



West Ottawa Public Schools

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Lakewood Newsletter

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Michael Ghareeb, *Principal*

Sue Noble, *Secretary*

Greetings Lakewood Families,

We have an exciting event coming up shortly that we hope you will be able to attend. On **March 12, 2023** we plan to transport elementary families to the **Grand Rapids GOLD vs RAPTORS 905 NBA affiliated basketball game** at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids. Attending families will be able to request up to four (4) seats per family on buses that will depart the Transportation Department parking lot, 294 W Lakewood Blvd, Holland, MI at 1:30 PM for the 3:00 PM game. The deadline for signing up is March 3, 2023. In addition to this event, we are also partnering with the Grand Rapids Gold to provide additional incentives for Reading Month in March. Additional information will be coming out shortly in regards to our Reading Month activities and rewards. To sign up to attend the basketball game, you must request tickets at this [link](#) as well as request transportation at this [link](#). If you have any questions about the game, please feel free to contact me directly.

Recently, the Michigan Department of Education released its state new accountability system called School Grades. This is a different accountability system than previously used and provides a comparison to similar schools. School Grades are like a report card with both letters and normative rankings. To access this report and see how we are doing as a school, please use this [link](#) and search for West Ottawa Public Schools and then Lakewood Elementary. You can also look up any other school you would like data on in the State of Michigan.

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

27 REPORT CARDS SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS

Feb

**10 Students Half Day
Dismissal 11:52**

**13 Mid Winter Recess
No School**

March

**7 Parent/Teacher Conferences
5-8 PM**

**9 Parent Teacher Conferences
1-4 & 5-8**



Buy a t-shirt to help raise money for cancer research at Van Andel Institute



First set of orders due: Tuesday, January 31st

Final orders are due: Tuesday, February 14th

Limited amount of shirts will be available after the final orders are due

Purple Power T-shirt Order Form

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

School that order will be deliver to: _____

Teacher: _____

Soft style cotton blend shirts

Shirt Sizes: please write the number of each in the boxes

Youth Short sleeve purple	Youth Long sleeve gray	Adult Short sleeve purple	Adult Long sleeve gray	Adult - Hooded sweatshirt black
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_____ X \$10 youth short sleeve shirts = _____
 _____ X \$15 youth long sleeve shirts = _____
 _____ X \$15 adult short sleeve shirts = _____
 _____ X \$18 adult long sleeve shirts = _____
 _____ X \$25 adult hooded sweatshirt = _____

Total \$ _____

Please make checks out to "VanAndel Institute"

For questions - Contact Diane at: wopurplepower@yahoo.com




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Promoting Good Attendance All Winter Long



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.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?



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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3	\$69,090
4	\$83,250
5	\$97,410



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Readiness Program

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SPANISH SPOTLIGHT WITH SEÑORA DILLON

Kindergarten students are doing a fun unit on food vocabulary. We are learning words such as *pan* (bread), *leche* (milk), and *papa* (potato). Here is a song that you can practice at home with your child!

(To the tune of *She'll be Coming 'Round the Mountain*)

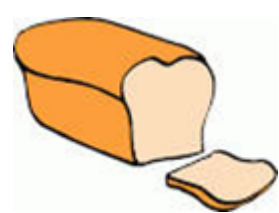
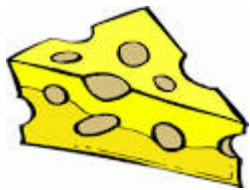
Queso is cheese, yum, yum, yum. (clap clap)

Leche is milk, yum, yum, yum. (clap clap)

Papa is potato.

Jugo is juice.

Pan is bread, yum, yum, yum. (clap clap)



One great resource is my website with online games and activities to practice Spanish:
<http://senoradillon.weebly.com/>





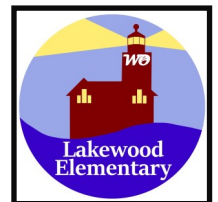
Please visit the Google Sites link below to keep up to date with all the awesome things happening in our Lakewood art room.

<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 are enjoying this mild winter we are having! Make sure you are getting out and enjoying it.

In Physical Wellness, we are working through our tennis unit with all grade levels. Students are learning how to hit groundstrokes, serves, and volleys. We just started rallying with a friend and I'm really happy with the progression that all students are making. They are working hard and getting better in every class. It's great to see! Have a great rest of your week!

Mr. Metz





LAKEWOOD - WEST OTTAWA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

THE TECH LAB

Week of 1/23 - 1/27



It's been a great week in the lab!

These last two weeks, we have been working with Botley 2.0, a coding robot that can help students learn logic and problem-solving! Students created challenges and mazes for Botley. They also programmed Botley to make specific actions and noises with "secret codes!"

We also met Smart Cutebot, which is an assembled and ready-to-rock robot smart car. We used it with a Micro:bit and MakeCode! One of the challenges was to make Cutebot dance like a bee. We will be continuing to program Cutebot to make other fun actions.

Another focus this week was having students create a farm scene using Scratch Jr. After listening to the story *The Big, Red Barn*, students programmed animals to enter a barn before nightfall.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

~Mrs. Fredrickson
fredricksonk@westottawa.net



Music Notes from Mr. Loughrin



Ostinato

An ostinato is a pattern that repeats...an ostinato is a pattern that repeats...an ostinato is a pattern that repeats...an ostinato is a pattern that repeats.

Second Grade Students are learning about musical “Ostinato”. An ostinato is a pattern that repeats. The pattern could be rhythmic or melodic. Ostinati (plural of ostinato) have been used by composers for hundreds of years.

With the evolution of electronics and computers in music, we sometimes refer to ostinati as “loops”, sections of rhythm or melody that loop or repeat over and over. Today there are countless apps and programs that allow users to “loop” music to create songs or simply to have fun.

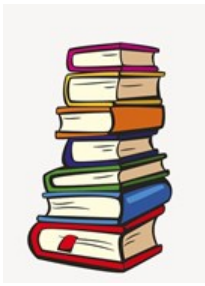
We also explored the concept of an “ear worm”, a piece of music that has repeated patterns that can work their way into our brains and either get us whistling or humming a favorite tune or perhaps driving us crazy with a passage that gets stuck in our heads that we cannot seem to switch off.

Here are some fun links we explored:

Ostinato Song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jK2IOfGTRIs>

Chrome Melody Maker:

<https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Melody-Maker/>



Lakewood Library News

Rainy weather means reading weather!



Library Check-Out Days

Tuesday & Thursday

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.

BASKETBALL CAMPS

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**DATES: 02/26,
03/05, 03/12, 03/19, 03/26**

**TIMES:
1ST-5TH GRADE 1-2:30PM
6TH-12TH GRADE 2:30-4:00PM**

**Location: West Ottawa
South High School**



\$25

Per session

Cash, Check or Venmo
krishaglund1980@gmail.com
Walk-ins Welcome

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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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La ciencia de Harry Potter

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Arte en la naturaleza

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WINTER PTO NEWS

UPCOMING DATES

PTO MEETING

Tuesday, February 21st, 4-5:00pm

Join us in the library.

Childcare and snacks will be provided.

POPCORN FRIDAY

January 27th

February 3rd

February 17th

FAMILY NIGHT OUT

Panda Express

February 23rd

11am-7:30pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

KINDNESS PENCIL GRAMS

\$1 Kindness Pencil Grams are BACK!

Students and families can purchase grams for friends, teachers, or your students. Grams will be available to purchase during lunch February 14th-16th and delivered February 17th

WINTER OLYMPICS

Dates are still TBD. We are waiting for snow!

This will occur during the students recess.

More information coming soon!

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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- 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!

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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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[Lakewood FAQ](#)

[Infinite Campus Parent](#)

