



West Ottawa Public Schools

Preparing Students to Be College, Career and Life Ready!



Lakewood Newsletter

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Greetings Lakewood Families,

We're off to a great start at Lakewood! This week we met as grade level teams to review both ELA and Math data to design interventions and enrichment activities for our students. We are happy with the initial results and will continue to strive for excellence throughout the school year. We will share all of the results at Parent Teacher Conferences, but if you would like information earlier than that, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

Our Panther Pathways program has begun and we will be sharing the game schedule soon. We encourage all Lakewood parents to come out and support our kids, even if your child is not currently participating.

We are very excited to announce that we will have our first in-person PTA meeting in quite a while next week. We will meet as a whole group in the library at 3:45 pm on Thursday, September 29. We are very proud of the things that our PTO does for the staff and students at Lakewood and encourage everyone to join our team so that we can continue to provide the very best learning opportunities for our children.

Finally, please remember to always escort all children through the parent lot if you plan to park your vehicle either in the morning or in the afternoon. Also, if you plan to remain in your car, please pull all the way to the end of the car line so that we can reduce the possibility of safety concerns for both our students and our parents.

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

Sept:

29 PTO General Meeting
3:45 - 4:45 PM

Oct:

4 Student Pictures
5 Student Count Day
7 PTO Popcorn Day
12 Walk, Bike & Roll To School
20 Parent/Teacher Conf.
1 - 4 & 5 - 8 Half Day
dismissal 11:52
25 Parent/Teacher Conf.
5 - 8 pm
28 Student Half Day
Dismissal 11:52

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.



Volunteering?

Remember to submit a

[VOLUNTEER FORM.](#)

Applications may take a few weeks to process.

FOOD SERVICES

Need to add money to your student lunch account?

1. Call 616.786.1300 to receive your student's number
2. Click here to set up your account

<https://westottawa.familyportal.cloud/>

3. Apply for free and reduced lunches at the link above

Quick Links

[Parent/Student Handbook](#)

[Lakewood FAQ](#)

[Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#)

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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.



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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**

SPANISH SPOTLIGHT WITH SEÑORA DILLON

Hispanic Heritage Month is going on right now. It is a time to recognize the great contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans. We celebrate their rich heritage and culture. You can join in the festivities with an upcoming WO sponsored event:

WEST OTTAWA PRESENTS

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Celebration

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

***NEW* WEST OTTAWA SOCCER STADIUM**
3685 BUTTERNUT DR. HOLLAND, MI 49424

PRE-GAME EVENT | 5:30 - 7:00 PM
SOCCER GAME (FREE ENTRY) | 7:00 PM
BALLET FOLKLORICO | HALF-TIME

FOOD TRUCKS • LIVE ENTERTAINMENT • VENDOR BOOTHS

WWW.WESTOTTAWA.NET

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

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





ART News

Please visit the Google Sites link below to keep up to date with all the awesome things happening in our Lakewood art room.

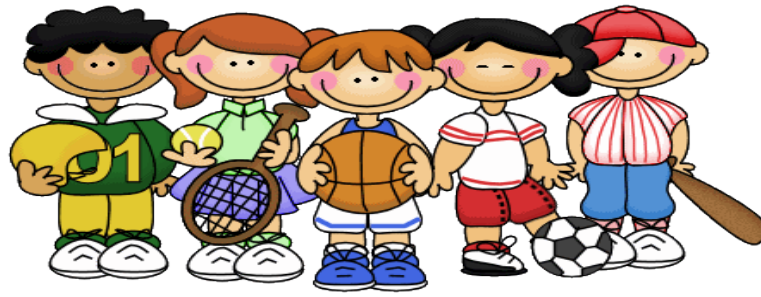
<https://sites.google.com/westottawa.net/mrs-halls-art-news/home>

Don't forget!

ART Makes You SmART!

-Mrs. Hall





Moving with Metz!!

Hi Lakewood Families,

I hope you are all doing great. We are getting into the swing of things in Physical Wellness now that we are a few weeks into the school year.

All classes have reviewed my policies, procedures, and expectations for my class. We have also started to work on our fall aerobic fitness tests. We do the 1 mile run (shorter distances for lower elementary) and the PACER test in the fall. We run these tests again in the spring to find out how much we've improved our aerobic fitness over the school year. So far, we are running pretty well this fall. I'm excited to see how all the classes do! GO WO!

Mr. Metz





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THE TECH LAB

Week of 9/19 - 9/23



It's been a wonderful week in the computer lab!

This week upper elementary students have been determining potential solutions to solve simple hardware and software problems using common troubleshooting strategies. "My keyboard or monitor isn't working!" What are some ways we can fix that? It has been fun seeing students fill in their graphic organizers with some tips on what to do if these things happen!

Lower elementary is continuing to work on their own personal Jamboards showing their knowledge of what it means to be respectful, responsible and ready to learn! Kindergarteners have been learning the parts of the computer, and have been working on their "mouse skills."

I hope you all have a wonderful, happy weekend!
Happy beginning of fall!

~Mrs. Fredrickson
fredricksonk@westottawa.net

Hello from the PTO!

Thursday September 29th

FIRST MEETING

@4PM - LIBRARY

LAKEWOOD
FAMILY NIGHT
at
PANDA EXPRESS
3277 W SHORE DR, HOLLAND



FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 23RD
11AM-8PM

Support Lakewood PTO by ordering food from Panda Express on September 23rd from 11am-8pm! Panda Express will donate 20% of your meal to our school when you show them the flyer, or use code 340037 when ordering online!

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SALE

Spiritwear
sale ends
next week!

weekly hiking club
STARTED WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 21!



<https://stores.goodink.com/wo-lakewood/shop/home>

popcorn
FRIDAY
STARTS OCTOBER 7TH



BOO!

Friday
October 28th
6-7:30 pm

TRUNK OR TREAT

SIGN UP GENIUS COMING SOON!