



West Ottawa Public Schools

Preparing Students to Be College, Career and Life Ready!



Lakewood Newsletter

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Greetings Lakewood Families,

Science Night is back! Join us at school on Thursday, January 19, 2023, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. The Outdoor Discovery Center will host an "Up Close and Wild!" booth, and the West Ottawa High School Robotics team will offer cool hands-on learning opportunities for our students. In addition, fun chemistry demos, Ozobots, and a station with 3-D printing, robotic arm control and an AI voice app will all be available to check out!

Students will have the opportunity to put their own scientific curiosity on display in the form of student projects (Grades K-2: 6:00 - 6:45, Grade 3 -5: 6:45 - 7:30 pm). Students in grades K - 2 are encouraged to create a project or demonstration. Students in grades 3 - 5 can attempt to work through the scientific process with their investigation, which means they should do some sort of an experiment rather than simply a demonstration. Teachers will send home forms to support this.

We are looking for a few volunteers to assist at stations and with student projects. Check for an email from the Lakewood PTO with how you can help! Thanks in advance for your help and participation!

In addition, we are pleased once again to host our **Kindergarten Showcase** for incoming Kindergarten students and their families on **Thursday, January 26 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm**. If you have or know someone that may have an incoming Kindergarten student, please plan to attend or encourage attendance for the event.

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

Jan

19 Science Night
6 - 7:30 PM

**** No Lego League ****

20 Student Half Day
Dismissal 11:52
End of First Semester

26 Kindergarten Showcase
6-7 PM

Feb

10 Students Half Day
Dismissal 11:52

13 Mid Winter Recess
No School

Lakewood's Science Night Is Back!

Join us for an incredible night of Science exploration!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

6:00-7:30 PM

Student Science Fair!

K-2: 6:00-6:45 3-5: 6:45-7:30

Outdoor Discovery Center presents

“Up Close and Wild” exhibit!



Demos and Kids Activities

in the Gym!

Chemistry Demos with Mr. Duane!

3-D Printer, AI Voice App and

Robotic Hand Control Station!

West Ottawa Robotics Team

(WOBOT) Demos in the Gym!

Program Ozobots!



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Family Size	Income
2	\$54,390
3	\$69,090
4	\$83,250
5	\$97,410





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 Public Schools offers the GSRP at Pine Creek Elementary, Great Lakes Elementary, Sheldon Woods and Lakewood Elementary.

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Or visit www.helpmegrowottawa.org for more information,
Or call a **Care Coordinator** at Help Me Grow Ottawa: **(844) 233-2244**

Promoting Good Attendance All Winter Long



WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?



Every winter, bad weather — snow, slush, freezing temperatures or even heavy rains — can present challenges to getting children to school. So do the illnesses such as colds, flu, fevers and earaches that often come with the winter months. Students might also have to stay home due to Covid-19.

1. Develop back up plans for getting your children to school in bad weather.

- Check to see who can give your children a ride to school if you aren't able to take them or the bus doesn't arrive.
- Talk with your school about forming a "walking school bus" with other families to get students to school safely.
- Contact your local government if roads to school are not regularly plowed.
- Join other families to clear snow from the sidewalks closest to the school.
- Tell school administrators about transportation challenges, including safety, and ask if they have plans for transporting students.

2. Keep your children healthy.

- Maintain a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Ensure students eat a good breakfast every morning or check to see if your school serves breakfast.
- Ensure your children visit their medical provider and have received their vaccines, including flu and Covid.
- Stress hand washing, particularly before and after eating, and after using the restroom.
- Reinforce the importance of avoiding close contact with individuals who are sick, and not sharing cups and/or utensils with others.
- If your children seem anxious about going to school, ask teachers, school counselors, your medical provider and parents for advice on how to make your children feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned your children may have Covid, call your medical provider or school nurse for advice.

3. Keep your children engaged in learning if they cannot attend school in person.

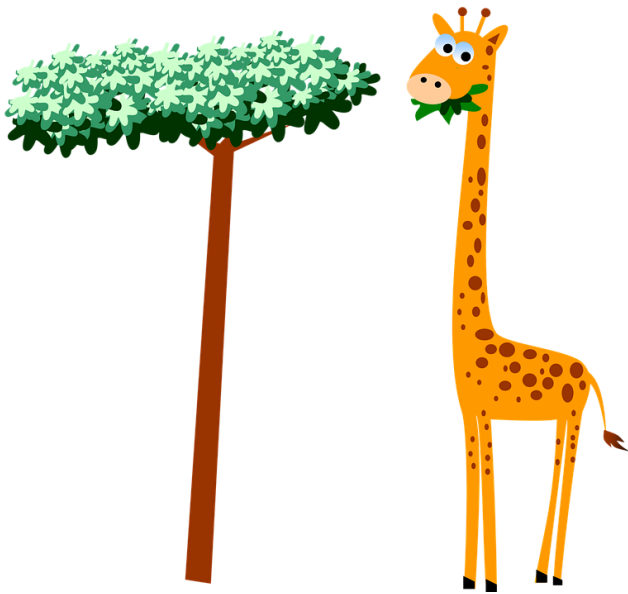
- Ask your teacher or school for resources that you can use at home to keep your children learning, including computer tablets, internet access and online learning platforms.
- Identify who can support your children's learning at home, especially if you must go to work.
- Encourage your children to call classmates and stay connected to the teacher to find out about what they missed.

To learn more about attendance and strategies that make a difference visit www.attendanceworks.org

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SPANISH SPOTLIGHT WITH SEÑORA DILLON

Fifth grade students are starting a unit on Spanish adjectives. We will learn a variety of Spanish adjectives to describe objects and people. Students will do a fun magazine project in partners to reinforce the new vocabulary. Ask your child how to say large in Spanish!



alto (tall)



bajo (short)

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 1/09 - 1/13



Happy New Year from the Tech Lab!

Students have been learning how to animate their names using Scratch! Students have been continuing to work on different coding activities in Code.org using Space Jam and Dance Party. Students have also had the opportunity to change variables when coding their own video game!

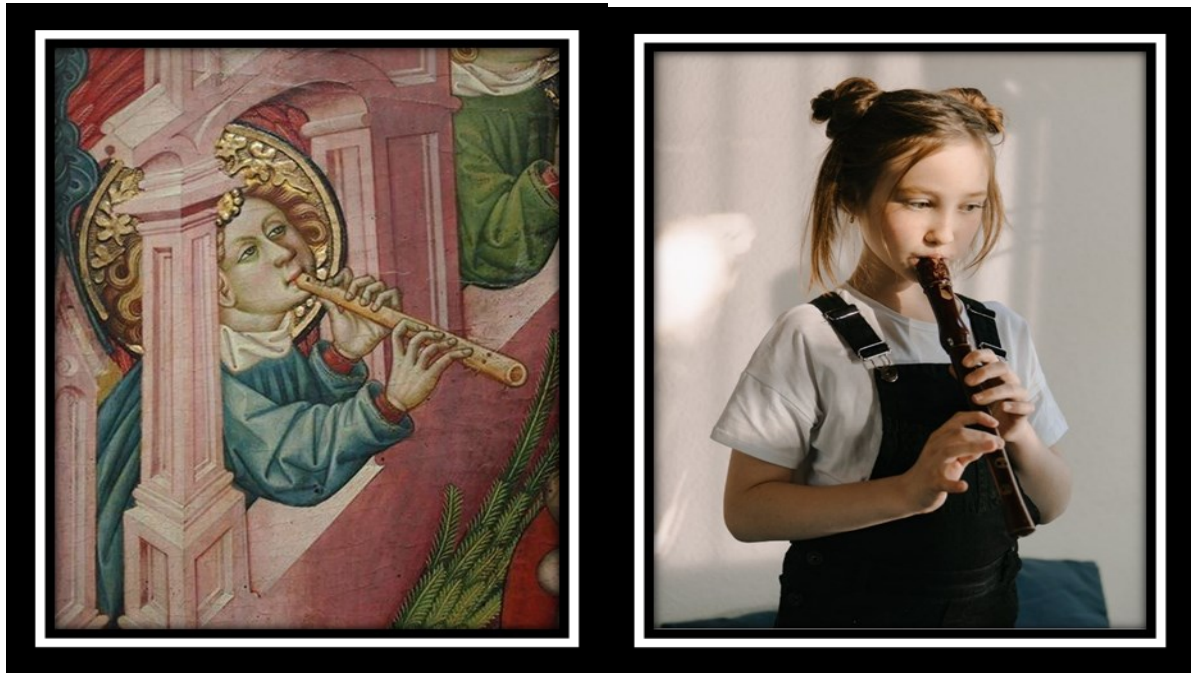
This week we also met a new friend in the lab! Botley 2.0 made its appearance! Botley 2.0 is a coding robot that can help students learn logic and problem-solving, and is screen-free. Next week, we will meet Smart Cutebot, which is an assembled and ready-to-rock robot smart car. It is easy to use with a micro:bit and MakeCode!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

~Mrs. Fredrickson
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Music Notes from Mr. Loughrin

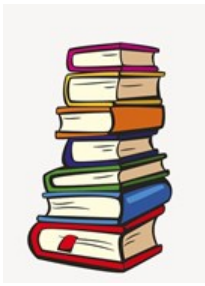


The Recorder...then and now!

4th and 5th recorder unit!!!

Lakewood 4th and 5th graders have embarked on a recorder unit that we will visit throughout the remainder of the year. The recorder is a terrific “first instrument”. Starting in 4th grade, West Ottawa students are given the opportunity apply all they have learned about music and put it together and learn to play a woodwind instrument. The recorder is a very old instrument, dating back over 600 years and is the great grandparent of the modern-day flute. It’s design dates back to the time of Henry VIII of England in the 14th Century. The basic design of the recorder has not changed much since then. Recorders were first made of wood (and many still are), however now you can find recorders made of plastic that are more durable, very affordable, and fairly easy to play, which makes the recorder the perfect “first instrument” to learn in an elementary school music program.

DK Book publishing has a fun video sharing the history of the recorder. Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/sR8v1pHvqpM>



Lakewood Library News



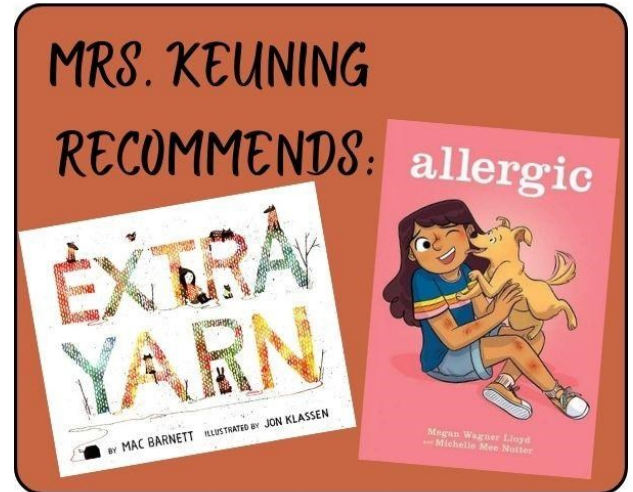
Welcome back to the library! Don't forget to bring back your books that you read over break!

Library Check-Out Days

Tuesday & Thursday

LIBRARY SCHEDULE MAY
CHANGE DUE TO TESTING.

Thank you for helping your student
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.

Student Council Fun for December and January

Each month, the Lakewood Student Council organizes a Kindness Event for our students to participate in. In December, classes made cards, crafts, and wrote letters for residents of the Warm Friend and Appledorn Senior Living Center. The residents LOVED the cards, and even wrote back notes of appreciation.

In January, our Kindness Event is collecting new hats, mittens and scarves to share with kids who don't have access to those items. We would love to collect as many items as we can!

Our Dress up event for January is called Color Splash Week. During the week of January 23-27, students are encouraged to beat the "winter blues" by dressing up in a different color each day.

Monday: Wear Blue

Tuesday: Wear Red

Wednesday: Wear Green

Thursday: Wear Yellow

Friday: Wear your favorite color



We would love to see all students participate in these activities

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.



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

[Parent/Student Handbook](#)

[Lakewood FAQ](#)

[Infinite Campus Parent](#)



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- Start shopping!

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- Choose "Lakewood Elementary PTO" as your charity
- Start shopping!

LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY PTO

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