



West Ottawa Public Schools

Preparing Students to Be College, Career and Life Ready!



Lakewood Newsletter

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Greetings Lakewood Families,

We are off to a great start at Lakewood. As the teachers get to know their students, we are also focusing on building expectations as we deliver the highest level of instruction possible. We have an awesome staff at Lakewood and are looking forward to an outstanding school year!

I would like to welcome some new staff members to our Lakewood family. First, Please welcome two new grade level teachers to Lakewood. Kelsey Smoker has come to us as our new 1st grade teacher and Jesse Jones has joined the team as our new 3rd grade teacher. Also, please welcome Casey Wollenzier as our new SAIL teacher. In addition, Erin James has assumed a new position moving from being our Behavioral Education Assistant to being our PBIS Specialist, focusing on positive behavior and intervention strategies. Working alongside Erin as our new Behavioral Education Assistant is Amy Biere. Finally, please also welcome Kila Stoudt, Lisa Aguilar and Megan VanHook serving in the role of Education Assistants.

We are still in need of another Education Assistant in one of our GSRP preschool classrooms. The classroom is staffed by a veteran preschool teacher and is very well run. If you or anyone you know may be interested, please contact me and I can explain the details of the position.

Each year, we are required to administer benchmark assessments three times a year in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics. This year we will be using a new assessment for the Math portion of the requirement called iReady. iReady is an adaptive assessment designed to give us an idea of where each child is functioning and helps us design individualized instruction to meet each child's need in the area of Math. This online program is also able to assist in instruction by providing students with differentiated instruction and supports them on their individual paths to success through math activities at each student's level that are offered through the program.

Finally, this year we are excited to offer our Panther Pathways programs to all 4th and 5th grade students. There will be availability of programming 4 times throughout the year. The first session will run from September 19 through October 7 and we will be offering girls volleyball, boys soccer and a co-ed music program. Each season we will advertise new opportunities for our students to participate in. I would like to encourage all 4th and 5th grade Lakewood students to take advantage of this cost free programming and start their journey into after school activities as a West Ottawa Panther!

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached directly at gshareebm@westottawa.net or at (616) 786-1300 ext. 3099.

Sincerely,

Michael Ghareeb



IMPORTANT DATES

Sept:

12&13 Student Acadience testing for students

19 Panther Pathways Starts 4pm—5 pm

23 Student Half Day Dismissal 11:52

Oct:

4 Student Pictures

5 Student Count Day

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

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

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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.



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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

Hola Lakewood families! It feels great to be back at school and the kids are off to an amazing start! The first week of school we discussed why it is important to learn another language. Here are some of the students' responses:

- “There are a lot of people who speak Spanish in the world.”
 - “Another language is useful when traveling.”
 - “It will help you get a good job when you grow up.”
- “You can make new friends and get along with others.”
 - “Learning another language is fun!”



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

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





Welcome back Lakewood Families & Artists! I look forward to sharing with you all the awesome projects and art inspired learning we will be exploring in art class this year! Please visit the Google Sites link below to keep up to date with all the awesome things happening in our Lakewood art room.

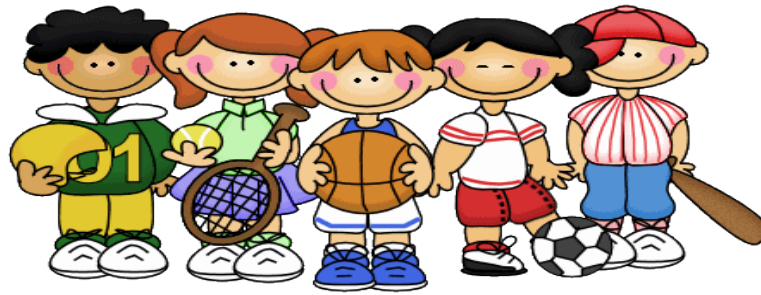
<https://sites.google.com/westottawa.net/mrs-halls-art-news/home>

Don't forget!

ART Makes You SmART!

Mrs. Hall





Moving with Metz!!

Hi Lakewood Families,

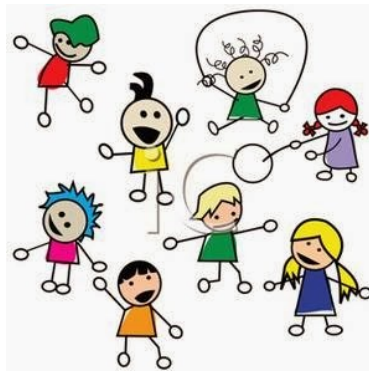
I hope you all had a fantastic summer and are enjoying the start of the school year!

For those of you new to our school, my name is Mr. Metz and I am our Physical Wellness teacher at Lakewood Elementary. I'm really excited to work with all of the students this year in my classes and think we are going to have a lot of fun.

In Physical Wellness to start the year, we spend some time getting to know each other as well as learning the policies/procedures/rules of my class. We will also start aerobic fitness tests soon!

If you ever have any questions about how your child is doing in my class, feel free to reach out and contact me at metzb@westottawa.net. Looking forward to a great year!

Mr. Metz





LAKEWOOD - WEST OTTAWA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

THE TECH LAB

Week of 9/09



Welcome back to a whole brand new school year! I hope everyone has had a wonderful and restfull summer!

Students are getting acimated to the use of mice and operating their desktops. We have listened to some back to school stories such as *The Day you Begin* and *Nerdy Birdy* and discussed how each of us are unique in our own way and how we should celebrate one another! Lower elementary focused on using different drawing tools such as Tux Paint and AutoDraw. They were invited to draw a picture to share something about themselves that makes them each unique! Upper elementary used Google Earth to pinpoint somewhere they went this summer, or somewhere they'd like to go. They were invited to make a "Tech Train" and walk around the lab, looking at other students' adventures!

We are off to an amazing start! This is going to be the BEST YEAR EVER!

~Mrs. Fredrickson
fredricksonk@westottawa.net



A Warm Welcome (and Welcome Back!)
to all Lakewood Students!!!!!!

I am delighted to be working with our Lakewood students and families this year! We have an exciting year planned in music. We will begin the year working on many different rhythm activities to strengthen our rhythm skills and note reading ability as well as many other skills and songs.



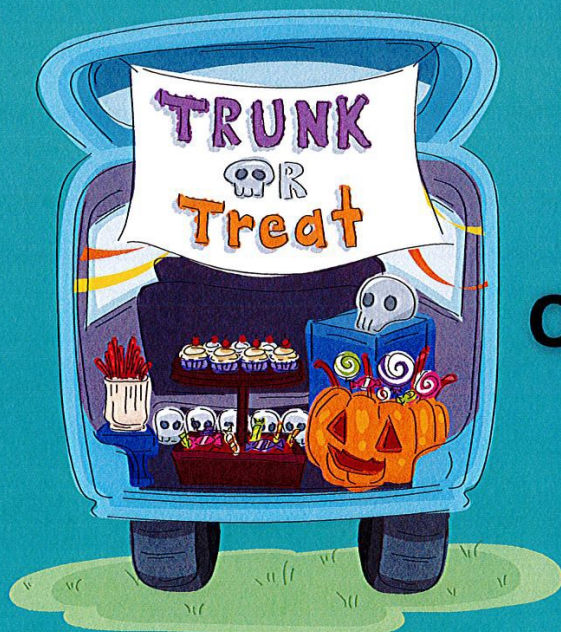
I look forward to making amazing music with every Lakewood student!!!



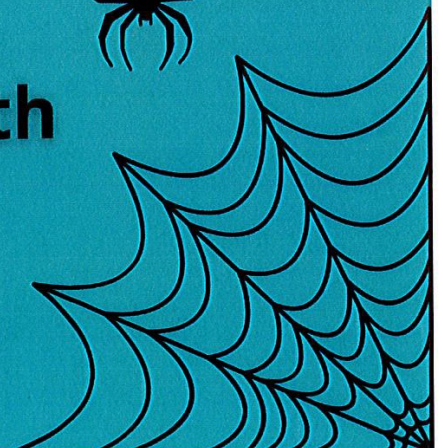
Hello from the PTO!

Things to look out for...

1. **Popcorn Fridays**
2. **Hiking Club during lunch**
3. **Panda Express Family Night Out**
4. **Trunk or Treat**



**Friday
October 28th
6-7:30p**



Fundraising Opportunities



Buy your spiritwear before
October 1!

[https://stores.goodink.com/
wo-lakewood/shop/home](https://stores.goodink.com/wo-lakewood/shop/home)

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 February 11th 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!