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Preparing Students to Be College, Career and Life Ready!

Lakewood Newsletter

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Greetings Lakewood Families,

As we draw near to the close of a school year unlike any other in my tenure, we want to thank the entirety of our wonderful Lakewood community for their support, patience and understanding. We realize that this year has not been ideal, especially for parent involvement, but we were still able to achieve our normal, exceptional academic expectations.

Our own 5th grade students will be graduating from Lakewood and moving onto middle school. We will have the ceremony on Friday, June 11 from 9:00 to 11:30 am. Some of the ceremony will take place at Fellowship church and although parents will not be allowed to enter the church during the event, we will have opportunities for parents to send off their children from their vehicles in an outdoor parade.

It was really nice to have our former students who graduated this year come to visit us and walk on the path outside to see their former teachers and their alma mater. The graduates seemed to really enjoy their time as well as our staff, of whom many of them were teaching at Lakewood when the class of 2021 was in attendance.

Thank you all again for your support of Lakewood Elementary and we look forward to another school year next year with hopefully a lot more normalcy!

Sincerely,

Michael Ghareeb

IMPORTANT DATES

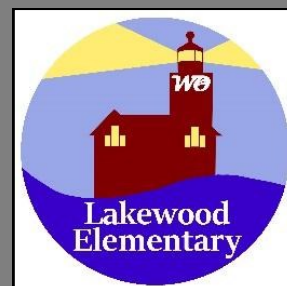
May

31st Memorial Day (No School)

June

4th Leggin' It for Lakewood!

11th Last Day of School!



"A good teacher is like a candle – it consumes itself to light the way for others."

—Mustafa Kemal Atatürk

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Quick Notes

- * We have a host of **summer opportunities** for students! Check it out on *pages 12-14*.
- * **Yearbooks are in!** Check out more information on *page 13*.
- * The MDHHS released a letter to parents about the **importance of immunizations**. Please read more on *page 10*.
- * 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

This year the fourth graders learned about countries of South America. We just did an art project related to Machu Picchu.

For our last few classes we will be reviewing Spanish colors and numbers. Students will write complete sentences in Spanish describing objects. Look for your child's work to come home soon in his/her Spanish folder!



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,

We are almost there! Only 2 weeks left. In Physical Wellness students are continuing to work on their volleyball skills. Students are learning how to pass, set, and serve as well as play a number of variations of volleyball games. 5th graders are also spending some time working on locks so they are ready for Middle School. Continue to encourage your students to get outside and enjoy this nice weather. There are so many activities that not only they can do, but you can do as a family! The possibilities are endless. I'm looking forward to finishing strong with our Lakewood Students.

GO WO!

-Mr. Metz



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THE TECH LAB

Week of 5/24-5/28



Students have been showing exception work with programming and coding this month. They have been programming their Sphero Bolts with sounds, animations and how to maneuver through mazes using block coding. We will finish up the year working on our "Sphero Stories" that students will narrate. They will focus on a character (for their Sphero), setting and plot.

Lower elementary students listened to a story called "The Tiny Seed," by Eric Carle and created animations of seedlings growing into flowers.

We will culminate the year with some fun coding activities! It will be an Ozobot, Micro:bit and Sphero party!



Have a wonderful weekend!

~Mrs. Fredrickson
fredricksonk@westottawa.net



Music Notes from Mr. Loughrin



With summer coming, there are always rainy days or times where kids say, "I'm bored!" Here are some cool music websites that have a lot of fun facts, games and activities connected to music. One of my favorites is the KidZone at the New York Philharmonic website for kids: <https://www.nyphilkids.org/> This site has great activities including making your own instrument, fun stuff on composers and a bunch of engaging games.

Another great website is the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra site. This site also has many fun activities and games all about instruments of the orchestra. Check out their website at <http://www.sfskids.org/>.



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!

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

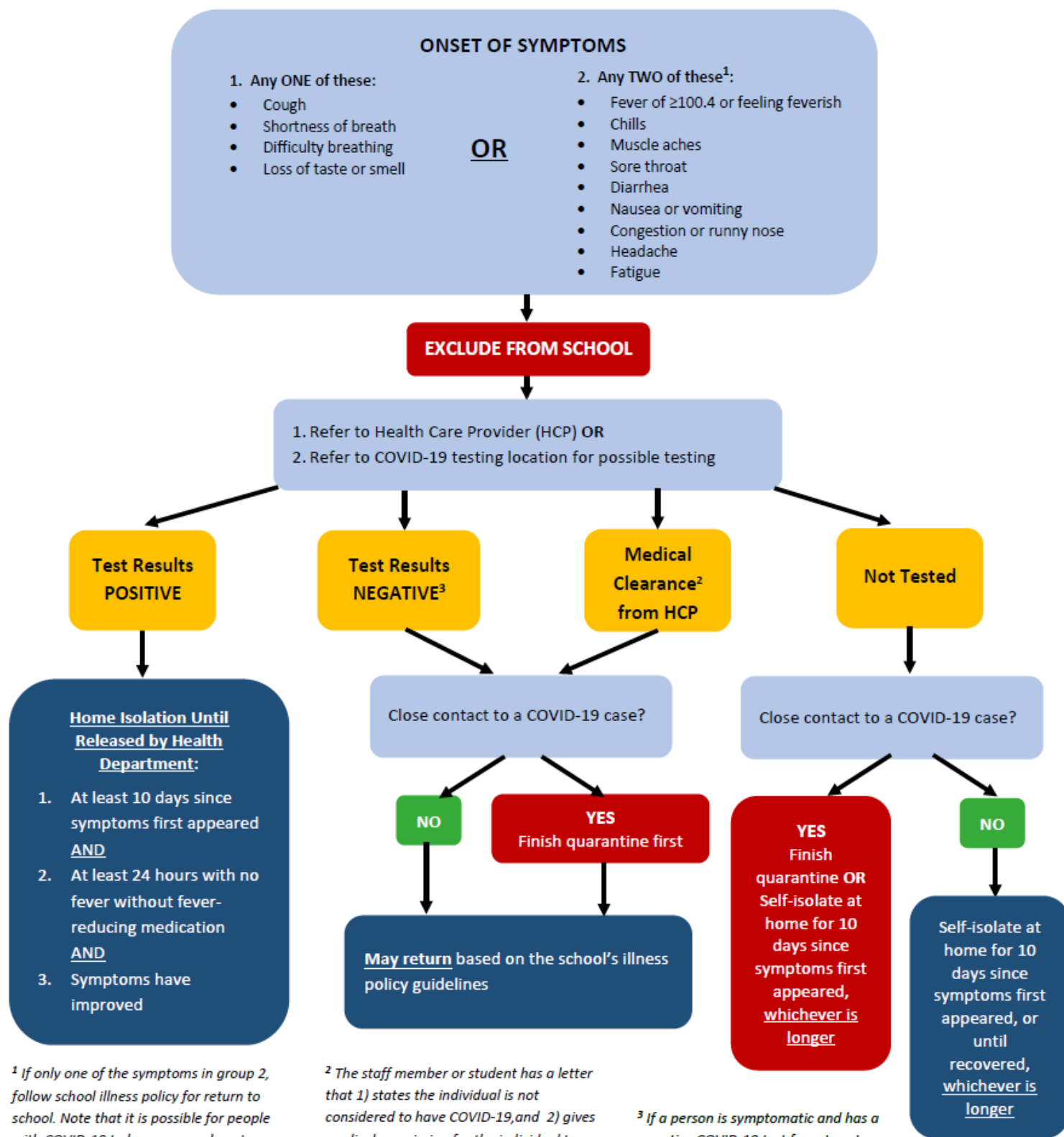
If your having trouble with your Parent Portal login, please contact the West Ottawa Public Schools Help Desk at 616-786-2050, extension 2029.



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.



STATE OF MICHIGAN

GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNORDEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
LANSINGELIZABETH HERTEL
DIRECTOR

May 17, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As many Michigan schools are working hard with concluding the current school year, they are also preparing for the return of students for the 2021-2022 school year. The Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS), Division of Immunization wishes to remind you that Michigan schools are required to report immunization information regardless of their mode of instruction (in-person, virtual, and combinations of both). Any student who fails to meet the school immunization requirements shall not be admitted, or able to participate in school classes and activities.

Although you are probably juggling a lot of responsibilities right now, making sure your children are up to date on their shots is one of the best things you can do to protect them against several serious but preventable diseases. Michigan has seen a sharp drop in vaccinations since the start of the pandemic, which is a frightening trend. When children are not vaccinated, they are at risk of getting diseases like measles, chicken pox, and hepatitis A. Falling vaccination rates can lead to new outbreaks of dangerous diseases. The enclosed document lists all vaccines required in Michigan for school entry.

If your child is not fully vaccinated, please reach out to your child's primary care provider to schedule an immunization appointment. Healthcare providers have taken steps to assure their offices are safe for visits and are available to answer any questions that you have. If your family does not have a primary care provider, or if you are not able to get an appointment for vaccines, many [local county health departments](http://www.Michigan.gov/LHDMap) (www.Michigan.gov/LHDMap) and some pharmacies are offering vaccine appointments.

Thank you for assuring your children are current on all immunizations. This protects not only them from vaccine preventable diseases, but also their classmates, teachers, and the community.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Terri Adams".

Terri Adams, RN, BSN, MM
Interim Director
Division of Immunization

TA:ss

Attachment



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.

Yearbooks are here!

Pre-ordered yearbooks have already been sent home to families.

Still want to purchase a yearbook?

Follow this link: <https://prepay.geskusphoto.com/?yb=407>. The yearbook will be shipped directly to your house! Expect a \$4 processing fee, which covers shipping costs.

Ordered a yearbook but haven't received one?

Please contact the publisher, Geskus Photography, directly:

Geskus Photography, Inc.
0-11310 First Avenue NW



West Ottawa Cheer Program Presents.

CHEER CAMP 2021

June 14-16, 2021
9:00-11:00 AM

Outside the south high school

Students in grades K-5th will learn basic cheer skills and team building skills through games, crafts, and other activities with the high school cheer team.

Friends and family are invited to watch what they learned at 10:00 on the final day.

Cost: \$40.00
includes a shirt

Please register
through Panther
Athletics
<https://wopanthers.com/event-tickets>



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:



Feed the Need Grant:



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The West Ottawa Bookmobile

A Book Trading Post on Wheels

Sponsored by West Ottawa Public Schools and the West Ottawa Education Association

Giddy-up and READ!



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!

SUMMER READING GUIDE

Summer Reading Resources: Elementary


NAME	DESCRIPTION	GRADE LEVEL
 HERRICK DISTRICT LIBRARY	Herrick Library is having a Summer Reading Program for students. They also are hosting free events throughout the entire summer.	YK—12
	ReadWorks.org has a variety of reading packets (available in a printable version too!) for grades 1-12 to use this summer.	Grades 1—12
PBS Kids - ABCs 	These games will have students practice their ABCs. You can also access reading resources here .	Grades K-4
	Teach Your Monster To Read makes learning to read fun. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covers everything from letters and sounds to reading full sentences. Designed in collaboration with leading academics. Complements all synthetic phonics programmes used in schools. Computer version is 100% free. 	Lower Elementary
	Starfall has free pk—3 reading resources, including resources for phonics.	Grades PK—3
	Sesame Street has free games, videos, and art resources for students ages 4+ to learn reading.	Grades PK—5
	This website does not require an account and offers access to online books that are read aloud through YouTube by famous people. Students will see someone famous read the book aloud and will follow along with the text on the screen. Books available grades K—4.	Grades K—4

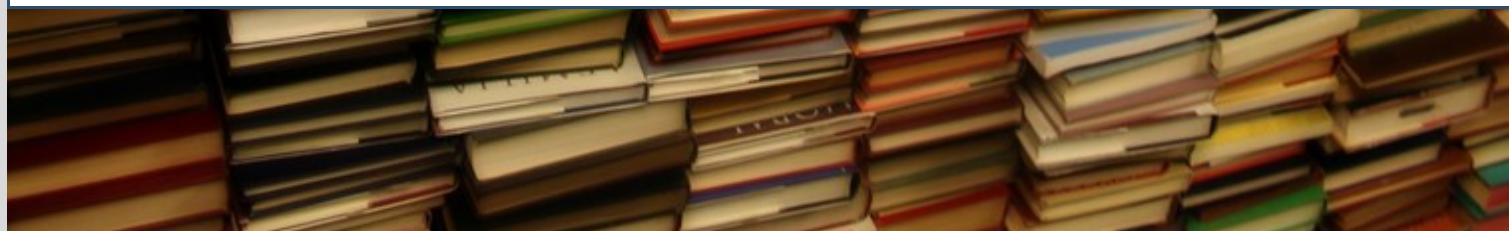
SUMMER READING GUIDE (continued)

NAME	DESCRIPTION	GRADE LEVEL
	DogOnews is a student news site that features articles for K-8 students. DOGOnews covers current events stories in the areas of science, sports, entertainment, and a variety of topics that fall under the banner of social studies. Teachers can find stories by browsing the categories, filtering by grade level, or filtering by grade level	Grades K—8
	Newsela offers current events that differentiate each article to be read at grades 2-12 levels. There is also an option to have it read aloud to them, and can be translated into Spanish.	Grades 2—12
	Poetry4Kids offers free access to poems for kids of all ages, and on all types of topics. Poems have an audio file to be read aloud, and can also be printed. Parents can also access their free lessons as well!	Grades K-9
	Storynory has digital books that are read aloud to children. They offer topics such as original stories, fairy tales, classic authors, myths & world, Educational, and Poems & Music.	Grades 1—6
	Wonderopolis is a website that poses a question each day for a child about something and explains it further. Great for the child always asking a parent “why”. You can search by categories and subcategories as well.	Grades 2—8
	Unite for Literacy has free digital picture books, narrated in many languages. All of the books are original by the author. Their goal is to support the 300 different languages which can be spoken in a home.	YK—3
	Tween Tribune provides daily news articles. This website is filled with great resources, such as lesson plans filtered by topic and grade level. There is also a section in Spanish .	Grades K—12



SUMMER READING GUIDE (continued)

NAME	DESCRIPTION	GRADE LEVEL
 Michigan eLibrary Supporting Michigan Libraries	<p>Mel.org has a variety of reading resources students:</p> <p>PebbleGo (PreK-Grade 3): https://mel.org/kids</p> <p>Animals (including dinosaurs) and social studies sections of this early literacy and learning tool. Easy-to-navigate visual interface for emerging readers. Read by actors and performers (not computer-generated voices).</p> <p>eBook K-8 Collection: https://mel.org/kids</p> <p>Titles that support K-8 students across all subject areas. You may access the full text of these eBooks from your computer, or download titles to most popular portable devices.</p> <p>NoveList K8 Plus: https://mel.org/kids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find just the right book by subject, age, awards won, books made into movies, and much more. Read reviews and learn about the author. Create your own reading wish list. Has a Teen section as well. <p>NoveList: https://mel.org/az.php</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains information on over 260,000 fiction and readable nonfiction titles. Features lists of award-winning books, book discussion guides, Read-a-Like recommendations, and complete series information. Also includes reader ratings and reviews. Create your own reading wish list. Do all of your searches for 0-Adult in this one. Covers all of the NoveList K8 Plus titles as well. <p>Libro.fm Audiobooks: https://libro.fm/pub-list/educator-alcs</p> <p>Complimentary eAudiobooks for educators with new titles released each month. Great way to preview books for your students/classroom! Select the ones you'd like each month but you don't have to download them to your device until you're ready to listen.</p> <p>AudiobookSync: https://www.audiobooksync.com/</p> <p>Age: 13+. Two free YA audiobooks released each week from April through August. Sign up for alerts and information now!</p>	



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.

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