



# 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've just completed our beginning of the year assessments in both ELA and Math. For ELA assessments we use the Acadience platform to assess student progress three times per year. We also use the Fountas and Pinell running records throughout the year to identify the need for intervention or enrichment. These are in addition to the regularly scheduled assessments using the Reading Street curriculum. For Math we use the beginning of the year and the end of the year Math Expressions assessments in addition to the regularly scheduled unit assessments that are given throughout the year. If you are curious about any of the assessment tools that we use to measure progress, please consult with your child's teacher.

We are very lucky this year to have added some student services at Lakewood. This year we are privileged to have added nursing services two days a week. These services are provided by Holland Hospital. Amy Verbeek is our school nurse this year and she handles a great chunk of our medical needs that we experience at Lakewood. We are also lucky to have been able to add a full time Academic Interventionist. Colin Baron will serve in that role by providing intervention services throughout the day as well as overseeing our newly formed after school tutoring program. Our tutoring program will be staffed by our own teachers and we hope to see great strides in our students' achievement levels as a result of offering these services.

Finally, in celebration of Homecoming at West Ottawa, we will be celebrating Spirit Week! The activities are as follows:

**Monday 9/27 - Pajama Day!**

**Tuesday 9/28 - Wacky Hair Day!**

**Wednesday 9/29 - Beach Day!**

**Thursday 9/30 - Dress Like Your Favorite Character from a Book or Movie Day!**

**Friday 10/1 - Panther Pride Day (Black and White Day)!**

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](mailto:ghareebm@westottawa.net) or at (616) 786-1300 ext. 3099.

Sincerely,

Michael Ghareeb

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### September

**26th** Sale Ends—Spirit Wear

**27th-Oct 1st** Spirit Week

#### October

**1st** Fire Truck Parade

**11th** Indigenous People's Day

**21st** Half Day for Students

**21st** Parent-Teacher Conferences



*"No spring nor summer beauty  
hath such grace as I have seen in  
one autumnal face."*

-John Donne

## 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](http://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](http://www.westottawa.net/parent-portal) to log in or for instructions on registering your account.



### Quick Links

[Parent/Student Handbook](#)

[Lakewood FAQ](#)

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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](http://www.westottawa.net/wops-food-service).

### Lunch Menu

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

# COVID-19 Protocol

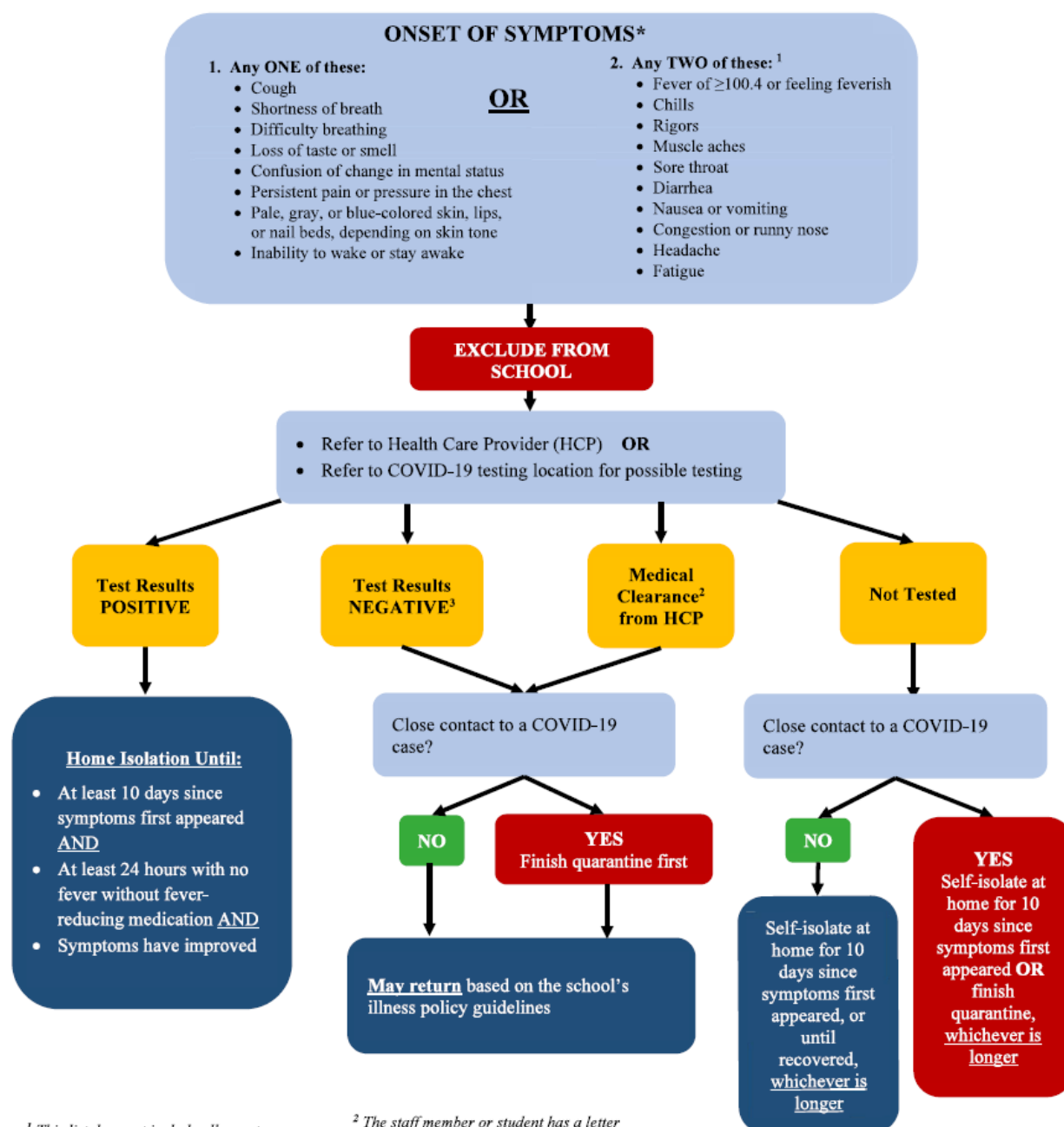
West Ottawa Public Schools continues to proceed with caution as we start the 2021-2022 school year. Please help us protect our Lakewood Family from COVID-19 by following [WOPS district policy](#) and guidelines set by the Ottawa County Health Department. Please refer to the [Ottawa County Health Department](#)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



# 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

Hispanic Heritage Month is going on right now. It is a time to recognize Hispanic and Latino Americans who have contributed to our country. We celebrate their rich heritage and culture. You can join in the celebration this weekend:

### FIESTA in Grand Haven

Saturday, September 25  
Noon to Nightfall

Fiesta goers will enjoy music on the stage and dance performances including live music from Latin Soul, Grupo Super Nova, Karizma Band, Ballet Folklórico, and more.

Food vendors and trucks will serve authentic cuisine in Central Park. The beer tent will feature margaritas and tequila flights along with a beer selection.

Youth and kids' activities will be hosted by Latin Americans United for Progress in the Central Park area including a Talent Show at the Grand Haven Community Center.

Mercado vendors from near and far will surround the Central Park fountain and just across the street in the County Building parking lot will be a Collector Car Show.



## 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 great. Students in Physical Wellness are getting back into the swing of things this fall and are doing a great job. We've practiced our warm-up, start/stop commands, and how to transfer from one area of the gym to another. We've also started our beginning of the year fitness assessments. Lastly, we've started to work on our soccer skills as we prepare for soccer games starting soon! All classes are doing a fantastic job and I'm really enjoying the start to the school year!

GO WO!

- Mr. Metz



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# THE TECH LAB

Week of 9/20-9/24



It was a wonderful week in the lab!

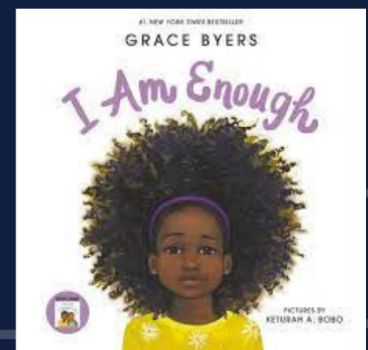
Now that we are back in the lab, kinders and first grade students are continuing to getting acimated to using desktops. This week, we focused on the story, "I Am Enough," by Grace Byers. Students used left click and drag features to create self portraits in TuxPaint. Upper elementary created acrostic poems that related to the same story. Students focused on using different text features, and how to insert different images into their Google Docs.

We will be easing into our next unit of Internet Safety. We touched on what is considered personal information and what information is shareable. We will be also spending some time on different activities that focus on "Keep safe, keep away, and keep telling!"



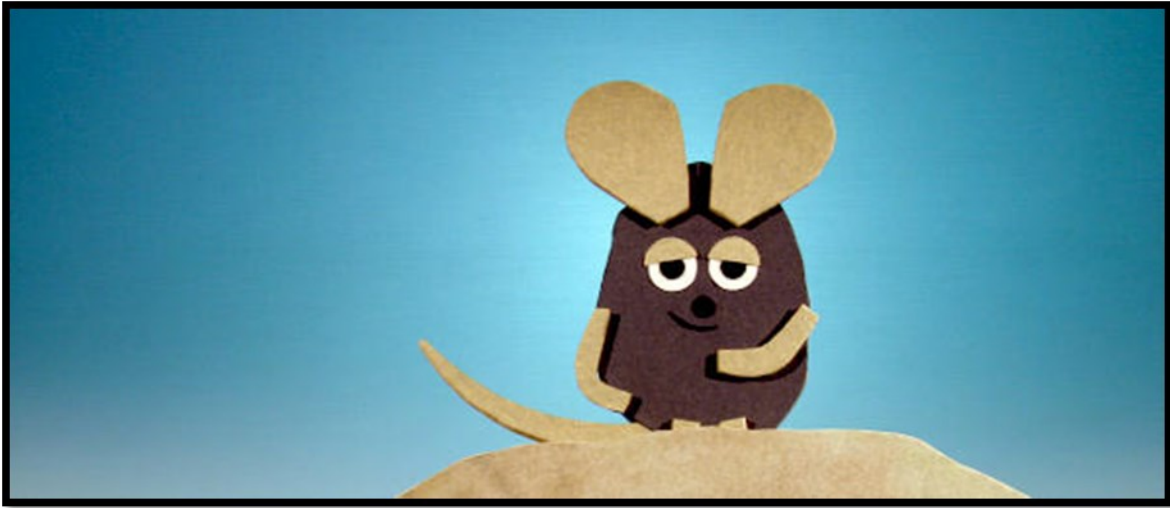
Have a wonderful weekend!

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





# *Music Notes from Mr. Loughrin*



As a continuation of our ongoing Lakewood theme, “Family”, in Music Class students were introduced to the wonderful story of “Frederick” by Leo Lionni. Frederick is a heartwarming little field mouse, who makes a special contribution to his mouse family. While the other mice are gathering food for the winter, Frederick is gathering things like sun rays, colors and words. Though skeptical, once winter arrives, the other mice discover the value and importance of Frederick’s “artistic” contributions.

It is a wonderful lesson in individual diversity and thinking differently. Often this year, we will refer to many “Fredericks” who enrich our lives with their creative expressions. We will grow the “Frederick” in each of us as we discover ways to use music to express ourselves and to discover the power of music and the arts!

Here is a link if you would like to hear the story of Frederick:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uLEtQl2xsJg>



# 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)



# 39<sup>th</sup> Annual FIRE TRUCK PARADE



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

## Parade Route

Corner of 8<sup>th</sup> & Columbia  
Down 8<sup>th</sup> 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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