



West Ottawa Public Schools

Preparing Students to Be College, Career and Life Ready!



Lakewood Newsletter

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Greetings Lakewood Families,

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! Can you believe it is almost 2023? Next week is another short week at Lakewood. We will be in session on Monday, December 19 and Tuesday, December 20. Our Holiday Break begins on Wednesday, December 21 and runs through Tuesday, January 3. School will resume on Wednesday, January 4.

Shortly after we return from our break, we will once again be administering our benchmark assessments (Acadience) to all of our students. Acadience Reading helps teachers identify children at risk for reading difficulties, those who are at grade level and those who may be performing above grade level in the area of reading. The tool also helps us determine the skills to target for instructional support and enrichment. If you would like more information on the results of the assessment, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

Also in January, we will be reconvening our Attendance Committee in order to review student data and identify those who may be in need of support to increase attendance. Please be sure that when your child is going to be absent that you contact the office and provide a reason for each absence so that we have accurate data to review.

I sincerely hope that everyone has a wonderful, fun-filled relaxing break and is able to share time and create memories with family and friends!

As always, 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

Dec. 21-Jan 3 Holiday Recess
(classes resume Jan. 4)

Jan

5 Lego League 3:45 PM

20 Student Half Day

Dismissal 11:52

End of First Semester

Feb

10 Students Half Day

Dismissal 11:52

13 Mid Winter Recess

No School

Sending Holiday
Cheer to all



With blessings
through out
the new Year

From
Lakewood Staff

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

**Thank you so much for all
of your support in 2022!**

**We hope everyone has a
wonderful holiday season.**

**Winter is pretty quiet for
PTO but please keep an eye
out for things that may
pop up. Looking forward to
2023!! Cheers!**

Lakewood PTO

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 bus-sing, 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 Profile

Click here for the link

<https://docs.google.com/forms/volunteer>

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/>

Apply for free and reduced lunches at the link above

Quick Links

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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.



SPANISH SPOTLIGHT with Sanora Dillon

Don't forget your español over the holidays! Here are 5 great ideas for practicing Spanish:

1. Watch one of your favorite movies in Spanish (ask your parents for help in changing the language on the DVD menu).
2. Go out to eat at a Mexican restaurant and use a few Spanish words like "buenas noches" and "por favor".
3. Search for kid-friendly Spanish websites like <https://www.rockalingua.com/>
4. Play Spanish music and have a dance party!
5. Check out books at Herrick District Library. They have an amazing



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





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,

While it's still not looking like winter outside, it is certainly starting to feel like it! Make sure you're bundled up when you head outside.

In Physical Wellness, we have started floor hockey games with all classes. Students are doing really well with our fundamental hockey skills (dribbling, passing, shooting) and are learning how to play an actual game.

We've got a big focus on safety and making sure everyone is following the rules so no one gets hurt. So far, students are really enjoying themselves and making great choices so everyone is safe.

Have a great rest of the week!

Mr. Metz

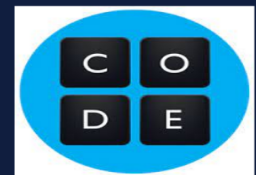




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THE TECH LAB

Week of 12/12-12/16



We have been coding like crazy in the tech lab!

Students have been working on different coding programs in Code.org. Students have been using Code with the Grinch, and Code Monkey! They also have been culminating with a bit of Google Santa Tracker, a fun website with holiday activities!
<https://santatracker.google.com/>

Since it is World Cup Soccer season, students coded their own striker, defender and goalie players in BYJU's Coding Cup. They were able to "train" them, and have a serious scrimmage!

I wish you all a joyous and safe holiday season!

~Mrs. Fredrickson
fredricksonk@westottawa.net

Here We Come a Caroling!



'Tis the Season!!! Donning hats, mittens, gloves and scarves, Lakewood students will be caroling outside classroom windows during their music class on our final 5 school days break. We'll play jingle bells and other percussion instruments to accompany our songs and spread good cheer to everyone we meet. In addition to traditional carols, such as "Jingle Bells" and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer", we will exercise our Spanish vocabulary with "Feliz Navidad" complete with maracas and of course jingle bells. We will also share a traditional Hanukkah song entitled, "Oh Hanukkah!"

Please remind your child to dress for the weather with hats, mittens/gloves and to wear any special holiday hats/clothes on music day from Thursday, December 15th through December 20th.



Lakewood Library News



Library Check-Out Days

Tuesday & Thursday

Students are doing a wonderful job remembering to bring their books back!

Thank you for helping them remember to bring their books back on or before their library day!



Children need the daily physical activity and play opportunities that playground time provides.

Providing the weather is reasonably dry and the wind chill is not below zero, all children will be expected to go out for recess.

Children should wear appropriate clothing for outdoor activity.

A reasonable, illness-related written request for the child to stay in for one day will be honored. If additional time is needed, please provide the principal with a written doctor's explanation of the circumstances.

PTO NEWS

DECEMBER 2022



POPCORN FRIDAYS
DECEMBER 2ND & 17TH

WE ARE ALWAYS
COLLECTING:
FAMILY FARE & DW RECEIPTS
BOXTOPS
AMAZON SMILE POINTS

Thank you to our amazing Lakewood community for your support during the Book Fair! Not only did students add books to their home and classroom libraries, we were able to raise funds to pay for Scholastic News and to purchase the books for our One Book One School program that is coming up in March! Thank you for your continued support!

Simple Ways to Support LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY PTO



Simply by shopping at any local Family Fare or D&W Fresh Market and sending your receipts to school with your students, you can help us achieve our next goal!

For Every \$150,000 in receipts we collect, we will earn a \$1,000 donation from SpartanNash! With your support - and your receipts - we'll be continuing to raise money for Lakewood!

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When you shop online for your friends & family, Amazon will donate a portion of your purchases to our school. It's easy! Here's how:

- Head to <https://smile.amazon.com/>
- Login to your Amazon account
- Choose "Lakewood Elementary PTO" as your charity
- Start shopping!

OR

- Download the Amazon app on your phone
- Log into your Amazon account
- Go to Settings > AmazonSmile and "turn it on"
- Choose "Lakewood Elementary PTO" as your charity
- Start shopping!

LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY PTO

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SCHOOLS**

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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