



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,

Please join me in welcoming two new staff members and welcoming two more staff members to their new roles at Lakewood. Beginning on April 11, Charlene Farner will be our new Office Clerk at Lakewood. She is a current parent of a first grade student and has been heavily involved in our PTO. Also, Angie Marvin will be our new Library Education Assistant. In addition, Colin Baron will be moving from his current MTSS role into becoming our new permanent 3rd grade teacher. Finally, Sue Noble who has served as our Office Clerk for 20+ years will be assuming the role of Secretary. We are excited about these changes and are very positive that we will have a tremendous end to the school year.

On April 18, we will be conducting a practice evacuation drill. All staff, students and volunteers will evacuate the building for a short period to assure that we are prepared in case of an actual incident. We will relocate briefly to Fellowship Church where we will meet in the sanctuary at 10:00 am.

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.

I hope you all have a wonderful and safe Spring Break!

Sincerely,

Michael Ghareeb

IMPORTANT DATES

April

- 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)



“You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it.”

—Maya Angelou

Need to contact the office?

Office Hours

Monday through Friday
7:45 AM—4:15 PM

Phone

(616) 786-1300

Email

nobles@westottawa.net
Sue Noble
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!**

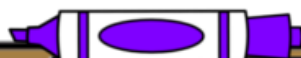


NORMAL ILLNESS PROCEDURE

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.

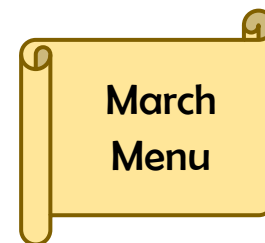
Mrs. Charameda's class had a hot cocoa snack...YUM! Mr. Arthurs class earned a half hour of free choice indoor recess time. These are just a few examples of the fun and creative ways classrooms are celebrating their success!

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**

Lakewood PTO

UPDATES

Hello Lakewood Families!

Our Spring Buy 1, Get 1 Free Book Fair is coming up fast!

If you are interested in volunteering to help please see the sign-up genius link below for date and time slots available!

CLICK HERE

To sign up volunteer!

We are so excited and look forward to seeing you all at the Book Fair!

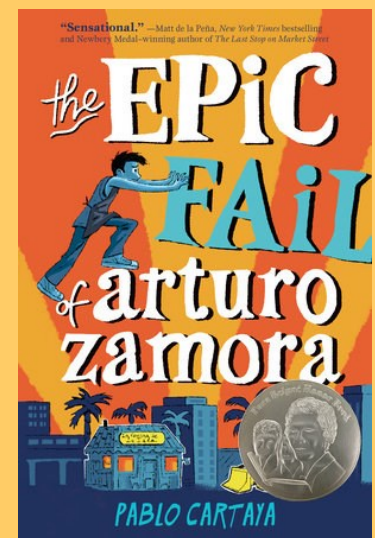
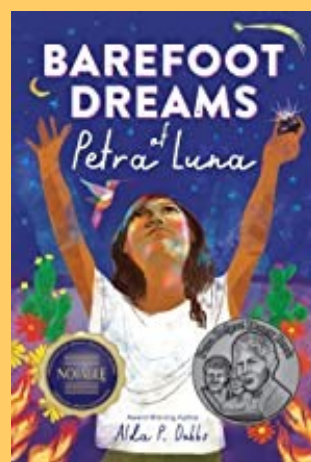
—PTO



SPANISH SPOTLIGHT WITH SEÑORA DILLON

Spring Break is here and what a great time to read a book that connects to Hispanic Heritage! Here are a few chapter books that come highly recommended. I am planning to read Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna over our vacation!

- Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan
- Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna by Alda P. Dobbs
- The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Perez
- Ghosts: A Graphic Novel by Raina Telgemeier
- The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya



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

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

ART NEWS

Art Night



Was a hit!

Thank you to all the families, students and staff that came out to celebrate the arts with our Lakewood family! To all those parents and teachers that volunteered, thank you so much! Art Night could not happen without you or your support!

Please take a moment to reflect on this great evening and event by watching the slideshow at the link below. I am very excited for our next Art Night at Lakewood! Have a wonderful Spring Break!

— Mrs. Hall

[Art Night 2022 Picture Slideshow Link](#)





Moving with Metz!!

Hi Lakewood Families!

I hope you are all doing fantastic! In Physical Wellness students are wrapping up their basketball unit this week and we will be starting something new when we return from spring break. Upper elementary students improved their basketball skills and learned a number of shooting games that they can play with friends. Lower elementary students learned how to dribble, pass, catch, and shoot a basketball as well as completed a number of basketball challenges using these skills. I was very impressed with the progress that each student made. I hope you all have a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable spring break! Looking forward to seeing everyone when we return! GO WO!



-Mr. Metz

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THE TECH LAB

Week of 3/28 - 3/31



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

Students have been continuing to work on block programming with their Spheros. After finishing sequencing and loops, students designed their own "Toss Game" and learned how to write the initial logic. They showed their understanding by using if/then/else statements to develop the main structure of the game. Lastly, students added the logic for a random animal sound to play when Sphero was tossed, and for Sphero to stay quiet when it's was not being tossed.

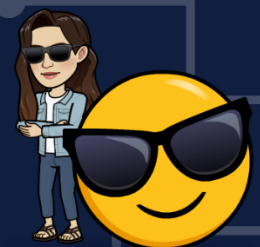
So fun!

Students also listened to *Hello, Arnie, An Arnie the Doughnut Story*, by Laurie Keller, and focused on rescuing those doughnuts by coding our characters in codeSpark!

I hope you have a relaxing spring break!



~Mrs. Fredrickson
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Music Notes from Mr. Loughrin



Composer and Conductor

JOHN WILLIAMS

1st and 3rd graders have been learning about the instrument families of the orchestra. 4th graders are preparing for their Link Up Concert with the Holland Symphony Orchestra after spring break. Here is a famous composer and orchestral conductor who composed many movie themes and soundtracks familiar to young and old.

Who's Who in the world of Music...

If you watch the movie *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, tune into the NBC Nightly News, or watch the Olympic Games, you'll hear the music of **John Williams**. He has received 42 Academy Awards, and has also written music for the Concert Hall (symphonies, concerti, fanfares and Olympic themes.) Born on February 8, 1932, in Floral Park, NY, John Towner Williams studied bassoon, cello, clarinet, trombone and trumpet as a child, forming a band with several friends. Later he studied piano and worked as a pianist in movie studios in Los Angeles, CA. His big break came when he began working with film director Stephen Spielberg, writing music for the movie *Jaws*. He went on to write the music for *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and *Jurassic Park* and finally *Star Wars*. In 1979, John Williams became the conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra. He continues to compose music for film and concert audiences around the world.

Go online and check out: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTiRlgbYIM>

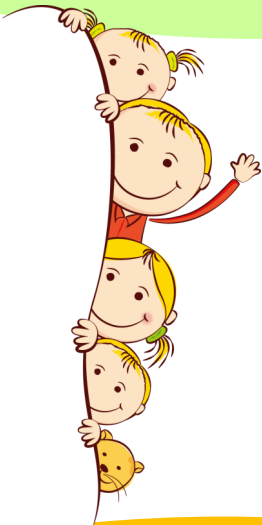
Enrollment

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/.



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.





BOOK FAIR!
COMING SOON!

APRIL 18TH-21ST
8:45AM-3:30PM

Monday & Tuesday classroom preview/wishlist days
Wednesday & Thursday classroom shopping days

FAMILY NIGHT!
APRIL 21ST 4PM-8PM

Come shop as a family and enjoy a sweet treat

Go Orange

Kids' Food Basket Week



Let's Raise Awareness and Resources for Childhood Hunger!

Kids' Food Basket (KFB) provides healthy, nutritious evening meals to children in our community. Your child's school will be collecting food and monetary donations for KFB from March 21 to 25.

Students For A Cause

Homeroom classes compete against each other to see who can earn the most points through donations to KFB. Points will be given for bag decorating, food donations, monetary donations and wearing orange clothing throughout the week to raise awareness of food insecurity in our community. Orange is the color that represents childhood hunger awareness.



What We Need

- Pudding cups
- Fruit cups (no foil tops please)
- Small raisin boxes
- .28 oz meat sticks
- Quart size storage bags
- Large or extra-large paper bags (decorated, if possible!)
- Financial donations in person or online at: <https://bit.ly/3sBIBFO>



Donate Here

Who is KFB?

KFB is a community-designed and funded organization that provides Sack Supper take-home meals to children in four counties throughout West Michigan. Together, with community partners like you, we are working towards a hunger-free West Michigan for all!



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Go Orange

Kids' Food Basket Week



Students For A Cause

Color paper bags, bring in food, donate money, or wear orange to earn points!



Decorate Bags
1 point per bag



Donate Food
1 point per item



Donate Money
2 points per dollar



Wear Orange
3 points per day

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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