



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 a short week next week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will only be in session on **Monday, November 22** and **Tuesday, November 23**. We will be **off** beginning on **Wednesday, November 24** and will **return** on **Monday, November 29**.

We are very excited to host our biannual **Art Night** on **Thursday, December 2** from **6:30 - 8:00**. Please come and join us for an evening of art and music. We will be displaying our students' art work and have live music for your entertainment.

As the year gets colder, **please be sure to have your children dress appropriately for the weather**. Unless the wind chill drops to 0 or below, we will be going outside for recess. If you are in need or know of anyone one in our Lakewood Community that may need winter gear, please contact us as we have a few different resources that we can turn to for appropriate clothing for the winter months.

Finally, as a reminder, please be sure to pull all the way to the end of the drive at drop off and pick up to allow for traffic to move smoothly through the line. Traffic tends to back up on 168th Ave., and we want to be sure that everyone is safe during those times.

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

November

24th-26th Thanksgiving Recess

December

2nd Art Night

3rd 2nd Grade Field Trip

10th Hearing/Vision Rescreen

20th-31st Holiday Recess



"Love the trees until their leaves fall off, then encourage them to try again next year."

—Chad Sugg

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](#)

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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.



Please **do not** park in the circle drive by the front office between **8-9am and 3-4pm.**

You may park in the large parking lot on the southside of the building.

Our special needs buses use the circle drive during those times and need full access to the drive to safely pick up and drop off our special needs students. Thank you for understanding!

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

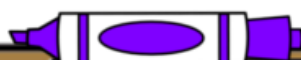
Please call the front office if you have any concerns regarding COVID-19 procedure at the school.

NORMAL ILLNESS PROCEDURE

To reduce the spread of any illness within the school, we ask that you keep your child home if they are sick.

Please also keep your child home until they are 24-hours free of vomiting, diarrhea, and fever (without the use of fever-reducing medication).

And, of course, keep your child's teacher and the front office posted.



Get in the Loop with Lakewood!

PBIS Corner

What is PBIS?

PBIS stands for **Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports**.

This research-based program focuses on acknowledging positive behaviors while also providing interventions to help students with behavioral struggles.

PBIS is used district wide but can be tailored to fit the needs of individual buildings.

At Lakewood, PBIS is tied to our building-wide expectations of being:

**RESPECTFUL,
RESPONSIBLE, AND
READY TO LEARN**

Students are taught these expectations at the beginning of the school year through staff-lead stations and are given reminders and reteaching as needed.

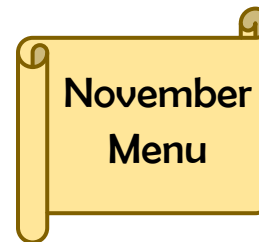
PBIS is not a “no consequence” system but allows students to see the benefits they can receive for making positive choices and teaches them the skills necessary to make those choices.

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.

See what your child is eating at school!



Volunteering?

Remember to submit a [VOLUNTEER FORM](#).

Applications may take a few weeks to process.



Interested in preschool for your four year old? Consider applying for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) through West Ottawa Public Schools.

The Great Start Readiness Program

The GSRP is a state-funded program for low-income families or families with certain environmental risks. To qualify, children must be four years old by September 1st of the enrollment year *and* proof of income submitted.

West Ottawa offers the GSRP at Pine Creek Elementary, Great Lakes Elementary, and Lakewood Elementary.

**APPLY
HERE**

Or visit www.helpmegrowottawa.org for more information,

Or call a **Care Coordinator** at Help Me Grow Ottawa: **(844) 233-2244**

SPANISH SPOTLIGHT WITH SEÑORA DILLON

As we approach Thanksgiving, I am thankful and proud of all my students. They have been working so responsibly. I encourage kids to stay up to date with their Spanish skills over the holiday break.

One great resource is my website with online games and activities to practice Spanish:

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



ART News

Go to page # to find
out more about
ART NIGHT!

*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 the month of November is treating you all well and you are looking forward to Thanksgiving break next week! Students in all classes have been working on fielding the last few weeks and are doing a great job. Their skills are really improving when it comes to stopping a kicked/thrown ball and relaying it to a specific location. Mat-Ball is going great with upper elementary students and lower elementary students are doing a great job with these skills too! I hope you all have a restful few days filled with family and fun next week. Don't forget to be active and get some exercise!



-Mr. Metz

LAKEWOOD - WEST OTTAWA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

THE TECH LAB

Week of 11/15 - 11/19



We have spent a lot of time 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, students were challenged to specifically program their bots to move in directions that would allow them to collect as many points as possible on their "hay ride." Students needed to know when to use straight, left or right codes, and also know when it was appropriate to slow down on corners to prevent an "ozobot catastrophe!"

Students also focused on using Ozoblockly, an online program that uses block coding. That program can be uploaded into the Ozobots!

After Thanksgiving, we will be focusing on Hour of Code! We continue to learn more about coding online!



Have a wonderful weekend!

~Mrs. Fredrickson
fredricksonk@westottawa.net



Music Notes

from Mr. Loughrin



How We Read Music: Music Notation

In music class, 2nd graders have been reviewing the basics of music notation and growing our understanding of music notation as a system of organizing pitch and rhythm. Among other resources, we have been using a wonderful Ted ed video as a launching point to review what we know as well as explore some ideas and concepts that might be new to us. Though the video is only a little over five minutes long, it is packed with information, presented in a fast paced and engaging format.

Our approach to music notation is a conceptual one. We have been making many connections to other languages to help us make sense of and decode the language of music. These skills will help students as we prepare for future years as well as middle school when students have to put it all together to read music notes.

Here is a link to the TedEd video we have been studying. The video is called "How to Read Music" by Tim Hansen and is a fun and entertaining overview of music notation: <https://youtu.be/ZN41d7Txcq0>



ART NIGHT @ LAKEWOOD

THURSDAY DEC. 2ND, 2021

6:30 - 8PM

COME ENJOY AN EVENING CELEBRATING THE ARTS
WITH YOUR LAKEWOOD FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

Lakewood Student Art Display

Fine Art Workshops

Art in Technology Workshop

Face Painting

Musical Performances by:

**WoodSong
Nathan McCoy Drum Solo
WO Middle School Jazz Band
West Ottawa Chanteurs
(7/8th Grade Honors Choir)**

**HOPE TO SEE
YOU THERE!**

Most Needed Items for Community Action House

- canned fruit in 100% juice
- low-sugar/no sugar added juice
- canned beans and peas
- dried beans and lentils
- canned tuna and chicken
- canned coconut milk
- corn and flour tortillas
- cooking oil
- flour
- sugar
- canned chilis
- bagged rice
- canned tomatoes and tomato products
- spices
- broth
- crackers
- whole wheat pasta
- pasta sauce
- oats
- cereal
- toilet paper
- paper towel
- hand soap
- shampoo
- bar soap/body wash

*low-sodium items preferred



Tag Us @communityactionhouse
& Tag #StockTheShelves

TOTAL TREK QUEST

TTQ SPRING 2022 SEASON

This spring, the TTQ program is coming back to schools. TTQ is a fun, high energy after school program designed exclusively for male-identifying students in 3rd-5th grade; it incorporates strength and stretching exercises with training for a 5K. Participants in the 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 spring season begins the week of March 14, with our final 5K on May 21. Registration opens 12/1/21.



TTQ SPRING REGISTRATION: OTTAWA/ALLEGAN

<https://www.pinwheel.us/register/index/AOSpring22>

REGISTRATION FEES:

\$45/child. Scholarships are available by contacting Drew Harmon at aharmon@arborcircle.org 616-485-9481



SPRING PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- 2 practices a week, held right after school. Practices include a healthy snack, activities, warm up exercises, and 5k training

****Note: if school is canceled, or there is a half day of school, TTQ is also canceled.**

- A free, family focused kickoff event
- A program Tshirt for race day
- A 5k event to end the fall season on Saturday, 05/21/22
- The 5K is free and open to all family members

Questions? Contact Drew at aharmon@arborcircle.org

SUPPORT FOR TTQ PROVIDED BY:

TTQ is a program of:



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.

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

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Public Health

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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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