



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 are off to a great start at Lakewood. As the teachers get to know their students, we are also focusing on building expectations as we deliver the highest level of instruction possible. We have a wonderful staff at Lakewood and we are certain that even though there have been some unforeseen setbacks, we will be able to provide a level of learning that is outstanding.

Picture day next week Friday (September 17). Picture order forms will be sent home with each child very shortly. You may also feel free to call the office to arrange a time to pick up your order form or you can utilize the online option that will be sent to each home via Infinite Campus. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

During drop off and pick up, it is very important that parents stay in their vehicles. If you have to get out of the vehicle, please be sure to pull all the way to the end of the parking lot to avoid causing traffic issues. In addition, please do not block the entrance to the staff/bus lot. It is important that the busses can easily get in and out of the lot to assure timely transportation. Finally, please do not park in the parent lot (south entrance) and drop off or pick up children. It is very dangerous for children to cross between the cars that are dropping off and picking up.

Finally, I would like to welcome some new staff members to our Lakewood family. First, Jeanine Hamilton has assumed a new position moving from being our Speech Pathologist to being our PBIS Specialist, focusing on positive behavior and intervention strategies. In addition, please welcome our new Speech Pathologist, Meghan Bronkema along with our new School Social Worker, Amanda Petrovich. Also, please welcome Hanna Van Kampen as our new ASD Preschool teacher as well as Kelly Curnick our new GSRP teacher. Finally, please also welcome our new School Psychologist, Lindsay Williams.

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached directly at ghareebm@westottawa.net or at (616) 786-1300 ext. 3099.

Sincerely,

Michael Ghareeb

IMPORTANT DATES

September

13-14th	Fall Benchmark Testing
17th	School Pictures
22nd-23rd	Benchmark Testing
24th	Half Day for Students
26th	Sale Ends—Spirit Wear



"The best thing about a picture is that it never changes, even when the people in it do."

-Andy Warhol

Need to contact the office?

Office Hours

Monday through Friday
7:45 AM—4:15 PM

Phone

(616) 786-1300

Email

gallel@westottawa.net
Lyra Galle
Building Secretary



Visit the West Ottawa Public Schools website at www.westottawa.net for information on bussing, food service, school calendar, etc.

Have you signed up for a Parent Portal account?

Access your child's student data from anywhere with Internet access! Visit www.westottawa.net/parent-portal to log in or for instructions on registering your account.



Quick Links

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Get in the Loop with Lakewood!

Morning Drop Off

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

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

Please remember to sign in your student.

Student Pick Up

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!**

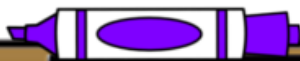
COVID-19 PROTOCOL

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.



School Breakfast and Lunch

Great news! School breakfast and lunch will be provided free for the 2021-2022 school year. We still ask parents to submit an application for free and reduced lunch. For more information, visit www.westottawa.net/wops-food-service.

Lunch Menu

<https://calendar.hpsmenu.com/?school=2184&year=2021&month=09>

COVID-19 Protocol

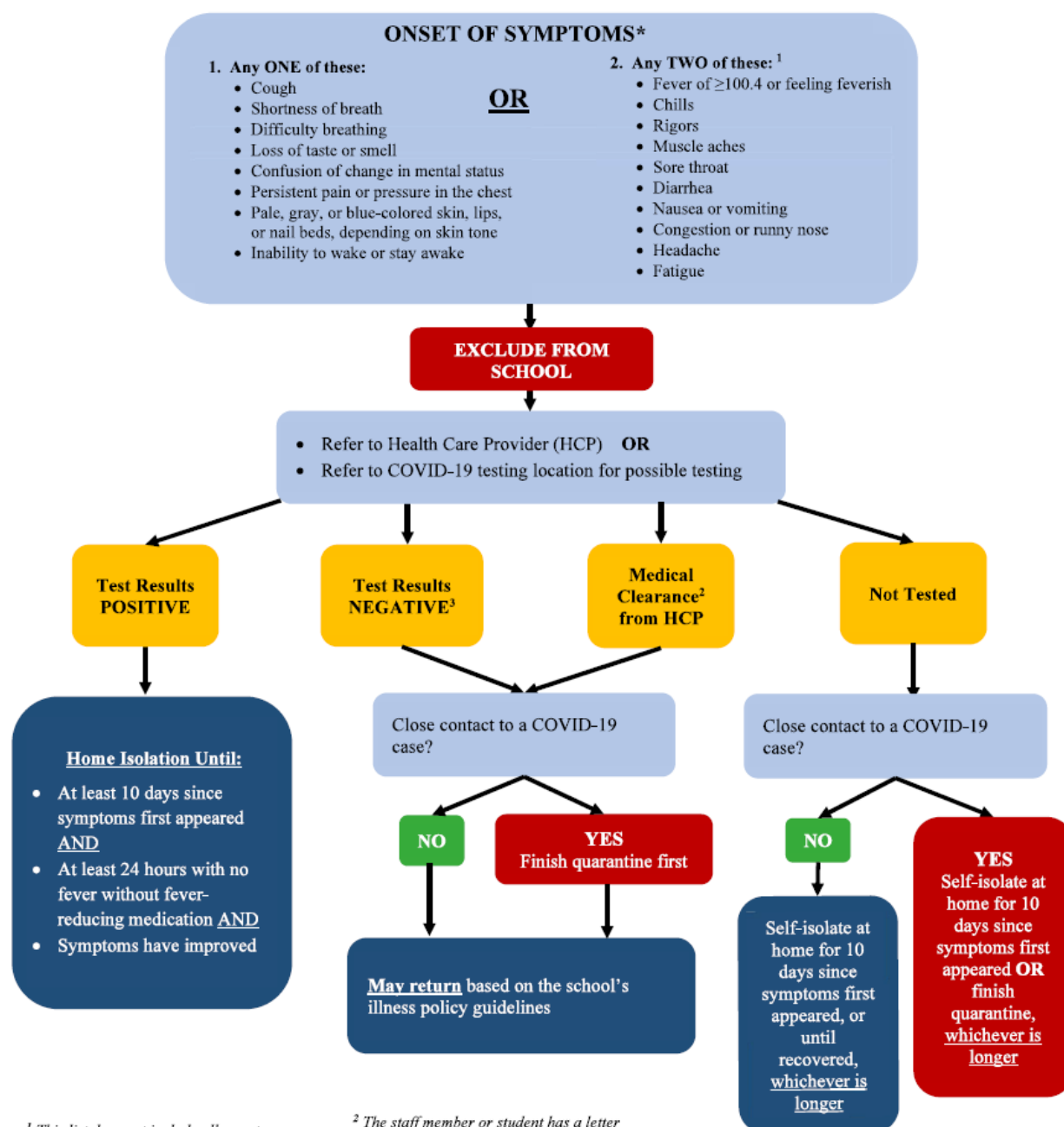
West Ottawa Public Schools continues to proceed with caution as we start the 2021-2022 school year. Please help us protect our Lakewood Family from COVID-19 by following [WOPS district policy](#) and guidelines set by the Ottawa County Health Department. Please refer to the [Ottawa County Health Department](#) for up-to-date news on the ongoing pandemic.

Mask Mandate

Masks are mandatory for all students, staff, and visitors across West Ottawa Public Schools. We know that mask wearing is unpleasant, particularly for our little ones, but we nonetheless ask once again for your compliance with these rules.

Quarantine and Self-Isolation Guidelines

Lakewood Elementary is required to initiate COVID-19 protocols whenever a student exhibits symptoms of the virus or has been exposed in some way. Please call the front office at (616) 786-1300 for guidance if your child or anyone in your household has tested positive for COVID-19. Additionally, please contact us if you are ever uncertain about how to proceed with your situation.



¹ This list does not include all symptoms

² The staff member or student has a letter from the health care provider

Welcome Back PTO highlights



Show your Lakewood Pride with some new spirit wear! Scan this code for ordering details.

Sale ends 9/26/21



Lakewood form

Interested in volunteering for upcoming events?

Use these codes to complete the volunteer forms!

Volunteer opportunities will be available once approved through the district.



West Ottawa Form
(required if you volunteer)

Questions for the PTO?

If you have any questions regarding how to be involved with Lakewood, how the PTO supports the school, or any other school questions, please reach out to us on Facebook at Lakewood Parent Community or through email at lwpto@westottawa.net.

PTO Board:

Kate Beyer; Laura Edwards; Charlene Farner; Jennifer Gradnigo; Lizz Hellings; Jody Kent; & Krista Soderholm

SPANISH SPOTLIGHT WITH SEÑORA DILLON

Hola Lakewood families! It feels great to be back at school and the kids are off to an amazing start! The first week of school we discussed why it is important to learn another language. Here are some of the students' responses:

"There are a lot of people who speak Spanish in the world."

"Another language is useful when traveling."

"It will help you get a good job when you grow up."

"You can make new friends and get along with others."

"Learning another language is fun!"



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 all had a fantastic summer and are enjoying the start of the school year! For those of you new to our school, my name is Mr. Metz and I am our Physical Wellness teacher at Lakewood Elementary. I'm really excited to work with all of the students this year in my classes and think we are going to have a lot of fun.

In Physical Wellness to start the year, we spend some time getting to know each other as well as learning the policies/procedures/rules of my class. We will also perform a few aerobic tests near the start of the year to see where we are at with our cardiovascular fitness. If you ever have any questions about how your child is doing in my class, feel free to reach out and contact me at metzb@westottawa.net. Looking forward to a great year!

-Mr. Metz



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THE TECH LAB

Week of 9/07-9/10



Welcome back students! I hope everyone has had a wonderful and restful summer! We are off to a great start!

Now that we are back in the lab, students are getting acclimated to the use of mice and operating their own desktops. We listened to a story, "The Rainbow Fish," and talked about how we can give to others this year - including sharing our talents. Lower elementary focused on using Google Draw and Tux Paint to show different ways we can be generous to others. Upper elementary created a Jamboard about what they did this summer, and what they want to learn in technology this year!

We are off to an amazing start! This is going to be the BEST YEAR EVER!



~Mrs. Fredrickson
fredricksonk@westottawa.net



Music Notes from Mr. Loughrin

We are family

A Warm Welcome (and Welcome Back!) to all Lakewood Students!!!!!!

I am delighted to be working with our Lakewood Family Members this year! We have an exciting year planned in music. We will begin the year working on many different rhythm activities to strengthen our rhythm skills and note reading ability as well as many other skills and songs.



I look forward to making amazing music with every Lakewood Student!!!



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



39th Annual FIRE TRUCK PARADE



Friday, October 1
7:00 P.M.
Downtown Holland

Parade Route

Corner of 8th & Columbia
Down 8th Street to
The Holland Civic Center

After the Parade

The West Michigan Fire Prevention Council
Presents a
Fire Safety Event at the Holland Civic Center
7:30-9:00

- Vehicles on Display
- Fire & Safety Demonstrations
- Try on Fire Coats & Helmets
- Automobile Extrication Demo
- Tour a Fire Safety House
- Safety Information Tables
- Operate a Fire Hose
- Many More Activities



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