



# 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 are getting really close to holding our big fundraiser for the year which will be held on May 27, 2022 (which is a half day - dismissal at 11:52) 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 and 11:15 - 11:40 5th Grade. We sincerely hope that you can all join us for this fun filled event. If you would like to contribute to the Lakewood fundraiser, you can do so at this [link](#).

There are a number of field trips planned for the end of the school year. Please remember that if you plan to attend, you must complete a volunteer application. It may take up to two weeks to get approval, so please don't wait to complete the process. The application to volunteer can be found at this [link](#).

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

#### May

26th	5th Grade Mac Bay Visit Kinder Field Trip 2nd Grade Field Trip
27th	Leggin It for Lakewood
27th	Half day dismissal 11:52
30th	Memorial Day No School

#### June

6	1st Grade Field Trip
9	5th Grade Celebration
10	Last day. Half day dismissal 11:52



“Celebrations infuse life with passion and purpose. They summon the human spirit.”

-Terrence E. Deal

## 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!**

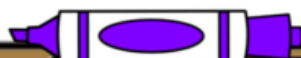


### NORMAL ILLNESS PROCEDURE

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.

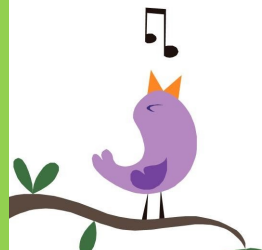
Once we are able to figure out what the student is communicating we put an intervention in place to teach replacement behaviors. These are actions a student can do instead of the unwanted behavior that meets the same need.

## 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**

## 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
<b>Totals</b>		<b>35</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>\$3,324.99</b>	<b>\$13,850.00</b>

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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Rapid Plumbing and Drain Service

O'Malley Chiropractic

Midwest Construction

Precision Tile and Stone

Walden Edge, LLC

### Gold Sponsors

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Pride Mortgage Lending

Umoja Partnership

### Silver Sponsors

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## Spanish Spotlight with Senora Dillon

Fourth grade is spending the last few Spanish classes looking at clothing vocabulary. We learned words such as *pantalones cortos* (shorts), *sandalias* (sandals), and *chaqueta* (jacket). As a closure activity to this unit, students are creating an outfit for a paper doll monkey to wear and we will write about it using Spanish!



**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!*

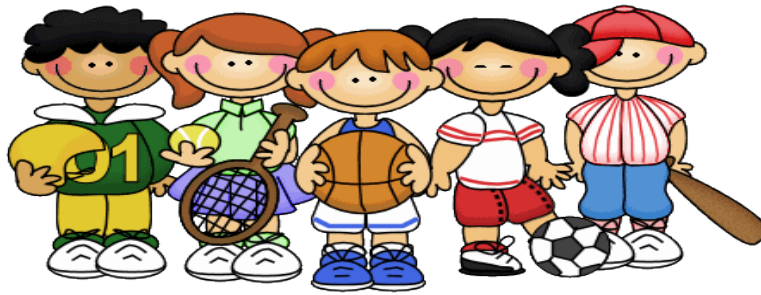
<https://sites.google.com/westottawa.net/mrs-halls-art-news/home>

*Don't forget!*

**ART** Makes You Sm**ART**!

*– Mrs. Hall*





# Moving with Metz!!

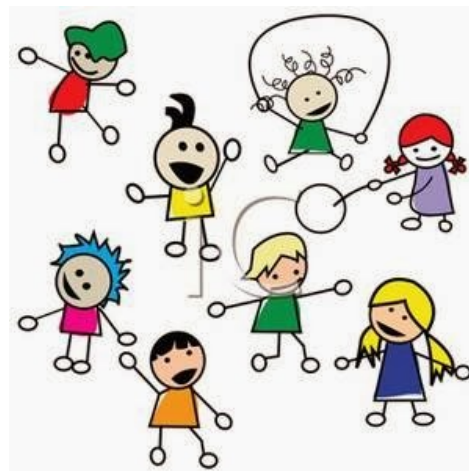
**Hi Lakewood Families,**

**I hope you are all doing great and enjoying this spring weather! We have completed our aerobic fitness testing for all classes. Students did great and we made a lot of improvement compared to the fall! I'm very proud of the students for working so hard.**

**In Physical Wellness we are starting our gymnastic unit this week. Students will be learning different ways to move their bodies as well as working on their balance and muscular strength/endurance. Should be a fun couple of weeks!**

**Go WO!**

**- Mr. Metz**





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# THE TECH LAB

Week of 5/16- 5/20



It was so wonderful seeing so many families last night at our Lakewood Showcase! This has been the first one I have ever been to, and it was something pretty special. ☑

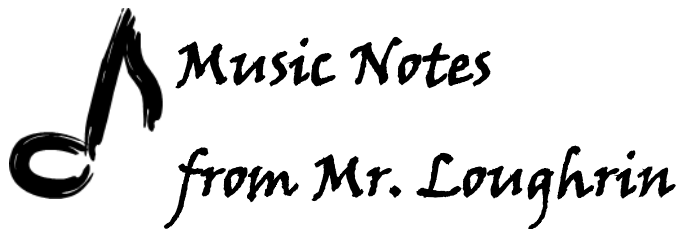
Last week with Tulip Time, we took the time to learn a little history! We created beautiful tulip animations, and also posters in Jamboard to share our favorite things about Holland's festival!

This week students began creating their own arcade games using MakeCode Arcade Maker. This program allows students to use variables to store or modify data. Students also spent time this week using Scratch Jr. to code specific farm animals to disappear into their barn before nighttime falls. We will be finishing up these activities next week.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend! Again, it was so wonderful seeing you all at our Showcase!



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



After having to suspend our Showcase for two years due to COVID, Lakewood students once again took the stage to do an outstanding job with our music performance!

Students sang about growing and changing, about celebrations from around the world and about the strength of family, friends and our school community.

I'd like to thank Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Frederickson for their collaboration and wonderful support in helping with our music preparation and our performance, for their support in helping to organize and put together our Showcase musical! I also want to thank all Lakewood students and teachers for their flexibility and hard work to make our Showcase night a celebration to remember!!!!

# 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.



### 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.

