



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,

The Winter Olympics was a huge success! All of the kids that I spoke with said that it was fun and exciting. Thank you to the PTO and to Erin James for organizing the event and we will plan to do it again next year. In addition, the PTO handed out Kindness Grams on Thursday and it was special for everyone. Thanks again PTO, you're awesome!

Parent Teacher Conferences are right around the corner. They will be held on March 8 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm, on March 10 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm and again on March 10 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. As we did in the fall you will have the chance to either attend in-person or virtually. Each teacher will send out communication by February 25 on how to sign up for your preference. It is extremely important that all families attend Parent Teacher Conferences, so please plan to attend at one of the times listed above.

Finally, please be sure that children are not dropped off prior to 8:30 am. There is a bell that rings at exactly 8:30. Please wait for the bell to ring to drop off your student(s). We do not have supervision prior to 8:30 and we certainly want to be sure that we are providing the safest possible environment for all students at Lakewood.

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 or at (616) 786-1300 ext. 3099.

Sincerely,

Michael Ghareeb

IMPORTANT DATES

February

21st President's Day

March

8th Parent/Teacher Conf

10th Parent/Teacher Conf

Student Half Day

Reading Month Read-a-Thon

17th St. Patrick's Day

25th Student Half Day



"Hate is too great a burden to bear. It injures the hater more than it injures the hated."

—Coretta Scott King

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

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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

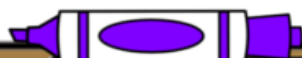
Please call the front office if you have any concerns regarding COVID-19 procedure at the school.

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

Celebrating students for being respectful, responsible, and ready-to-learn in their classroom community.

Our teachers and students have been busy celebrating their successes related to making positive choices.

In Mrs. VanAllsburg's class, student earned time to do an extra art project and play a classroom game of capture the flag. In Mrs. Douglas's class students enjoyed the reward of having a comfy day where they could wear comfy clothes and bring a stuffed animal and blanket to school!

Mrs. Johnson's and Mrs. Bosma's classes had a joint movie reward that was related to a read aloud book. Mrs. Strait's class chose a day without homework for one of their rewards.

Mrs. Charameda's class had a hot cocoa snack...YUM! Mr. Arthurs class earned a half hour of free choice indoor recess time. These are just a few examples of the fun and creative ways classrooms are celebrating their success!

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!

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 for more information,

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

Lakewood PTO

UPDATES

Sign up to help PTO with Parent Teacher Conference meals!

Please check out the signup genius for Parent Teacher Conference meals! Conferences are only a couple weeks away. We are looking to provide snacks, meals, treats and drinks for those long evenings in March. We LOVE our teachers and staff!

[CONFERENCE MEAL SIGN-UP](#)

Also, ask your kiddo(s) about the Kindness Grams delivered to them on Thursday February 17th!

Thank you for your support!

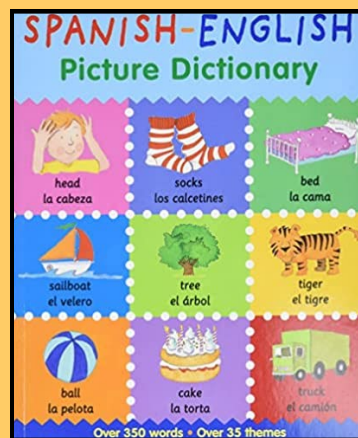


SPANISH SPOTLIGHT WITH SEÑORA DILLON

Hola!

I wanted to share a great idea of how your child can practice Spanish at home. A Spanish-English Picture Dictionary can be a wonderful resource. Children will not only learn new Spanish words, but can use the dictionary to create their own flashcards and write bilingual stories.

For example, the upper grades have enjoyed writing stories in class that have Spanish words included throughout. Perhaps this could be a fun new tool for the entire family to learn Spanish!



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 well and enjoyed our extended mid-winter break.

In Physical Wellness over the next few weeks we will be learning all about tennis! Students have already started working on improving their racquet skills and their ability to manipulate a tennis ball. We will be working on not only hitting by ourselves against a wall, but hitting cooperatively with a friend as well.

We use age appropriate tennis racquets and tennis balls so all students experience success. Our skills have already improved a great deal and I'm excited to see how much better each class gets as we learn more about our forehand, backhand, serve, and volley!

Have a great week!

-Mr. Metz



LAKEWOOD - WEST OTTAWA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

THE TECH LAB

Week of 2/15 - 2/18



I hope it has been a wonderful February for all of you! We are already more than half way through this month! Time flies when you are having fun!

With the focus on Valentine's day and random acts of kindness, students have been creating comics using Pixton. They were able to create their own avatar and include themselves showing kindness to those around them!

Students have also read *Kitten's First Full Moon*, by Kevin Henkes, and created a picture using a pixelated paint program. Next week we hope to focus on some President's Day activities!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

~Mrs. Fredrickson
fredricksonk@westottawa.net





Music Notes from Mr. Loughrin



4th grade students are working hard to prepare for their Link Up Concert with the Holland Symphony Orchestra on Wednesday, April 13th.

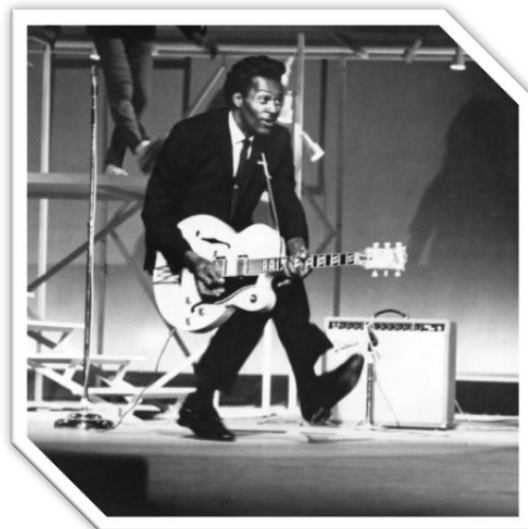
The Carnegie Hall Link Up Program is an amazing opportunity for students to participate and perform with a professional symphony orchestra. This year's theme is called The Orchestra Rocks!

One of the songs included is the song *Johnny B. Goode* by the legendary father of Rock n Roll, Chuck Berry. Students are learning the "Hand Jive" as well as the "Duck Walk", so that we can rock out on this song with the HSO.

Here are a couple of links where you too can rock out with some sweet moves!

The song: <https://youtu.be/6ROwVrFOCeg>

The moves: https://vimeo.com/513619727?embedded=true&source=vimeo_logo&owner=17443591



Enrollment

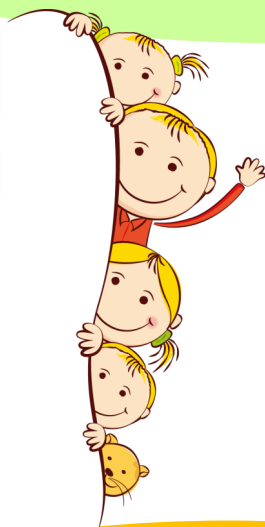
2022-2023 School Year

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/.

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.



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

www.deltadentalmi.com/Member/Wellness/Teaching-Tools

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 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

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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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