



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,

Although things are not completely normalized, we are certainly moving in that direction. We are planning to open up more opportunities for volunteering in the future. Please be sure that if you intend to volunteer that you complete this [form](#) in order to be cleared to volunteer. In the past, we have had a very active volunteer force at Lakewood and we would love to continue that tradition as we move toward our natural routines.

It's that time of the year again where we get to share updates on all of our children through Parent/Teacher Conferences. This year, you will have the choice of attending conferences either in-person or remotely. Please be sure to indicate which you would prefer on the sign-up documents that each teacher sent out. Also, please be sure to sign up as soon as you are able to assure that we have ample time to meet with all parents. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on the following dates:

Thursday, October 21 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Thursday, October 21 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Tuesday, October 26 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM

I would like to personally thank all of you for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate through these very trying times. I know that we all want to get back to normal, but we also have the responsibility of keeping all of our students and staff safe so that we can maintain our very high level of academic achievement by having our school community present with us each and everyday.

As always, 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

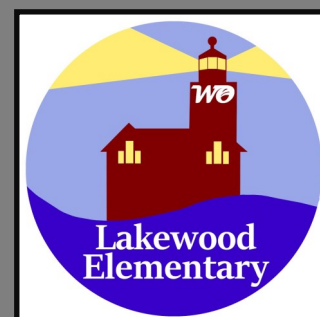
IMPORTANT DATES

October

11th	Indigenous People's Day
21st	Student Half Day (11:52) Parent-Teacher Conferences
26th	Picture Retake Day
29th	Student Half Day (11:52)
31st	Happy Halloween!

November

2nd	Election Day
12th	Student Half Day (11:52)
24th-26th	Thanksgiving Recess



*"Pale amber sunlight falls across
The reddening October trees,
That hardly sway before a breeze
As soft as summer: summer's loss
Seems little, dear! on days like these."
—Ernest Dowson, "Autumnal"*

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

[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.

Lunch Menu

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

COVID-19 Protocol

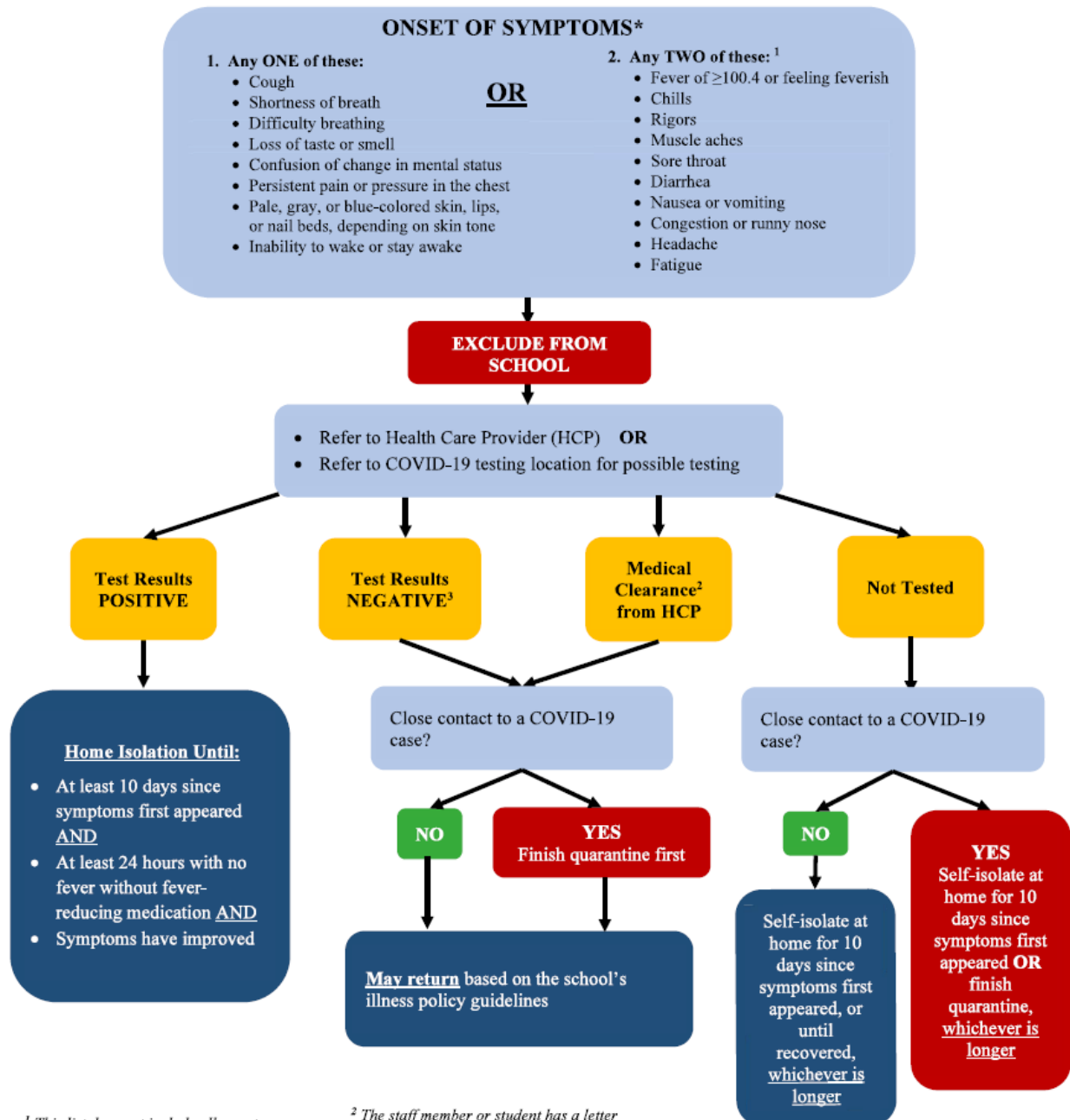
West Ottawa Public Schools continues to proceed with caution as we start the 2021-2022 school year. Please help us protect our Lakewood Family from COVID-19 by following [WOPS district policy](#) and guidelines set by the Ottawa County Health Department. Please refer to the [Ottawa County Health Department](#)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

Kindergartners are practicing Spanish numbers 1-15. We will learn a counting song called “Diez Calabazas” (Ten Pumpkins) and read the book *Cinco Monitos Brincando en la Cama* (Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed). Please encourage your child to practice at home by counting objects in Spanish. For example, ask your child to count the number of plates on the dinner table or count the number of teddy bears on his/her bed. 😊

Los Números 1 a 20			
1 uno	2 dos	3 tres	4 cuatro
5 cinco	6 seis	7 siete	8 ocho
9 nueve	10 diez	11 once	12 doce
13 trece	14 catorce	15 quince	16 diez y seis
17 diez y siete	18 diez y ocho	19 diez y nueve	20 veinte



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,

What a great fall season we are having. Students in all classes are doing a great job and working really hard. We've started working on our soccer skills as well as playing indoor soccer games. We are having a blast! Upper elementary will also be doing their first mile run of the year in October and we are looking forward to that. GO WO!

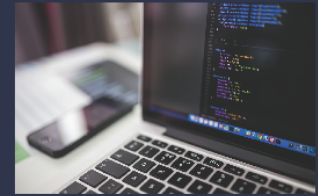
-Mr. Metz



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THE TECH LAB

Week of 10/04-10/08



It was a wonderful week in the lab!

This week, upper elementary spent some time "troubleshooting" different computer issues. Using a flowchart, they were able to provide step-by-step instructions to provide solutions to simple hardware and software problems. This week lower elementary learned about computer hardware and different types of computers! We also retouched on what it looks like to be respectful, responsible and ready to learn in the lab!

October is Cyber Safety month! We will discuss real-world cyber security problems and how personal information can be protected. 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
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