantastic job on the one mile run. I've been super impressed with how well they are running and how much effort they are giving. It's great to see!

Have a great week!

-Mr. Metz



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THE TECH LAB

Week of 5/10-15/14



Students have been continuing to work on block programming with their Sphero Bolts. It has been an extremely fun week having our Bolts make "special deliveries" of mail, pizza or anything they can drop off at a virtual door step! They also are working on navigating their Bolt through shark infested waters! We will continue to work on different coding and programming and give our Bolts other fun tasks to complete!

Lower elementary students listened to a story called "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle and created butterfly life cycles using different drawing programs.

Have a wonderful weekend!

~Mrs. Fredrickson
fredricksonk@westottawa.net

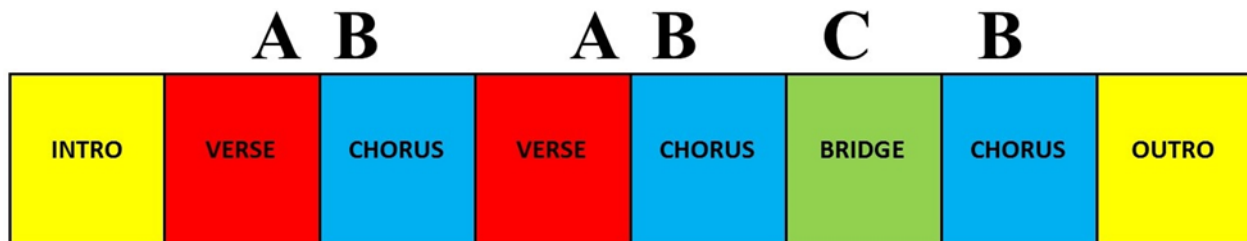




Music Notes

from Mr. Loughrin

SONG FORM



What's in a song?

3rd Grade students are learning about “Song Form”, the way songs are set up and constructed into parts, sections, repeats, etc. We made connections to our writing explorations in Language Arts, connecting the structures of stories we have written. Like stories, songs can have a beginning, middle, and end, as well as a hook to capture the reader’s (listener’s) attention. We are exploring song form with a number of well-known songs from movie songs to holiday carols. We are digging deep in the song “Happy” from Despicable Me 2, written by Pharrell Williams.

Students are also exploring a number of music symbols that we commonly find in music as well as symbols we will encounter when learning recorder in 4th Grade!

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

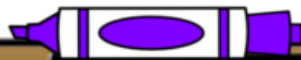
A reality of this school year has been managing the outbreak of COVID-19.

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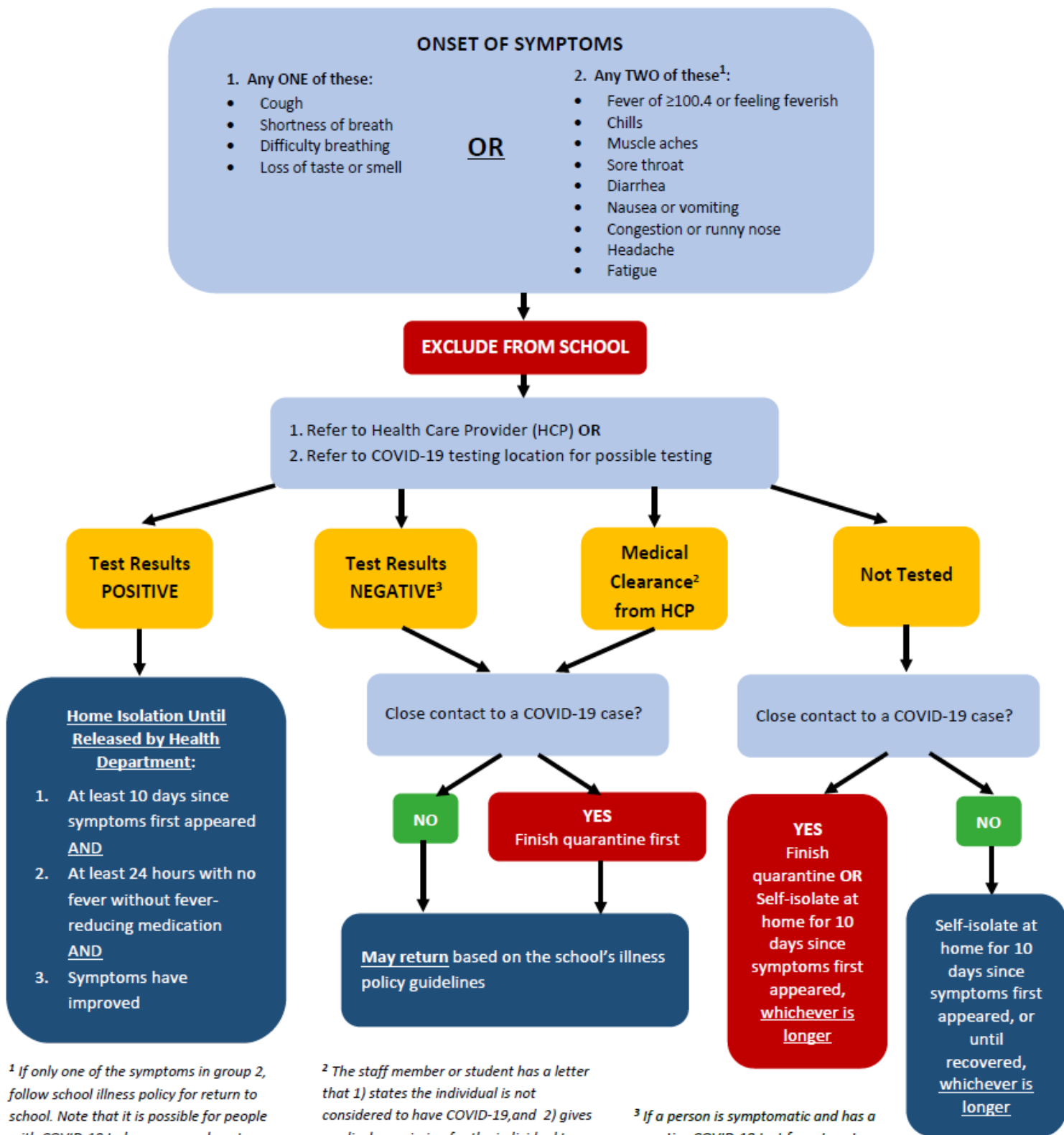
If your having trouble with your Parent Portal login, please contact the West Ottawa Public Schools Help Desk at 616-786-2050, extension 2029.



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

COVID-19: FLOWCHART FOR SYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS

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.



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
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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.

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.

TOTAL TREK QUEST

TTQ SUMMER 2021

Arbor Circle will be providing TTQ in a hybrid format this summer. 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 summer 2021 program begins the week of June 14 and ends with a 5k the weekend of August 14.

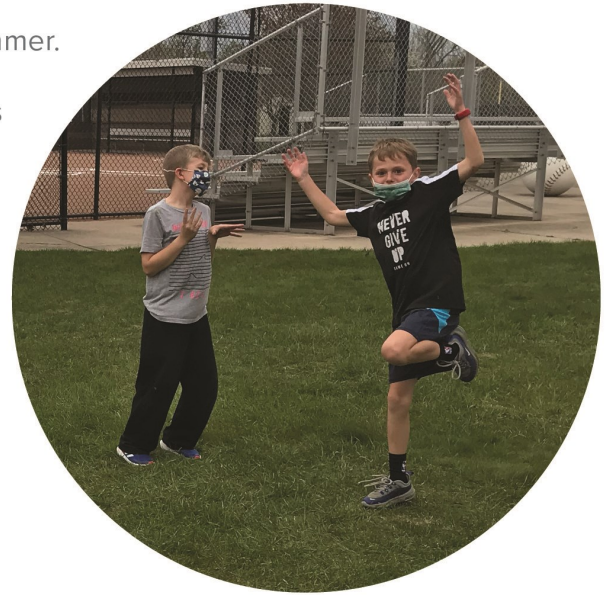
Fall season information coming soon!

TTQ SUMMER REGISTRATION:

raceplanner.com/register/index/Summer2021

REGISTRATION FEES:

\$45 per child, Scholarships are available by contacting Rachel at rkowalk@arborcircle.org or 616-430-6561



SUMMER PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- 2 practices a week, one virtually and one outside at area parks
- Virtual practice includes a movement portion geared for 5k training
- Online curriculum activities that allow for relationship building
- In-person practices will focus on running and fun, educational activities that build relationships
- Opportunities for parent support
- A free virtual kickoff that is open to all family members
- A 5k to end the summer season

SUPPORT FOR TTQ PROVIDED BY:

TTQ is a program of:



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A Book Trading Post on Wheels

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Have a book that you've already read? Want to trade it for another? Looking for a favorite book? Then watch for the **BOOKMOBILE** at a stop in your neighborhood. You may trade books at any of the scheduled stops. It's easy! All you do is trade one book for another. No books are sold or checked out. Don't forget to join our summer reading club and read 10 books!

Weekly from June 14 through August 11, 2021
The bus will not run the week of July 4th

Monday	10:00 - 10:30	Harderwyk Church
	10:40 - 11:10	Lakeshore Elementary
	11:20 - 11:40	Fendt Farm Rd. & Ryan Rd.
	11:50 - 12:20	Sheldon Woods Elementary
	12:23 - 1:00	West Olive Estates
	1:10 - 1:30	Starflower & Barkton
Tuesday	10:00 - 11:00	High School South for summer school programs
	11:05 - 11:25	Silver Fir Dr. & Peachtree Ct.
	11:30 - 11:50	Thornbury Dr. & Creek Edge Dr.
	11:55 - 12:25	Leisure Estates
	12:30 - 1:00	Pine Creek Elementary
	1:05 - 1:30	Rose Park Reformed Church
Wednesday	10:00 - 10:20	Sand Castle & Sandy Run
	10:25 - 10:45	Lakeridge Dr. & Windrift Way
	10:50 - 11:10	Tanglewood Dr. & Arapahoe Rd
	11:15 - 11:35	Leisure Blvd. & Laurie Ln.
	11:40 - 12:00	Wild Stem & Red Stem
	12:05 - 12:25	Stoney Lake Dr. & Sundance Ct.
	12:30 - 1:00	Dunton Park
	1:05 - 1:30	Beechwood Park



Books (both children's and adult's) are always needed for the **BOOKMOBILE**. Please bring those garage sale leftovers, or any other books you no longer need, to the West Ottawa Administration Office at 1138 136th Avenue. Books may also be dropped off during any of the **BOOKMOBILE** stops.

*If you have any questions, call
 786-2050*



A special thanks to **BOOKMOBILE** ladies Cherie Versendaal, Margi Fought, and Carrie Ledet for making the **BOOKMOBILE** such a special experience!

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 or call 1-833-905-0028.





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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.

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- 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?
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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