



# 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,

Online registration for the 2022-23 school year is now open in the [parent portal](#). All returning students must complete the registration process to assure a spot for next year at Lakewood. We would like to have all registrations complete by June 1, 2022 to be sure that we have adequate transportation for next year. If you have any questions regarding the enrollment process, please contact Lyra Galle at [galle@westottawa.net](mailto:galle@westottawa.net) or at (616) 786-1300.

Do you have WO clothing or gear that you no longer use? As you do your "spring cleaning", please consider donating any WO gear to be used for our EL & Bilingual Programs. We will be collecting, washing, & gifting the collected gear to any migrant, EL, or others who may appreciate the gear. We have a tub at the front entrance for any donations that you may have and it will be very much appreciated.

Please remember that drop off in the morning begins promptly at 8:30 as we do not have any staff available for monitoring prior to that time. Please refrain from dropping students off earlier than 8:30 to avoid any possible safety issues.

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

#### March

8th	P/T Conferences 5-8 PM
10th	P/T Conferences 1-4 PM, 5-8 PM
	Student Half Day
17th	St. Patrick's Day
24th	Art Night

#### April

1st-8th Spring Break—No School!



**"Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary."**

—Jim Rohn

## 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](#)

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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

The morning bell rings at 8:36 AM. **Students arriving after 8:36 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!**

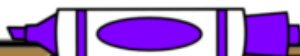


### NORMAL ILLNESS PROCEDURE

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.

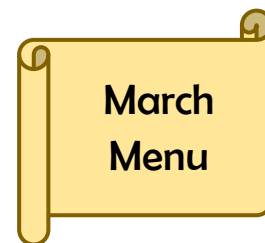
Mrs. Charameda's class had a hot cocoa snack...YUM! Mr. Arthurs class earned a half hour of free choice indoor recess time. These are just a few examples of the fun and creative ways classrooms are celebrating their success!

## 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](http://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](http://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 next week. We are looking to provide snacks, meals, treats and drinks for those long evenings on Tuesday/Thursday, as well as a special "Coffee Cart" treat on Friday morning. We LOVE our teachers and staff!

[CONFERENCE MEAL SIGN-UP](#)

Thank you for your support!

—PTO



# Coin Challenge Fundraiser

Who doesn't love a friendly competition between grade levels? It's even better when the challenge is to raise money to support one of our own!

In conjunction with Reading Month, Student Council will be holding a fundraiser. Each grade level at Lakewood will be raising money to help fund our Lakewood Scholarship. This scholarship is offered to a graduating senior who is a former Lakewood student. We are hoping to raise enough to support two former Lakewood students.

## Rules of the Coin Challenge:

Jars will be placed outside the office and labeled by grade level.

- Coins are POSITIVES
  - You want to put the coins in your grade level buckets.
- Bills are NEGATIVES
  - You want to put bills in OTHER grade level buckets.
- Whichever grade level has the highest balance at the end of the challenge will win a special treat!

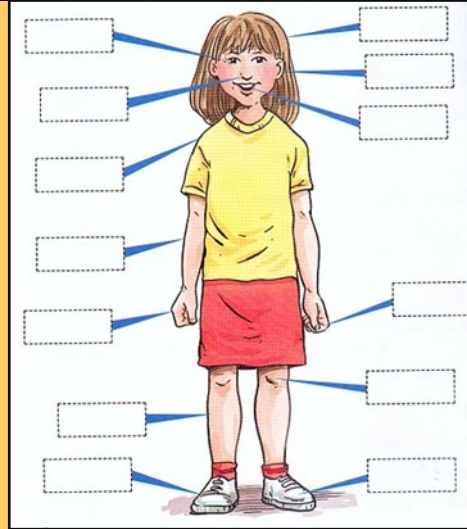
## SPANISH SPOTLIGHT WITH SEÑORA DILLON

Fourth grade students are learning body vocabulary. Students will extend vocabulary by also practicing how to express a body part that is hurting. For example, *me duele la cabeza* means my head hurts.

Try labeling the girl below using the word bank to help you!

### Word Bank

dedo ojo hombro brazo rodil-  
la  
nariz mano boca pie oreja  
pelo dedo del pie pierna



**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 great! In Physical Wellness, we are just wrapping up our tennis unit. Students have been working on manipulating a tennis ball in a variety of ways and all are experiencing a lot of success. Lower elementary students can tap the ball up, down, balance it on their strings, and are beginning to be able to hit against a wall and hit the ball over their head (serve). Upper elementary students have learned about the forehand, backhand, serve, and volley.

The progress each class has made in these skills has been great to see!

Have a great weekend!

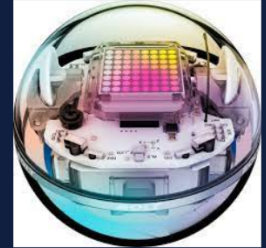
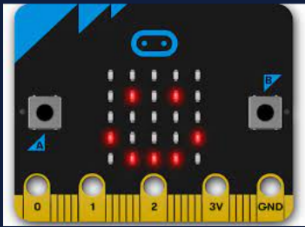
-Mr. Metz



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# THE TECH LAB

Week of 2/28 - 3/04



It has been a wonderful few weeks of coding in the tech lab!

Students have been working on block programming with their Spheros. Spheros are robot balls with several features that can be controlled through mobile apps, including computer programs that our students build! This week, the focus was on sequencing and loops! We also had a chance to block program our Micro:bits to display different LED configurations!

Lower elementary students focused on coding their Ozobots with color codes. This week, the challenge was to get our bots to navigate through a maze.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

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





## Music Notes from Mr. Loughrin



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START GAME

**Ostinato** - noun - osti·na·to | \ ,ä-stə-'nä-(,)tō

*definition:* a short melodic phrase repeated throughout a musical composition

In the digital age, we commonly refer to an ostinato pattern as a “loop”, because it loops around and plays over and over. Here is one of Mr. Loughrin’s favorite websites and apps that allows you to build songs using a wide variety of ostinato (or Loop) patterns.

“Incredibox is a musical app in which you can quickly and easily create a mix by running a band of beatboxers”. It is one of the coolest and most fun music websites I have ever seen! Kids and adults can go online to [www.incredibox.com](http://www.incredibox.com) (or download the app) and create and arrange their own beat boxing, hip hopping, jazz jumping arrangements using the Incredibox Beat Boxing “dudes”. Each “dude” has their own riff or ostinato pattern. You pull them up and assign them a part and they play it. It is a ton of fun and quite addicting!! Check it out!!!!

# Enrollment

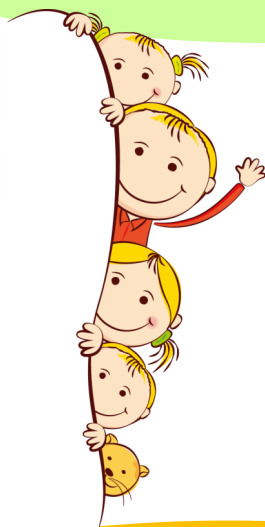
## 2022-2023 School Year

### 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.







# 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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