



# 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 would like to thank all of the families that were able to donate to our food drive run through the Community Action House. Your generosity will benefit many families in need during this holiday season.

It has been wonderful to see so many volunteers in the building over the course of this year. Your time and effort will surely result in academic and social gains for all of our students. Please remember that if you would like to volunteer at Lakewood, that you must go through the volunteer approval process. This not only applies to volunteering in the school, but also applies when attending field trips with your child. The volunteer profile can be located at [www.westottawa.net/volunteer/](http://www.westottawa.net/volunteer/) and should be completed at least one week prior to the planned volunteer opportunity so that we can be sure to have the process finished in a timely fashion.

We would also like to continue to stress the importance of practicing safety both while at school as well as in the community. We want to be sure that all students have the opportunity to take advantage of the awesome teaching and learning that occurs at Lakewood each and every day.

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

#### December

3rd	2nd Grade Field Trip
10th	Hearing/Vision Rescreen
20th-31st	Holiday Recess

#### January

3rd	Back to school
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*"How did it get so late so soon?"*

*—Dr. Seuss*

## 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.**



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

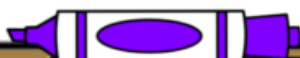
Please call the front office if you have any concerns regarding COVID-19 procedure at the school.

### 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

Why are there so many pyramids in education?

PBIS uses a pyramid to represent the three levels of interventions available to students based on the percentage of students that should be receiving each level of support. As the intensity of support increases the number of students receiving it decreases.

What does each Tier look like?

Tier 1 supports are universal. They are available to all students. This is the level of intervention that focuses on the acknowledgment of positive choices. Ask your child about pom poms and certificates to learn more.

Tier 2 is for a small number of students who need a little more support. They still get acknowledgement from Tier 1 but also get a little extra time with an adult at school. This may be in a social skills group, a check-in system, or a positive behavior support plan. The goal of Tier 2 is to teach the necessary skills to make a student successful at Tier 1.

Tier 3 has the fewest number of students (5% or less of the student population). These students still get Tier 1 and Tier 2 support, but may need a very structured behavior plan and/or special education intervention.

## 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).

**See what your child is eating at school!**

November  
Menu

December  
Menu

*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](http://www.helpmegrowottawa.org) for more information,

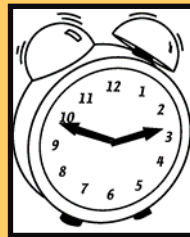
Or call a **Care Coordinator** at Help Me Grow Ottawa: **(844) 233-2244**

## SPANISH SPOTLIGHT WITH SEÑORA DILLON

Fourth grade students have been working hard on Spanish numbers. We are reviewing numbers 0-59 for a unit on telling time. Students will practice saying and writing out times in Spanish. For example, 2:50 in Spanish is Son las dos y cincuenta. To practice, we will learn a fun song that incorporates movements!

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

**<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 all had an enjoyable Thanksgiving break! In Physical Wellness we are starting to work on our floor hockey skills which will lead to floor hockey games in the coming weeks. Students will be learning how to hold the hockey stick correctly, pass to a teammate, dribble a hockey puck, and shoot on a goal.

So far, students have done fantastic with the skill work and are improving quickly. It's a lot of fun to see. Have a great rest of the week!

GO WO!

-Mr. Metz



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# THE TECH LAB

Week of 11/29 - 12/03



And the excitement of coding continues!

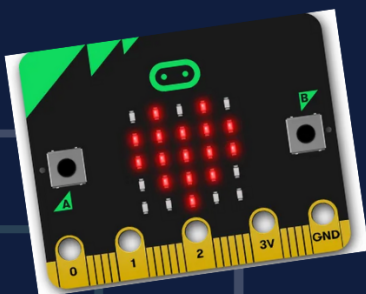
Students focused on using Ozoblockly, an online program that uses block coding. That program can be uploaded into the Ozobots! Students also had the opportunity to program Micro:bits! A Micro:bit is a pocket-sized computer that introduces you to how software and hardware work together!

It has an LED light display, buttons, sensors and many input/output features that, when programmed, let the students interact with their and your world! Ask your child what they are learning about in the world of coding!

Next weeks begins Computer Science in Education Week! We will be focusing on Hour of Code! We continue to learn more about coding online! Check out these websites!

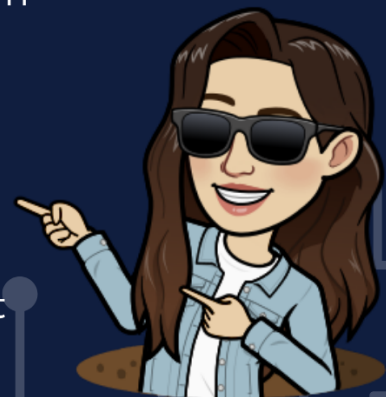
<https://www.csedweek.org/>

<https://hourofcode.com/us/learn>



Have a wonderful weekend!

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



# Music Notes from Mr. Loughrin

## *Here We Come a Caroling!*



**'Tis the Season!!!** Donning hats, mittens, gloves and scarves, Lakewood students will be caroling outside classroom windows during their music class on our final week before break. We'll play jingle bells and other percussion instruments to accompany our songs and spread good cheer to everyone we meet. In addition to traditional carols, such as "Jingle Bells" and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer", we will exercise our Spanish vocabulary with "Feliz Navidad" complete with maracas and of course jingle bells. We will also share a traditional Hanukkah song entitled, "Oh Hanukkah!"

**Please remind your child to dress for the weather with hats, mittens, and gloves, and to wear any special holiday hats or clothes on music day the week of December 13th!**



Does your family like to ski?



Do your kids want to learn to ski or snowboard?

If so, then you need the

## Bittersweet Discount Ski/Snowboard Pass

so your family can ski and board at affordable rates!!!

**What is it?** It is a ski club card that allows you to ski or snowboard at significantly reduced rates all day Monday through Friday, and after 3:00 on weekends and holidays.

**How much does it cost?** The card costs \$27 for students up to age 18 and \$31 for adults. You easily get your money out of it the first time you use it!

**What does it provide?** It provides reduced rates for all, in addition to 2 free ski or snowboard lessons, for students.

	With Ski Pass	Without Ski Pass
Weekend Lift Ticket	After 3pm \$27 (students) \$31 (adults)	\$65
Student Ski/Snowboard Rental	\$27(student) \$31 (adult)	\$40
Helmet Rental	\$10	\$10

As you can see, your card will pay for itself the first time you use it. After that you get a real bargain!

**How do I sign up?** Print your ski club form or ask the school office to send one home. Fill out one form for each person who would like a ski pass. Write checks to Bittersweet. Turn forms and checks in to the school office by Tuesday, December 8. You will receive your pass before Christmas break.

Questions?      Contact:      Jeff Gaul  
gaulj@westottawa.net



# 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](mailto: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](mailto:aharmon@arborcircle.org)

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# ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB OF LAKEWOOD (ECO LAKEWOOD)

Help make Lakewood a greener place! Meet with other 4-5th grade students interested in taking care of the environment and put together projects to make your home, school, and community greener. We will talk about litter, recycling, invasive species, water quality, and other projects to improve Lakewood. Meetings will be held after school once a month from 3:45 to 4:45, starting December 1. Contact us to let us know you're interested!



Hi! My name is Sarah Brown. I'm a high school senior and former Lakewood student who wants to help current Lakewood students care for their environment and make their school a better place. I'll be leading/facilitating this club for any student interested in participating, and I look forward to hearing your ideas!

**CONTACT INFO:** Sarah Brown, Facilitator: [22scb01@westottawa.net](mailto:22scb01@westottawa.net)  
Mr. Arthurs, Teacher Host: [arthursk@westottawa.net](mailto:arthursk@westottawa.net)



# 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 Buiding  
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)

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

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**November 9**  
Black River Elementary - Holland  
4:30 PM - 8:00 PM



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

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West Elementary- Holland Public Schools  
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West Ottawa High School - North Building  
4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

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

## 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.

Minors MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian

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