



# 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 have some wonderful events coming to Lakewood this fall. First, we will be holding a **Veterans Day Drive-Through Ceremony** on **Thursday, November 11** at **1:30 pm** in the parent parking lot. Our students will all be present and will be greeting our Veterans (both active and non-active) with song and by waving their own individual flags. We encourage any veteran that may be a part of our extended Lakewood community to attend. If you are or know of any veteran, please join us or feel free to invite them to our ceremony.

Also, this month is our **annual fall book fair**. The book fair will run from **November 8 through November 11**. The classes are all signed up to visit the fair multiple times so that students can get an idea of what they want, then have the opportunity to purchase from their wish lists. The fair will culminate with a **family night** on **November 11** from **4:00 - 8:00 pm**. Please join us for this awesome event! Give a big thanks to our PTO for organizing the event and putting endless hours into decorating the media center so that it can become a great memory for our students.

Finally, this year we will resume our **biannual Art Night**. For those of you who may be new to Lakewood, we host alternating Art and Science nights once each year. Unfortunately, last year's scheduled Art Night had to be put on hold due to COVID. This year's Art Night will take place on **Thursday, December 2** from **6:30 - 7:30 pm**. More information will be coming shortly, but please try to save the date on your calendars to enjoy the wonderful artwork that our students produce.

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

Sincerely,

Michael Ghareeb

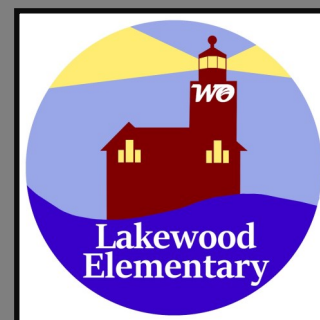
### IMPORTANT DATES

#### November

8th-11th	Scholastic Book Fair
11th	Veterans Day Ceremony Family Night
12th	Hearing Screens (K, 2, 4) Student Half Day (11:52)
19th	Vision Screens (1, 3, 5)
24th-26th	Thanksgiving Recess

#### December

2nd	Art Night
20th-31st	Holiday Recess



"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

—John F. Kennedy

## 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](#)

[Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#)

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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!**

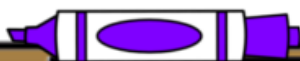
### COVID-19 PROTOCOL

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

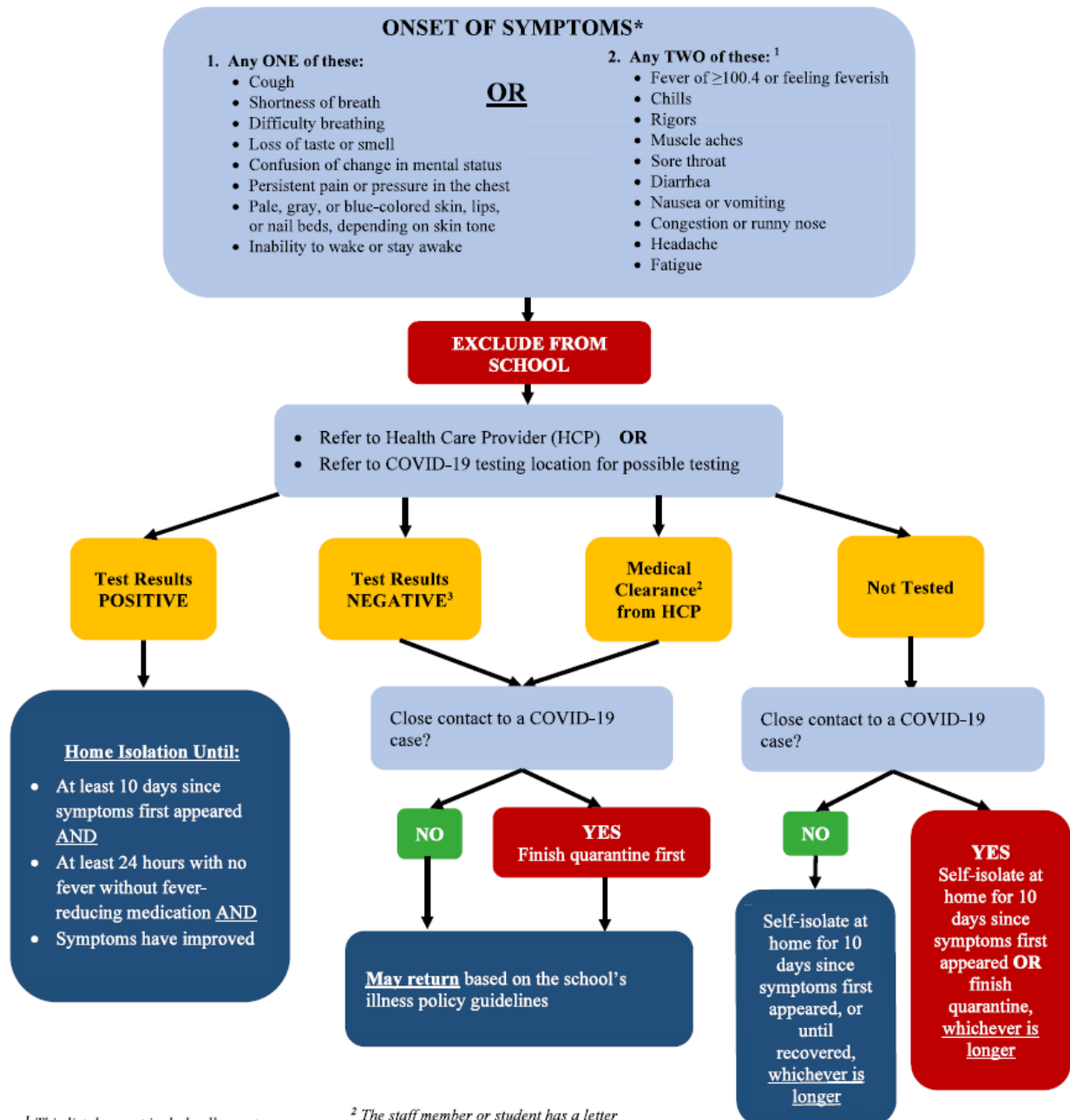
West Ottawa Public Schools continues to proceed with caution as we start the 2021-2022 school year. Please help us protect our Lakewood Family from COVID-19 by following [WOPS district policy](#) and guidelines set by the Ottawa County Health Department. Please refer to the [Ottawa County Health Department](#)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

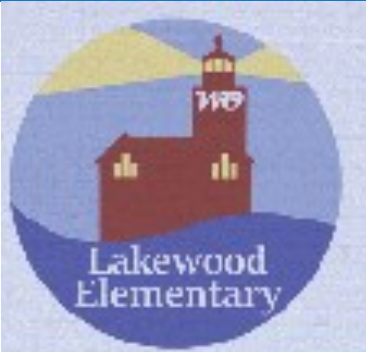
## Mask Mandate

**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.





# PTO Announcements

## Book Fair Family Night: Nov. 11th, 4-8pm

Come to the Lakewood library with your family for an evening of shopping at the Book Fair! Grab some ice cream on your way out! Stop by and take your treat to go, but please refrain from eating in the school. We need to keep those masks on. Please remember to wear masks inside the building while shopping, as well. We look forward to seeing everyone and we're excited to have an in person Book Fair again!

Book Fair: Nov 8th-11th during school hours; students will create wish lists Mon/Tues and shop Wed/Thurs with their class. Add money to their "ewallet" (if you prefer) or send money with your child to purchase items during school.(see Scholastic info that went home with your child)

Thank you to the Lakewood families who chose Chipotle for their dinner last month! Thanks to you, \$310.20 went right back into our school! Thank you to all who participated!

Thank you for making Lakewood's 1st ever Trunk or Treat a "spook-cess"! We had such a blast seeing everyone's creative, awesome trunks and most importantly, all of the happy, dressed-up kids! Thanks to everyone who donated their time and candy to help make the night a fun evening for all!

## Coming Soon...

Watch out for **Square1Art** in November. Your child will be creating art that you can order printed on anything from mugs to T-shirts to notecards! Information will be sent home in backpacks. Just in time to order special gifts before the holidays.

Last week, we had our last Hiking Club of the season. We had such an incredible turn out this year and the kids seemed to love it as much as the parents/teachers did!

Since the cold days are upon us, we will say farewell for now until Spring. Stay tuned for some exciting plans for the winter months.

If you have any questions on how to be involved with Lakewood or how the PTO supports the school, please reach out to us on: [lwpto@westottawa.net](mailto:lwpto@westottawa.net) or Facebook at "Lakewood Parent Community"

Click here



## SPANISH SPOTLIGHT WITH SEÑORA DILLON

We had such a fun time discussing Mexico's holiday Dia de Los Muertos. There are so many fascinating aspects to it! For example, marigold flowers are used for the holiday and can be seen everywhere. Students enjoyed designing and coloring a sugar skull picture.



**Also, make sure to check out my webpage as a way to practice Spanish at home!**

<http://senoradillon.weebly.com/>



## **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 are all doing fantastic. Students in Physical Wellness will be wrapping up soccer this week and we will start working on fielding in the month of November. Students will work on catching a kicked or thrown ball and then relaying it to a specific location. Upper elementary will be learning about indoor matball (kickball) and lower elementary will do a variety of games to help develop those skills. I'm looking forward to a great November with all classes. GO WO!

-Mr. Metz



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# THE TECH LAB

Week of 11/1 - 11/5



It was a wonderful week in the lab!

We have begun coding this month of November! Students were introduced to our little friend, Evo! Evo is an Ozobot.

What is the purpose of an Ozobot?

Ozobots can identify lines, colors, and codes on both digital surfaces, such as an iPad, and physical surfaces, such as paper.

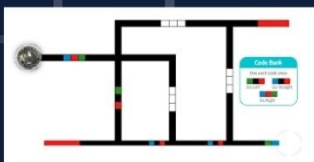
Students spent time exploring different codes to program their own Evo Ozobot. This week we also programmed our "Turkey" Ozobots to run a turkey trot... It was challenging to know what codes to program to keep those bots out of the obstacles that potentially could get in the way of the success of their race!

We will continue to learn more about coding next week in the lab!



Have a wonderful weekend!

~Mrs. Fredrickson  
fredricksonk@westottawa.net







# Music Notes

from Mr. Loughrin



Lakewood students are busy in music class, learning a collection of patriotic songs as we approach our Veterans Day outdoor parade on Thursday, November 11th.

Though we are not able to have our school assembly again this year, we will be honoring our veterans with a Lakewood drive-thru parade. (See announcement flyer in this newsletter). Songs we are learning include, "America, the Beautiful", "America" (also known as "My Country 'tis of Thee") and our national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner". In addition, students are enjoying singing a student favorite, "This is My Country".

Many students like to practice our songs and movements outside of school. Listed below are the YouTube links to some of the songs we are learning.

### Links:

"America, the Beautiful": <https://youtu.be/YMmRK3rEVfk>

"This is My Country": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EgHYbfUFFHO>

Choreography: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZaAi1wooYus>

"Star Spangled Banner": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=skhdXSJK5nM>





## Are you ready for the Scholastic BOOK FAIR?

The Lakewood Fall 2021 Book Fair  
Monday Nov 8th - Thursday Nov. 11th

Monday - Wednesday: 8:45-3:30  
Thursday (Family Night): 8:45-3:30  
4:00-8:00

### Did you know...

50% of all sales are returned to the school as Scholastic Dollars? Funds raised are used to buy books and educational supplies for the school!

- Classes will create **WISH LISTS** on Monday or Tuesday...so don't forget to check back packs for their wish lists!
- Classes will **SHOP** on Wednesday or Thursday. Send their money in as cash, check (made out to Lakewood PTO), or go online to create an e-Wallet for your student(s)
- Join us Thursday from 4:00-8:00 for **FAMILY NIGHT** for your additional shopping needs. As you leave the school, don't forget to stop by for a cup of **ICE CREAM**. Due to current restrictions, we are asking that you wait to leave the school before enjoying your treat!
- **ALL FOR BOOKS** - do you want to help buy books for the Library or the classrooms? Consider any of these options:
  - Round up your purchase to the nearest dollar
  - Participate in our coin challenge by donating an spare change
  - Pull a book mark for \$1.00 - you may win a poster!
  - Or simply make a donation.
- Can't make it to the fair? Use our **ONLINE FAIR!** If you spend \$25, your order will ship for free! <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/lakewoodbookfairfall2021>. Use this link to create an **e-WALLET** for your student too!
- Don't forget your teacher! Look for your **TEACHER'S WISH LIST** basket and consider buying a book for their classroom!

**\*\*Masks are required when you are inside the school.\*\***

# KIDS ONLY (AGES 5-11) PFIZER COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS

**Free. Safe. Effective.**



**November 6**

Lakeshore Middle School - Grand Haven  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



**November 9**

Black River Elementary - Holland  
4:30 PM - 8:00 PM



**November 11**

Holmes Elementary - Spring Lake  
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM



**November 12**

West Elementary- Holland Public Schools  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



**November 16**

West Ottawa High School - North Building  
4:30 PM - 8:00 PM



**November 17**

Holland Christian High School  
4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Use the QR codes to register for a clinic or visit [www.VaccinateWestMI.com/clinics](http://www.VaccinateWestMI.com/clinics).

Minors MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian

When registering, use the child's name as the contact.  
Please do not enter the parent's name until prompted.

[www.miOttawa.org/COVID19](http://www.miOttawa.org/COVID19)

West Ottawa District Board of  
**Public Health**

[miOttawa.org/millennium](http://miOttawa.org/millennium)

# SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS ONLY (AGES 5-11) PFIZER COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS

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## For Ottawa County families with special health care needs:

- Families with special health care needs will be provided with longer vaccination appointment times.
- When registering, please include any accommodations your child will need and any additional information about your child that would be helpful for nurses to know in the "notes" section of the registration form, such as if you have a preference for an appointment at your vehicle.
- When registering, use the child's name as the contact.
- Please do not enter the parent's name until prompted.
- Appointments are for vaccination only. Clinics will not be able to provide any other medical services.
- Please bring anything your child will need to successfully complete their vaccination appointment.

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[www.miOttawa.org/COVID19](http://www.miOttawa.org/COVID19)

Ottawa Department of  
**Public Health**  
[miOttawa.org/miHealth](http://miOttawa.org/miHealth)

# HONORING THE CULTURES & LANGUAGES OF WEST OTTAWA: MULTILINGUAL COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

NOVEMBER 18  
5-7PM

HARBOR LIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
1024 136TH AVENUE - HOLLAND, MI 49424

\*Free Adult ESL Class 6-8pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME  
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