



West Ottawa Public Schools

Preparing Students to Be College, Career and Life Ready!

Lakewood Newsletter

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Greetings Lakewood Families,

We are looking forward to our big fundraiser for the year which will be held on May 27, 2022 with a make-up date of June 3, 2022 if there is inclement weather. Leggin' it for Lakewood is a fun event for the kids and the families and this year we will be able to have spectators watch and cheer on the students in person. The event will be held near the soccer field behind the playground at Lakewood and should be exciting for all. The times for participation are as follows:

9:00 - 9:20 1st Grade

9:25 - 9:45 Kindergarten and Young Kindergarten

9:50 - 10:10 2nd Grade

10:15 - 10:40 4th Grade

10:45 - 11:10 3rd Grade

11:15 - 11:40 5th Grade.

We sincerely hope that you can all join us for this fun filled event.

On May 10, we are holding our Kindergarten Screening day for all incoming Kindergarten students. If you have an incoming Kindergarten student or know of someone who does, please have them contact Charlene Farner at 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 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,

IMPORTANT DATES

May

9th	School –wide assembly
10th	Kindergarten Screening
12th	KinderParade
	**11:22 dismissal **
13th	Rain day for KinderParade
19th	Lakewood Showcase
27th	Leggin It for Lakewood
27th	Half day dismissal 11:52
30th	Memorial Day No School



"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 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.



KINDERPARADE

MAY 12

Thursday, May 12 Half day Release Times:

Marchers stay at school

STUDENTS NOT MARCHING ARE DISMISSED TO GO HOME

- 10:30am - Release time for High School and Middle School
- 11:22am - Release time for elementary (Great Lakes, Lakeshore **Lakewood**, Pine Creek, Waukazoo, Woodside)
- 11:32am - Release time for elementary (North Holland Sheldon Woods)

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!**

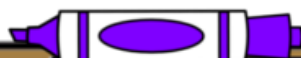


NORMAL ILLNESS PROCEDURE

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.

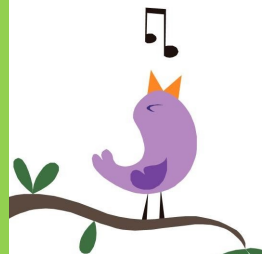
Once we are able to figure out what the student is communicating we put an intervention in place to teach replacement behaviors. These are actions a student can do instead of the unwanted behavior that meets the same need.

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.

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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 for more information,

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

Leggin' it for Lakewood is off to a great start!

As of Thursday May 5th, we have 35 out of 277 students registered and over \$3000 in pledges!! Three more weeks to go...

Teacher	Grade	Signed up	Goal	Total	Goal
Ms. Hilldore	1st	6	23	\$688.05	\$1,150.00
Mrs. Johnson	5th	6	21	\$606.35	\$1,050.00
Mrs. VanKoevering	1st	5	23	\$599.55	\$1,150.00
Mrs. Strait	3rd	4	23	\$432.65	\$1,150.00
Mrs. Douglas	2nd	4	20	\$322.85	\$1,000.00
Mrs. Hopkins	2nd	2	22	\$252.25	\$1,100.00
Mrs. Van Allsburg	4th	1	20	\$152.75	\$1,000.00
Mrs. Highstreet	YK	2	15	\$108.14	\$750.00
Mrs. Gray	Kinder	2	23	\$86.50	\$1,150.00
Mrs. Bosma	5th	1	21	\$50.90	\$1,050.00
Mrs. Charameda	Kinder	1	24	\$25.00	\$1,200.00
Mr. Arthurs	4th	1	18	\$0.00	\$900.00
Mr. Baron	3rd	0	24	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Totals		35	277	\$3,324.99	\$13,850.00

Remember, our **Leggin' it for Lakewood is May 27th at 9:00 am**, so please **register now**

to help our school raise as much as we can for Lakewood Elementary PTO in order to help the teachers, students, and staff.

Using your computer's browser:

- ◆ Go to <http://pledgestar.com/lakewood>
- ◆ Click "Not Registered For This Year's Event"
- ◆ Enter your name and email address, then click "Submit"
- ◆ Follow the instructions on-screen to register Runner(s) and add family and friends

Prizes | ALL kiddos will receive a t-shirt

1. Individual \$50 goal is met; rainbow tie-dye popit spinner fidget
2. Class goals are met; you and your class can decide how you would like to celebrate
(there will potentially be some funds available for something simple!)
3. Top earning classrooms for YK-2nd AND 3rd-5th; choice of pizza party or ice cream sundae party
4. Top two earners from YK-2nd AND 3rd-5th; 5 passes to Urban Air (2) OR 6 passes to Sperry's Moviehouse (2)
5. School goal met; Mike agreed to some form of punishment ;) Whipped cream pies to the face is our current idea!

**** Sperry tickets were just added!!**

Mini water bottles, popsicles, and snacks will be provided on the day of the run.

Shout out to our incredible sponsors for our 2nd annual

Leggin' It for Lakewood fundraiser!

Thanks to ALL of YOU, every Lakewood kiddo will receive a t-shirt, snack/treat, water, prizes and MORE!

Platinum Sponsors

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Spanish Spotlight with Senora Dillon

Cinco de Mayo (May 5th) was this week and is a national holiday in Mexico. It recognizes the Mexican victory over the French at the battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. The French were much more powerful, but the Mexican people were determined to defend and protect their beloved country. This one victory helped Mexico later gain independence. Today in Mexico and parts of the U.S., people will celebrate Mexican culture with fiestas and parades.



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

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



ART News

*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 Sm**ART**!

– Mrs. Hall



Moving with Metz!!

Hi Lakewood Families,

I hope you are all doing fantastic. In Physical Wellness we are wrapping up work on our football skills and had a blast learning all about football! Students used a variety of footballs of different sizes and played a number of different games/activities.

Over the next two weeks we will be starting our end of the year aerobic fitness tests in Physical Wellness. Students can expect the 1 mile run outside (k-2 shorter distances, 3-5 one mile) and the PACER test indoors. The weather will determine which fitness test we perform. If it's nice, we'll be outside.

Students have been working hard over the last few months on their aerobic fitness in class and I'm excited to see how well they perform on these tests!

GO WO!

Mr. Metz

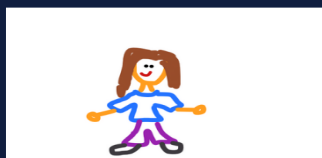




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THE TECH LAB

Week of 5/2- 5/6



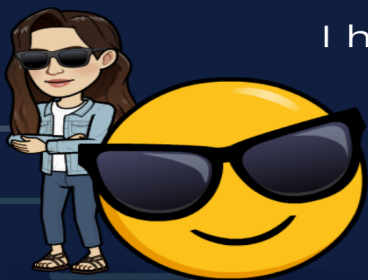
We have been having an extremely fun time in the computer lab!

Students created animations this week! Students used an animation tool by the Meta Demo Lab. It transforms a static drawing into a lively cartoon version! Students initially used paint programs, then tried to use different pictures and drawings! These were all brought to life!

Students also listened to "When Spring Comes" by Kevin Henkes, and created beautiful spring pictures using TuxPaint.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

~Mrs. Fredrickson
fredricksonk@westottawa.net





*Music Notes
from Mr. Loughrin*

April is JAM!

“Every April, **Jazz Appreciation Month (JAM)** highlights the glories of jazz as both a historical and a living treasure. Here is one special month to draw greater public attention to the extraordinary heritage and history of jazz and its importance to American culture. Musicians, concert halls, schools, colleges, museums, libraries and public broadcasters are encouraged to offer special programs during this month.”

There are many terrific links to learn about Jazz and its place in American history. A good start would be to log onto Washington D.C.'s Smithsonian Institute website for jazz <https://americanhistory.si.edu/smithsonian-jazz/jazz-appreciation-month>

There you will find a variety of links that allow students to explore this great American art form! Here are links to two of Mr. Loughrin's favorite jazz songs: “Sing, Sing, Sing” by Benny Goodman and his orchestra: https://youtu.be/r2S1I_ien6A, and “Take 5”, by saxophone great, Dave Brubeck: <https://youtu.be/PHdU5sHigYQ>

Enrollment

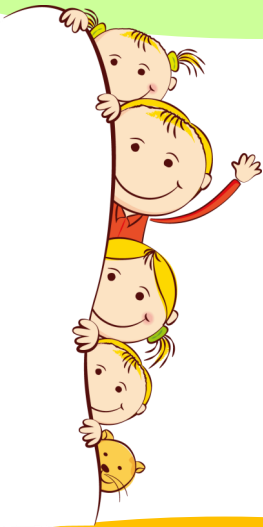
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NEW STUDENTS

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.

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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.

