



West Ottawa Public Schools

Preparing Students to Be College, Career and Life Ready!



Lakewood Newsletter

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Michael Ghareeb, *Principal*

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Greetings Lakewood Families,

We are happy to say that we have been able to reschedule our Winter Fun Magic assembly from our snow day last Friday. We will be holding the event on Monday, February 27 with grades K-2 attending from 1:15 - 2:15 pm and grades 3-5 attending from 2:15 - 3:15 pm. This should be a fun event for all and we would like to thank our wonderful PTO for providing this opportunity for our students.

It's hard to believe but we are already nearly at our 2nd and final parent teacher conferences. They are being held on Tuesday, March 7 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm and again on Thursday, March 9 from 1:00 - 5:00 pm and 5:00 - 8:00 pm. For this round of conference we will be using a platform called PTC fast. We have used it in the past and it will hopefully make things easier for all involved. You can access the link to sign up [here](#). Also, if you would like a virtual conference or would like to note any special requests, there is an option to enter that in the form.

Finally, next week, we will begin our "March is Reading Month" activities. This year we have partnered with the Grand Rapids Gold and GENTEX to roll out the program and offer prizes to our students who complete the required reading each week. On Monday, your child will be coming home with a reading log! Have your child color a basketball for every 20 minutes spent reading at home each night. Cut and return your slip each Friday and your child will earn a prize! Each Reading Month participant and family will also receive [4 free tickets](#) to a Grand Rapids Gold Game on March 12th @ 3 pm if you choose to go. Additionally, if you need transportation that will be provided free from the West Ottawa Transportation Department to and from the game! If you have any questions about the Reading Month activities, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

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

Feb. 27

Winter Fun Magic Assemblies

PK, K, 1, 2 - 1:15 - 2:00 pm

3, 4, 5 - 2:15 - 3:00 pm

MARCH IS READING MONTH

Schedule your P/T conference via PTC Fast link emailed from your child's teacher. Or You can access the link to sign up [here](#).

7 Parent/Teacher Conf.

5-8 PM

9 Parent Teacher Conf.

1-4 & 5-8

9 Half Day P/T conference

Dismissal at 11:52 AM

Panther Pathways Mon.-Thurs.

3:45 - 4:45

First Boys Basketball Game

March 1st. 4pm @ LW

WZ 1 vs LW 2

March 7, 4pm @ LW

WZ 2 vs LW 1



Grand Rapids Gold, in partnership with Gentex, is helping WOPS students ELEVATE their love of reading this spring! Your child will be coming home with a reading log Monday! Have your child color a basketball for every 20 minutes spent reading at home each night. Cut and return your slip each Friday and your child will earn a prize!

Each Elevate Reading participant and family will also receive 4 free tickets to a Grand Rapids Gold Game on March 12th @ 3pm if you choose to go.

Additionally, if you need transportation that will be provided free from the West Ottawa Transportation Department to and from the game.

PTO NEWS

Thank you!

We made our Direct Your Dollars goal!!

We would like to send a huge thank you to all of YOU who worked so hard to gather Spartan Nash receipts!! We are thrilled that we could take advantage of one last Direct Your Dollars donation!!

Kindness Week

We celebrated Kindness last week throughout Lakewood!! Each Preschool, Young Kinder, CI and ASD student received a pop-it keychain, while the Kindergarten through 5th grade students received mini journals with inspirational messages! We took a snack and beverage cart around for teachers and staff, put up a fun interactive bulletin board with ways for students to show kindness to each other, and had our pencil kindness-gram fundraiser. Thank you to all who participated!!

March is Reading Month

With our Book Fair funds the PTO is providing every Lakewood family with a copy of the book "My Otter Half" to celebrate March is Reading Month!

Conference Meals

Parent/Teacher Conferences are right around the corner! We have meals planned for Tuesday and Thursday as well as the Famous Coffee Cart on Friday. Please check out the link to sign up for donations!

Family Night Out Fundraisers

Hungry Howie's pizza coupons

*Information will be going out in backpack mail the week of March 13th

Popcorn Fridays

March 3rd & March 17th

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<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4FADA62DA6FF2-spring3>

SOUP & SALAD



TACO BAR



THANK YOU

SPANISH SPOTLIGHT WITH SEÑORA DILLON

Last week students in third to fifth grade brought their Chromebooks to Spanish class. I showed kids my Spanish website and they spent time exploring online games, conversations, and songs. My website is a great resource to extend Spanish practice at home. I encourage students and their families to check it out!

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



**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,

Hope you are all having a great February. We are right in the middle of our football unit and all our skills are really improving.

Lower elementary students are working on throwing mechanics and getting better at catching.

Upper elementary students are now participating in football lead up games and doing awesome.

The students are having a blast, working hard, and being great teammates in all classes. I'm very happy with the work they are doing.

Have a great rest of your week!

Mr. Metz





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THE TECH LAB

Week of 2/20 - 2/24



It's been a great week in the tech lab! Many of our activities will be completed next week due to our snow days!

Last week was National Kindness week, along with Valentine's Day. We also celebrate Black History month. Our whole February focus is being kind to others - all of our activities these last couple weeks show what we can do to be amazing humans in our community!

Students are creating "kindness comics" using Pixton. Students also are reading clues to identify five different influential people in Black history and are drawing a picture to show a major event for each. Students are creating an interactive timeline using color codes to program their ozobot to move through history.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

~Mrs. Fredrickson
fredricksonk@westottawa.net



Music Notes

from Mr. Loughrin



1st graders and 3rd graders have been studying the Percussion Family in music class this month. It is one of our favorite families of instruments as we have many percussion instruments in our classroom and percussion instruments are some of the easiest to make from things you can find around your house. Percussion instruments are any instruments that you Strike, Shake, or Scrape. A few examples include bongo drums, conga drums, cymbals, xylophones and maracas.

Experts believe percussion instruments were likely some of the first instruments made and played by humans. Hand claps, banging a stick on a log, or making a drum were fairly simple and rhythm could be kept by striking just about anything. Percussion instruments are fun to make at home from things you find around the house or recycle bin. It is the largest family of instruments and includes drums, shakers, rattles and many more.

PERCUSSION family





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.

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.

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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ENROLL TODAY!

**HIGH-QUALITY
LOW-COST &
FREE PRESCHOOL**

FREE for families annually earning up to:

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





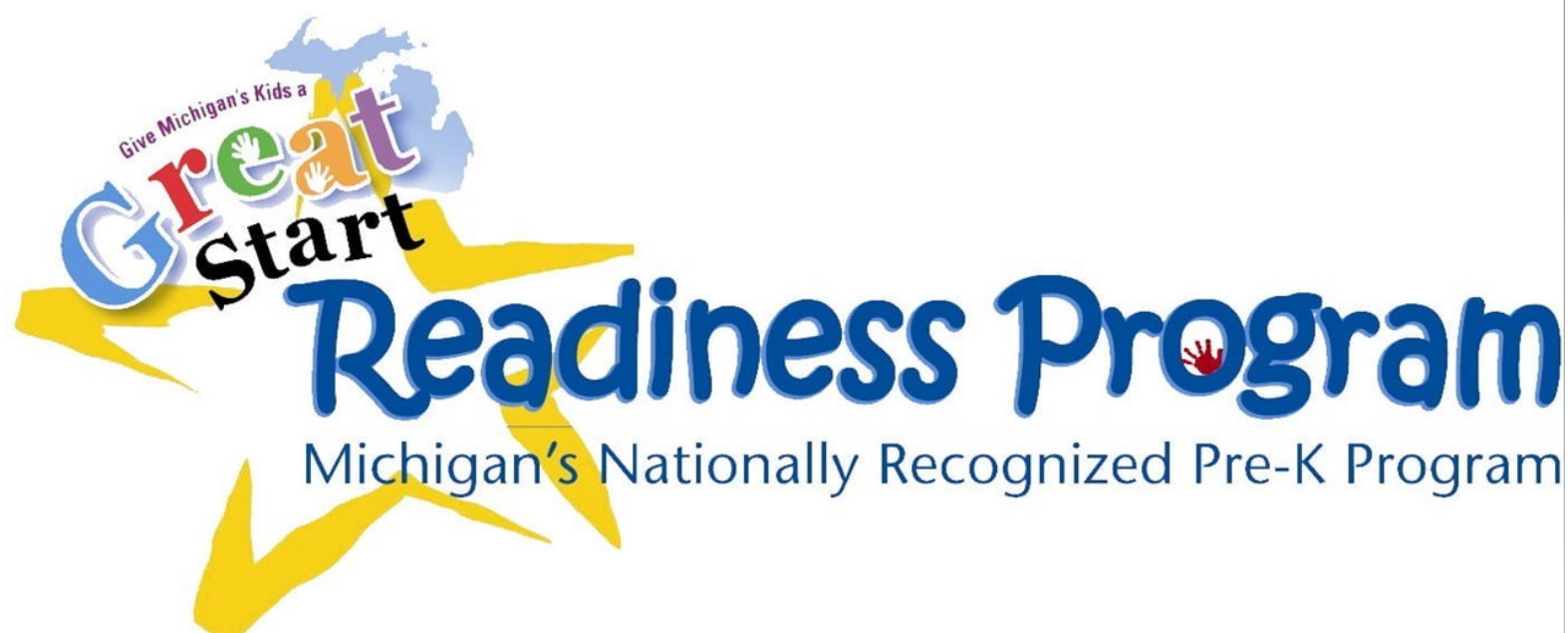
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The GSRP is a state-funded program for low-income families or families with certain environmental risks.

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.

APPLY
HERE

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](#)



BASKETBALL CAMPS

SKILLS AND DEVELOPMENT TRAINING
WITH HAGLUND HOOPS &
JORDDAN MYRICK HOOPS

60 MINUTES OF SKILLS WORK,
30 MINUTES OF LIVE COMPETITION.

ALL AGES, MALE AND FEMALE.

•BRING YOUR OWN BALL•



**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

