



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 an exciting event planned for you next week titled Art Night @ Lakewood. It runs from 6:30 - 8:00 pm and we would like to invite everyone to join us for an evening celebrating the arts with your family and friends. The event will include Lakewood student art displays, fine art workshops, an art in technology workshop, face painting and musical performances by Wood Song. It should be a fun event for all and we hope to see you here.

Please note that next week Friday, March 25 is a half day for students and that dismissal is at 11:52 pm. It is imperative that we have a prompt dismissal on that day so that we can assure that all staff members are able to get to their destination for Professional Development.

Also, 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 or Sue Noble at nobles@westottawa.net or you can call us at (616) 786-1300.

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

March

- | | |
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| 24th | Art Night |
| 25th | Half Day for Students |

April

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| 1st-8th | Spring Break—No School! |
| 19th | M-Step Testing (5th) |
| 21st | M-Step Testing (5th) |
| 22nd | Half Day for Students |
| 26th | M-Step Testing (3rd & 5th) |
| 27th | M-Step Testing (5th) |
| 28th | M-Step Testing (3rd) |



"If you look at what you have in life, you'll always have more. If you look at what you don't have in life, you'll never have enough."

—Oprah Winfrey

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

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!**

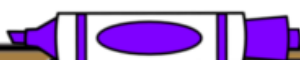


NORMAL ILLNESS PROCEDURE

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.

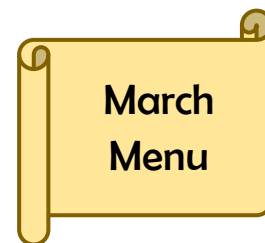
Mrs. Charameda's class had a hot cocoa snack...YUM! Mr. Arthurs class earned a half hour of free choice indoor recess time. These are just a few examples of the fun and creative ways classrooms are celebrating their success!

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.

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**

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!

Lakewood PTO

UPDATES

A HUGE thank you for all of the incredible and generous donations for our teacher/staff meals during conferences!

The soup and salad bar, Market Zero boxed lunches, and taco bar were great successes. Everyone at Lakewood was so grateful and would not stop praising all the work we put into taking care of them during that long week.

Couldn't have done it without YOU!!

—PTO



SPANISH SPOTLIGHT WITH SEÑORA DILLON

Second graders are gearing up for a new weather unit. We have already learned days of the week, months, and seasons. Now we will practice words such as *hace calor* (it's hot), *hace viento* (it's windy), and *hace sol* (it's sunny). We will have fun playing weather games and learn a song that incorporates movements!



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 doing great! March Madness is upon us which means we are starting basketball in Physical Wellness this month. Students will be working hard every week to improve their dribbling, shooting, passing, and catching of a basketball. We spend a good amount of time working on proper technique with lower elementary students and upper elementary students will begin to learn a variety of shooting games (around the world, lightning, horse). This will be a fun month leading up to spring break! Have a good weekend!

-Mr. Metz



LAKEWOOD - WEST OTTAWA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

THE TECH LAB

Week of 3/14 - 3/18



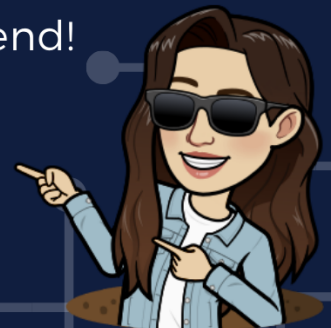
It has been a wonderful few weeks of coding in the tech lab!

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 began working on using conditionals, including if/then/else statements.

We also spent time on listening to the story, "A Little Spot Interviews a Leprechaun," written by Diane Alber. Students focused on creating St. Patricks Day pixelated images within their Google Slides. Students also reflected on how and why they feel lucky! ☑

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

~Mrs. Fredrickson
fredricksonk@westottawa.net





Music Notes from Mr. Loughrin



**Bluebird,
bluebird
through my
window...**

Kindergarteners are learning two new songs about bluebirds. One of the songs is a song-experience game called, "Bluebird, Bluebird" where students make a circle ring creating windows by arching their hands with students on either side. Then a small group of students "bluebirds" go in and out of the windows until the windows close on a certain word in the song. Students strengthen their listening skills by singing and listening while we see how many bluebirds we can catch in our circle.

The end of March and into April is bluebird time in West Michigan. Bluebirds are migrating north and stop in our area to nest before moving farther north. Students learned about how and where bluebirds nest and how humans have impacted their habitat, but are now helping to preserve and protect this delicate species of birds.

You can learn more at:

https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Eastern_Bluebird/

Enrollment

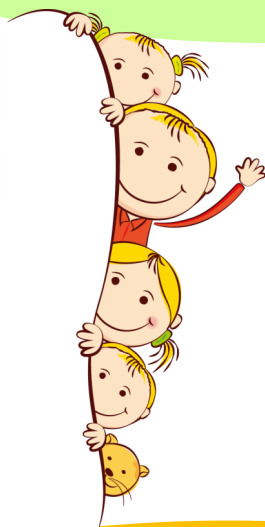
2022-2023 School Year

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.

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 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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