



West Ottawa Public Schools

Preparing Students to Be College, Career and Life Ready!



Lakewood Newsletter

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Greetings Lakewood Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving break and were able to spend some quality time with friends and family!

I would like to remind everyone that we do not have adult outdoor coverage in the morning until 8:30 am. It is imperative that students are not dropped prior to that time. You may notice some students outside the 5th grade entrance before 8:30, but those are students who attend Advanced Math and are taking a break between their 7:30 arrival and the 8:30 entrance time. Due to safety concerns for our students, please adhere to the 8:30 am drop off time.

On Wednesday, December 7, we will be hosting the West Ottawa High School Jazz group at 2:30 pm in our gym. This should be a fun and entertaining event for our students and may encourage some interest in the musical offerings at the middle and high school levels.

I would also like to take a moment to remind everyone of the importance of daily attendance. This year, we have re-formed our attendance committee that was on hold during the pandemic. We will be looking to assist families who may have barriers to regular attendance and hopefully be able to work together to provide solutions to increase attendance. Please note that the definition of chronic absenteeism is measured by being absent for more than 10% of the scheduled days at any time throughout the school year. Please be sure to reach out to us if there are situations that may arise that may cause your child to fall into that category.

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

A handwritten signature of Michael Ghareeb in black ink.



IMPORTANT DATES

Dec

6 Girls Basketball Game

@ 4 PM at Lakeshore

7 WOHS Jazz Performance

@ 2:30 PM

8 Girls Basketball Game

@ 4 PM at Lakewood

8 Lego League meet @ 3:45

13 Girls Basketball Game

@ 4PM at Woodside

15 Girls Basketball Game

@ 4PM at Lakewood

15 Lego League meet @ 3:45

16 PTO Popcorn Day

Dec. 21-Jan 3 Holiday Recess

(classes resume Jan. 4)

Sending Holiday
Cheer to all



With blessings
through out
the new Year

From
Lakewood Staff

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.

Infinite
Campus

Parent Portal Login

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

[Parent/Student Handbook](#)

[Lakewood FAQ](#)

[Infinite Campus Parent](#)



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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

Fourth grade students have been working hard on Spanish numbers. We are reviewing numbers 0-59 for a unit on telling time. Students need to know how to read and write these numbers in order to express a time in Spanish. For example, 2:50 in Spanish is Son las dos y cincuenta. To practice, we will learn a fun song that incorporates movements!



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

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





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 relaxing few days off last week and could enjoy time with family and friends.

In Physical Wellness, we will be starting our floor hockey unit this week. Students will be learning how to properly hold a hockey stick as well as how to pass, shoot, and trap a hockey puck/ball. Once we spend a week or two developing our hockey skills, students will start to participate in hockey activities and games.

I'm looking forward to seeing each student improve over the next month! Have a great week!

Mr. Metz

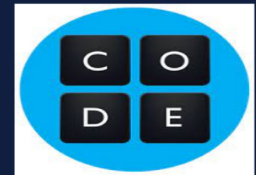




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THE TECH LAB

Week of 11/28 - 12/02



It's been a coding carnival in the tech lab!

After an amazing week of Thanksgiving activities, students have been working on different coding programs! We are moving into Computer Science in Education Week next week! This also focuses on Hour of Code! Check out this link!

<https://hourofcode.com/us>

Students have been using Kodable, block programming to make their own dinosaur game, and helping their digital robots escape using different coding commands.

It has been a fun week and we will continue next week focusing on more Hour of Code activities!

~Mrs. Fredrickson
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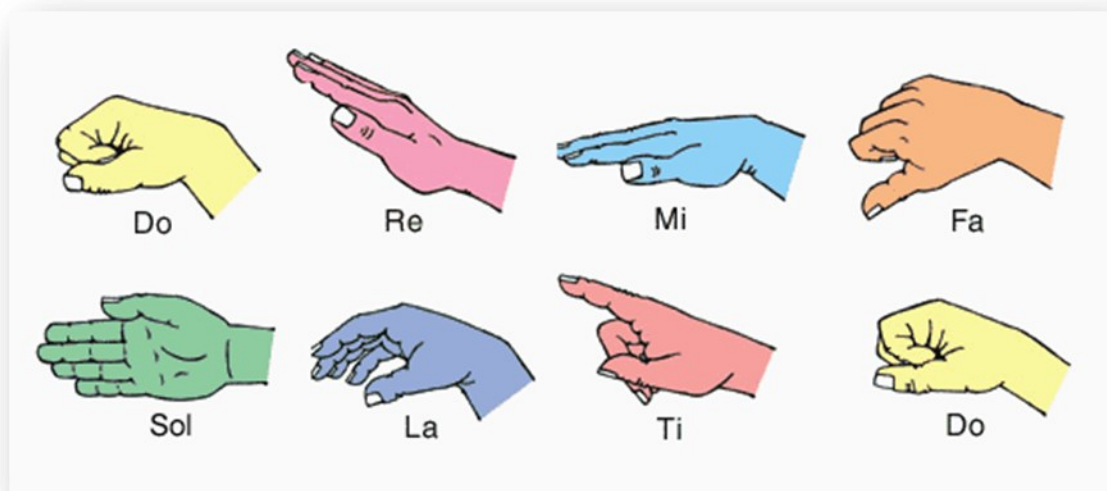
Music Notes from Mr. Loughrin

“Doe a deer, a female deer...”

Many of our students are working this month with a system of syllables and hand signs that many people have heard of, but may not know how it works.

What is Solfege?

The solfege system as we know it dates all the way back to the 1800's, and makes its way into many different methods of teaching singing and aural skills. The **solfege hand signs** (also called the *Kodaly hand signs* or the *Curwen hand signs*) were originally developed by John Curwen, but popularized through their use in the Kodaly method. The idea behind the solfege hand signs is simple: each tone of the seven-note solfege system is given a shape for the singer to make with his/her hand while singing. All of the hand signs can be produced using one hand, and can be helpful for singers who are new to the solfege system.



Many people are familiar with the musical and movie, *The Sound of Music*. In this story of the Von Trapp family, Maria the nanny and tutor of the Von Trapp children sings the song, “Do-Re-Mi”, to teach them how to sing and the notes of the major music scale. Here is a link to this wonderful and memorable song: <https://youtu.be/drnBMAEA3AM>



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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- Login to your Amazon account
- Choose "Lakewood Elementary PTO" as your charity
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- 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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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**