



# 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 now begun M-Step and MiAccess testing and will continue with the assessments for 3rd through 5th grades until May 13. Is it very important that on the testing days that your children are well rested, hydrated and are well nourished. Although the assessments are important, please realize that they should not cause additional stress and do everything that you can to relieve any anxiety that your child may be feeling about the assessments.

On May 9, we will be hosting our first school-wide assembly in two years. We are excited to have the Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary & Zoological Gardens do a presentation for our entire student body at 9:15 on that day.

In addition, on May 10, we are holding our Kindergarten Screening day for all incoming Kindergarten students. If you have an incoming Kindergartener or know of someone who does, please have them contact Charlene Farner at [farnerc@westottawa.net](mailto:farnerc@westottawa.net) or at (616) 786-1300 to sign up for a time to go through the screening process.

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 sufficient transportation for next year. If you have any questions regarding the enrollment process, please contact Sue Noble at [nobles@westottawa.net](mailto: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](mailto:ghareebm@westottawa.net) or at (616) 786-1300 ext. 3099.

Sincerely,

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### April

- 26th** M-Step Testing (3rd & 5th)
- 27th** M-Step Testing (5th)
- 28th** M-Step Testing (3rd)

#### May

- 9th** School –wide assembly
- 10th** Kindergarten Screening
- 12th** KinderParade
- 13th** Rain day for KinderParade
- 19th** Lakewood Showcase
- 27th** Leggin It for Lakewood



*"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

nobles@westottawa.net

Sue Noble

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

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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!**

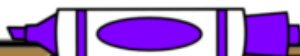


### NORMAL ILLNESS PROCEDURE

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

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### Why does behavior happen?

All behavior is an attempt to communicate something. It can be really hard to know what that message is and the process of figuring it out can be frustrating. Most behavior occurs for one the following reasons:

- The student is trying to get or avoid attention from an adult or peer.
- The student is trying to get to a preferred object or activity or avoid a non preferred object or activity
- The student is trying to get preferred sensory input or avoid non preferred sensory input.

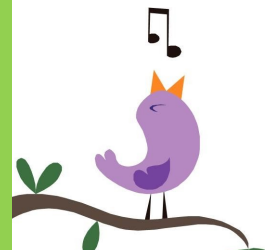
Once we are able to figure out what the student is communicating we put an intervention in place to teach replacement behaviors. These are actions a student can do instead of the unwanted behavior that meets the same need.

## 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).

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### 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

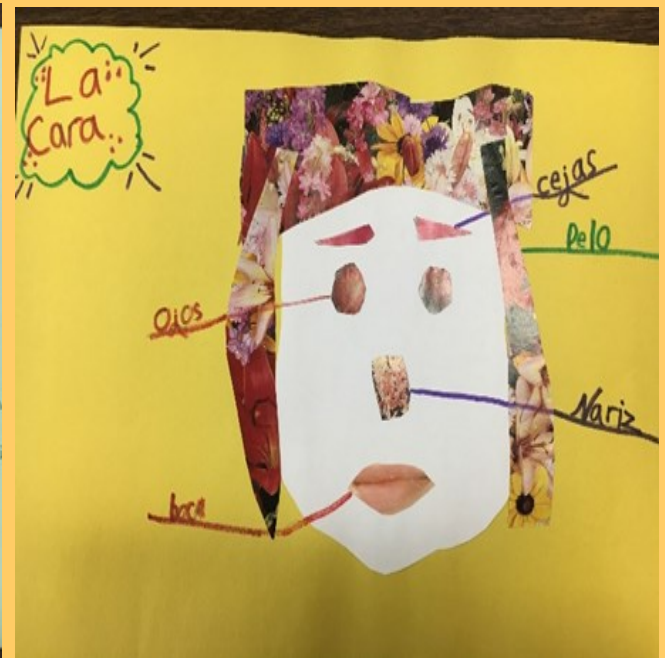
**Wow! Another record breaking  
Scholastic Book Fair!  
Over \$6,000 in sales  
and 116 books donated to the school.  
Way to go Lakewood Community!**



## SPANISH SPOTLIGHT WITH SEÑORA DILLON

Fifth graders just finished a fun magazine project related to Spanish adjectives. They did a fantastic job! Check out one example below. Next up, students will learn vocabulary for places in the community. For example, school is *escuela* and movie theater is *cine*.

Fourth graders also used magazines to create a face collage and label the body parts in Spanish. Look at the wild one below! Now students are studying clothing vocabulary and we hope to design an outfit for a paper monkey to wear on the runway!



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

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



# ART NEWS

## Hello Lakewood Community!



## Congratulations!!!

To the following Lakewood Artists that had their art work chosen for this year's **West Ottawa Elementary Art show** held at the **Holland Area Arts Council**. If you would like to check out this amazing art show it will continue to be **on display till May 11<sup>th</sup>** during their HAAC's open hours listed below.

Jaylen Kelley

Caroline Honey

Gavin Barveld

Dominic Bloemenda

Liam Webbert

Bristol DeVries

Eden Slager

Keyona Hawkins

Sofia Pintero Silvas

Grace Van Beeren

Caleb Weaver

Sebastian Beach

Lena Ferrin

Arionna Lozano

Maximus Norton

Kilian Herppich

Olivia Blake

Emma Biere

Joshua Pacheco

Milani Keely

Mylas Manning

Lucas Van Osdol

William Fisher

Phoenix manning

Mia Kett

Sophie Kelley

Jack Jalszynski

Rosie Evenhouse

Charlotte Koster

Jordan Chanthavixai

Raye Raye Mung

Blake Swadling

Kehlani Amphonephong

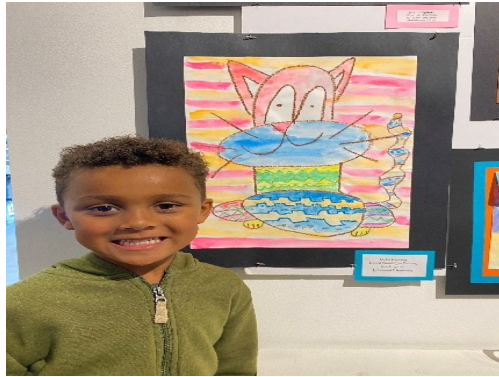


The Arts Council is located at 150 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street

Hours of Operation: **Tuesdays: 10:30 am- 12:30 pm** **Thursdays: 10:30 am- 12:30 pm & 6-7:30 pm**

**Saturdays: 10 am - 2 pm**

# ART NEWS







# Moving with Metz!!

Hi Lakewood Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful spring break! For the month of April in Physical Wellness students will be learning all about football. Students will learn how to throw a football to both a stationary target and a moving target as well as the correct way to catch a football. We will also learn a few of the different positions on a football team and what they do. I'm excited to see everyone and know students are going to pick up these football skills quickly! Have a great week!

-Mr. Metz





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# THE TECH LAB

Week of 4/ 11- 4/15



We are concluding our time with our Spheros to move into other units of study within the following weeks. Students learned about sequencing, events, loops and conditionals. Students also had the opportunity to create their own "Sphero stories."

Students also listened to *Harold and the Purple Crayon*, by Crockett Johnson, and used AutoDraw, a drawing tool. It pairs machine learning with drawings from talented artists to help everyone create anything visual! Students used their "magical purple crayons" to turn their images into amazing designs! Students also created amazing springtime animations.

☒ Next week we will focus on Earth Day activities! ☒



I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

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



## *Music Notes from Mr. Loughrin*



4<sup>th</sup> grade students, traveled to Zeeland East Performing Arts Center on Wednesday morning to join hundreds of area 4<sup>th</sup> graders for the Link Up Concert with the Holland Symphony Orchestra.

The Carnegie Hall Link Up Program is an amazing opportunity for students to participate and perform with a professional symphony orchestra. Students filled the auditorium, recorders in hand, and played, sang, danced and listened as they Rocked with the Orchestra. It was an amazing experience and their hard work and preparation paid off!



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# Enrollment

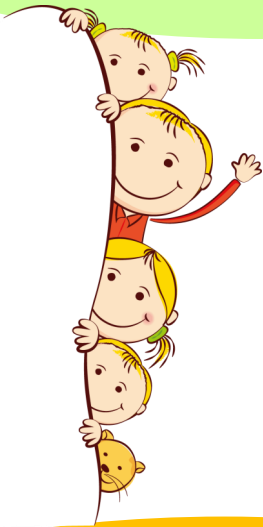
## 2022-2023 School Year

### 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.

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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.**



# 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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Mr. Arthurs, Teacher Host: [arthursk@westottawa.net](mailto:arthursk@westottawa.net)