



# 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,

Lakewood will be hosting its first ever "Winter Olympics" beginning on February 7 and running through February 10 during lunch recesses. The events will include a Sled Relay, Ice Bowling, a Snow Toss and will culminate with the Ultimate Winter Relay. We are asking you to consider an optional \$2.00 donation to offset the costs and hopefully have a little extra to save for next year's event. We are still in need of volunteers for the event. If you are interested in volunteering, you can do so at this [link](#).

Next week, Friday February 11, is a half day for Staff Professional Development. We will dismiss on all half days at 11:52 AM. It is important that we have a smooth pick-up on those days to be sure that all staff members can get to their respective locations in a timely manner to assure that we are providing the best possible training for our awesome staff.

In addition, Mid-Winter-Break is occurring the following week.. On February 14 (Valentine's Day) we will not be in session. Please take some time to enjoy your family and friends and as always be safe. Finally, 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

#### February

7th	Yearbook Entries Due
9th	Student Count Day
11th	Half Day for Students
14th	Valentine's Day
	Mid-Winter Recess

#### March

8th & 10th	Parent/Teacher Conferences
13th	Daylight Saving Time
17th	St. Patrick's Day
25th	Student Half Day



*"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything."*

— Mark Twain

## 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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### SPREAD THE WORD!

It's time for **Kindergarten Enrollment** for the **2022-2023** school year!

Get a head start on registration and submitting enrollment documents as soon as possible.

# 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

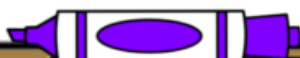
Please call the front office if you have any concerns regarding COVID-19 procedure at the school.

### 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 the purpose of the Poms?

Each classroom has a class pom pom jar (or bucket or bin) where students place poms they earn for making respectful or responsible choices or for being ready to learn.

Poms can be given to any student by any staff member who catches them making good choices. Individual students, small groups or the whole classes can earn poms. Once the classroom jar is full the entire class earns an agreed upon reward.

Examples of possible rewards are: STEM bin time, extra recess, a Magic School bus episode, drawing time, or a small treat.

**The big lesson behind these little poms is that each classroom is a small community within the larger school community and communities function best when everyone works together.**

## 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!

February  
Menu

March  
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

Fifth grade students recently started a unit on Spanish adjectives. We are learning a variety of Spanish adjectives to describe objects and people.

Students will have a fun, new song called La Cancion de Opuestos (The Opposites Song). Also, we will be working on a magazine project in partners. Ask your child how to say large in Spanish!



*alto (tall)*



*bajo (short)*

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

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

# ART NEWS



## Hello Lakewood Community!

**I am very excited to announce we will be holding the long awaited Art Night event at Lakewood on March 24, 2022 from 6:30-8 PM.**

**This is an opportunity for us to enjoy celebrating the arts with our Lakewood family and friends. Art Night will include a beautiful display of student art and multiple art making and technology workshops. We will also have a musical performance by our very own music teacher, Chris Loughrin, performing a duet with his wife in their musical group titled, Woodsong.**

**To make this event a hit, we will need your help!** We need 3 volunteers the night before the event to help hang art and 8 volunteers the night of the event to help refill materials and assist families in the art making and technology workshops. You will not lead or teach a workshop. Please know, you do not need to be "artistic" to volunteer for this event. : )

**If you are interested in volunteering for this fun event please sign up for a time slot at the link below.** Thank you in advance if you sign up and I look forward to celebrating the arts with all of our Lakewood community!

### **VOLUNTEER SIGN UP LINK**

*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 fantastic and enjoying the start to February!

In Physical Wellness, we are wrapping up our volleyball unit over the last week. Students have spent the last month learning how to manipulate a volleyball in a variety of ways. We worked on our pass, our set, and our serve with all age groups. We also started to play volleyball like games and each class did great with them!

Next week we are beginning a new unit and I can't wait to have students get started (here's a hint....it's one of my favorite sports). Have a great rest of the week!

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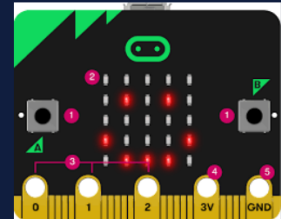
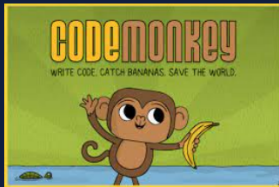
-Mr. Metz



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# THE TECH LAB

Week of 1/31 - 2/04



Happy February!

We had a ton of fun programming our Micro:bits this week to play a rock, paper, scissors game! We also focused on Super Bowl predictions. Students had to find information on the ESPN website and use that information they put in their charts to predict who they thought would win the Super Bowl this year! They may have even added some statistics of their favorite teams. ☒

Lower elementary students worked on programming their Micro:bits to create a flashing heart, scrolling marquee, and other creations! Students also had the opportunity to program in Code Monkey to have their monkeys collect bananas and their secret treasure!

Have a wonderful weekend!

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





# Music Notes

*from Mr. Loughrin*



5<sup>th</sup> grade students are preparing for middle school by doing some “ensemble work”. Practicing in sections, playing different parts with different notes and different timing.

For this activity, they are playing Boomwackers. If you are not familiar with Boomwackers, they are plastic pipes of different lengths which play different pitches based on their length. Each Boomwacker therefore has a different note in a scale. As a percussion instrument, Boomwackers can be struck on the floor, a hard surface or on a knee or shoe to create a pitched percussion sound.

Here are a couple of cool videos created by an ensemble group at Harvard University. You and your family will likely recognize these popular tunes played in a unique arrangement on Boom-Wackers.

Links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YHlrb9KsyP4>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rb\\_3IAz-ano](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rb_3IAz-ano)



# Enrollment

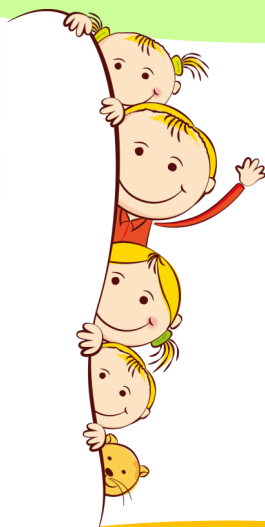
## 2022-2023 School Year

### NEW STUDENTS

Is your student a kindergartener or otherwise new to the district? Go online to register for 2022-2023 enrollment!

Access the Online Registration by clicking the button below or visiting [www.westottawa.net/wops-enrollment/](http://www.westottawa.net/wops-enrollment/).

Register



### EXISTING STUDENTS

Do you already have a student attending West Ottawa Public Schools? You need to complete an existing student registration for the 2022-2023 school year. Access the Online Registration for existing students by visiting your Parent Portal.

Infinite  
Campus  
Parent Portal Login

### YOUNG KINDERS

Want your kinder-aged child to attend the WOPS Young Kinder program? Registration for Young Kinders is the same as Kindergarten and must be completed online.

\*\*Current 2021-2022 Young Kinder students will go to Kindergarten for the 2022-2022 school year.





## miOttawa Department of Public Health

### Oral Health Education

The Ottawa County Department of Public Health wants you to know that February is **“National Children’s Dental Health Month”**: A great time to educate your students about their oral health!

Oral health is an important contributor to overall health. Tooth decay is the most common chronic disease among children and adolescents in the United States, even though it is almost entirely preventable. Untreated tooth decay causes pain and infections that may lead to problems with basic daily activities such as eating, speaking, playing, and **learning**.



Here are some web resources that you can access!

[www.colgate.com/en-us/oral-health-education.](http://www.colgate.com/en-us/oral-health-education)

[www.dentalcare.com/en-us/patient-education/childrens-dental-health/teaching-kids](http://www.dentalcare.com/en-us/patient-education/childrens-dental-health/teaching-kids)

[www.deltadentalmi.com/Member/Wellness/Teaching-Tools](http://www.deltadentalmi.com/Member/Wellness/Teaching-Tools)

[www.mouthhealthy.org/en/resources/lesson-plans](http://www.mouthhealthy.org/en/resources/lesson-plans)



# 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!

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