



West Ottawa Public Schools

Preparing Students to Be College, Career and Life Ready!

Lakewood Newsletter

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Greetings Lakewood Families,

Animals, robots, and ozobots, oh my! Science Night is coming to Lakewood on Thursday, January 30, 2020, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. The Outdoor Discovery Center will be on hand, along with the West Ottawa High School Robotics team to offer cool hands-on learning opportunities for our students. In addition, our brand new 3-D printer will be on display, along with other electronic and programming fun for the kids.

Students will have the opportunity to put their own scientific curiosity on display in the form of student projects, too (Grades K-2: 6:30 - 7:15, 3-5: 7:15 - 8:00 pm). Students in grades K - 2 are encouraged to create a project or demonstration. At the upper grade levels we are asking the students to work through the scientific process with their investigation, which means they should do some sort of an investigation/experiment rather than simply a demonstration.

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

Can you believe that half of the year is over already. The first half of this year has been awesome. It's been great working with your children and getting to know all of you better. The children are progressing academically, socially and emotionally and it's wonderful to be a part of their growth! We very much appreciate your support and involvement in Lakewood Elementary and by working together, we are definitely making a difference in the lives of so many.

Sincerely,

Michael Ghareeb



Important Dates:

January 23

Kindergarten Showcase
6:00 PM

January 24

Conquerors Assembly
2:00 PM

January 30

Science Night
6:30-8:00 PM

February 10-13

Kindness-Gram Sale

February 12 Count Day

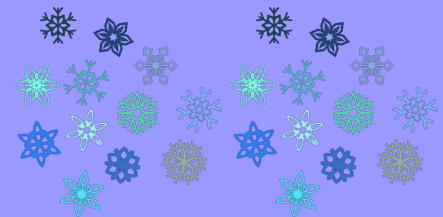
Please avoid making appointments this day if at all possible.

February 17

Mid-Winter Recess
No School

February 24

PTO Meeting
6:30 PM



Our PTO has a new newsletter format. These will be coming your way once or twice a month. You can also find information on their website: lakewoodpto.org



In the LOOP with LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY

Student Council Updates

In Student Council news Friday, January 17 is Multiples Day! Your child may dress like his or her friends. Just remember school dress code applies and check with your child's teacher if you're not sure what constitutes appropriate wear.

January 31 is High Five Day. This is the day to celebrate respectful, responsible and ready-to-learn behavior with a high five!



Please Call the office if your child will be absent due to illness. Be sure to note your child's name, teacher, and symptoms.

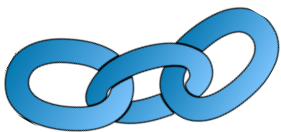
We also need a call if your child is out due to pre-planned absences or appointments. Thank You

616-786-1300 press 1 for the attendance line

Lakewood LINKs is a program that teaches and encourages students to assist their peers with special needs. Currently our LINKs program includes 63 LINKs in grades 2-5 to assist 11 students with special needs in grades K-5. LINKs duties include supporting peers through their morning routines, assisting students in specials, working with students in the general education classroom, reverse inclusion in special education classrooms and assisting students with pack up and end of the day routines. Schools with LINKs programs show an increase in positive feelings related to the school community and an increase in academic performance. We are so excited to introduce LINKs at Lakewood Elementary and so proud of the students who have stepped up to make this program a success.

Cold and Flu season is here. Please remember these few simple policies if your child is feeling ill.

- Children must be fever free (under 100 degrees) for 24 hours and without the aid of medicine before returning to school.
- Children taking prescribed antibiotics must be on them for 24 hours before returning to school
- Children must be free from vomiting and diarrhea for 24 hours
- If your child is experiencing other symptoms and is struggling to participate in class we will call to have them picked up



LINKS of the
WEEK

Bella Schelstaete: I decided to become a LINK because I like to help people. What I like most about LINKS is learning about autism. I would like to become a teacher one day and I may teach students with autism. For fun, I enjoy skating and hanging out with and reading to my mom.

Stella Foster: When I began attending school at Lakewood Elementary this year, I did not know anything about autism. I have learned so much at the LINKS meetings and I have a passion to help students with autism. They really make my day! When not at school, I enjoy playing outside, writing and drawing.

Nora Plaggmeyer: I decided to join LINKS because I wanted to help those with autism. What I like most about LINKS is getting to help students with autism learn so one day they will be amazing at everything they do. I think everyone with autism is really sweet! For fun, I like to play with my dog.



Links from the Lab

By Miss Marco Technology Instructor



Report Card Update: Over the past 2 weeks, I have been discussing report card goals for keyboarding skills with all students. Here is a list of goals by grade level:

Kindergarten – use both hands (2 fingers) on the keyboard

1st Grade – type a sentence using both hands (2 fingers) on the keyboard

2nd Grade – be able to stay on the home row keys using all 10 fingers when typing.

3rd Grade – use home row keys with 85% Accuracy

4th Grade – be able to type 9 Words Per Minute at 85% Accuracy

5th Grade – be able to type 13 Words Per Minute at 85% Accuracy

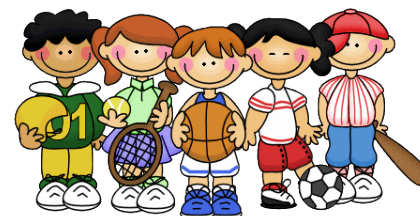
Moving with Mr. Metz

Hi Lakewood Families,

I hope you are all doing fantastic! Coming back from the holiday break, all classes are beginning to work on basketball skills over the coming weeks. Students will be learning about the proper ways to dribble, pass, catch and shoot a basketball. We will also be learning about a variety of shooting and dribbling games as students improve their skills in each area.

I'm looking forward to seeing the progress each student makes as we work on these skills! Have a great week!

~Mr. Metz



Art News

The art room is exploding with creativity! To know what awesome things are happening in the art room please visit my art news website at woartmakesyousmart.weebly.com

Don't forget! ART Makes you SMART! -Miss TenBarge



SPANISH SPOTLIGHT WITH SEÑORA DILLON



First graders have been learning jobs in the community vocabulary. Some of the words we've learned are maestro (teacher), cocinero (chef), bombero (firefighter).

We are practicing these new words with games, stories, and a fun song to the tune of "Farmer in the Dell"



Don't forget to check out my website. There are fun online resources for practicing Spanish at home:

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

Music Notes from Mr. Loughrin-

Fourth Grade Recorder Unit!



I am excited to share that Lakewood 4th graders will be participating in Carnegie Hall's Link Up Recorder Program this year. In association with the Holland Symphony Orchestra, we will be learning and preparing songs to sing and play at a culminating performance with area 4th graders on March 23rd, at the Zeeland East High School PAC. This is an amazing opportunity for students to learn about the orchestra and participate in a grand performance along with the Holland Symphony and hundreds of area 4th graders.





Hear world-renowned jazz musicians perform the music of Louis Armstrong at the West Ottawa Performing Arts Center on Saturday, January 25 at 7:30pm. Performers Eric Reed, Victor Goines, Marcus Printup, Vincent Gardner, Herlin Riley and Rodney Whitaker are all current or former members of Wynton Marsalis' Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra. Tickets can be purchased at westottawamusicboosters.org or at the door. \$25 (Students & Seniors \$15).

Members of this group are all current or former members of Wynton Marsalis' Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra





GIRLS ON THE RUN IS

so much fun!

About the Program

Girls on the Run is an after school program which inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. Our **ten-week** program is designed for girls in grades **3-5**. Lessons are led by trained volunteer coaches who guide and mentor the girls through an uplifting curriculum that focuses on life-long skills to improve emotional and physical health. The program culminates in a non-competitive 5k which gives the girls a chance to shine and an overwhelming sense of accomplishment.

The 10 week curriculum offers lessons that specifically address some of the issues that will arise during elementary school. Teams of 8-15 girls will engage in in-depth, age appropriate discussions regarding topics such as bullying, gossiping, making healthy choices, keeping promises and self confidence!

Registration

To register, visit

WWW.GOTROAC.ORG

Registration opens: November 1st

Registration closes: November 30

Team size limited to 15

Late registration available for teams with available space!

scholarships

Families who are not able to pay the registration fee may request financial assistance!
The cost of the GOTR program is \$150

Assistance is awarded to **all** who request it. No proof of income is required. Information is kept confidential. *Financial assistance is immediately granted during the registration process.*
Simple and easy!

No girls are turned away from the program due to an inability to pay

This fee covers the full cost of one girl's participation which includes: a new pair of Adidas running shoes, 20 lessons conducted by two certified GOTR coaches, a Girls on the Run event t-shirt, participation in the 5K Celebration Run/Walk, a water bottle and a practice t-shirt.

Why it matters

IT'S FUN. IT'S DIFFERENT.

Participating in Girls on the Run transforms girls' lives by helping them increase their self-confidence, develop healthy relationships, and feel good about themselves, inside and out.

You can register online OR at an open house. If you register online, you do *not* need to attend a open house.

Open House Dates

November 7– Coopersville South Elementary 3:30-6:00pm

November 14– Hamilton Elementary 3:30-6:00pm

November 16– Resilience (411 Butternut Dr. Holland) 9:30am-12

November 26– Pine Creek Elementary 3:15-5:00pm

Check our website for the most up to date times & locations!



Girls who were the least active at the start of the program increased their physical activity by more than **40%***



97% of participants said they learned critical skills to manage emotions, resolve conflict, help others or make intentional decisions*

*Results based on a 2015 independent study conducted by Positive Youth Development expert Maureen P. Weiss, Ph.D.

A program of:

RESILIENCE

ADVOCATES FOR ENDING VIOLENCE

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Did you know that each team needs 2 volunteer coaches? Visit our website and click on 'coach'!



Girls on the Run is for
EVERY girl.

DO YOU WANT TO



MEET NEW FRIENDS?



ACCOMPLISH BIG THINGS?



HELP OTHERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY?



HAVE SO MUCH FUN?

NEW THIS SEASON!

We are excited to announce that we will be working with **Adidas** for our shoe needs! Shoe sizes will be collected at the time of registration, we will **NOT** be hosting shoe fittings in January!

All shapes, sizes and abilities are
celebrated & welcome!

AFTER SCHOOL ON CAMPUS *10 WEEKS *MEET 2X A WEEK* TEAMS OF UP TO 15 GIRLS*

3rd-5th GRADES* STARTS IN MARCH*CELEBRATION 5K IN MAY*

~REGISTRATION BEGINS IN NOVEMBER~

To register online, visit WWW.GOTROAC.ORG and click on the 'Register Now' tab!

Registration for Spring 2020 is open

NOW!

TOTAL TREK QUEST



[https://www.raceplanner.com/register/
index/AOSpring2020](https://www.raceplanner.com/register/index/AOSpring2020)

TTQ is a fun, high energy program designed exclusively for boys in 3rd-5th grade! TTQ incorporates strength and stretching exercises while training for a 5K. Boys in this program will develop positive peer relationships and feel a part of a team while working toward individual goals. Additional practice activities focus on developing a healthy lifestyle, social/relationship skills, making positive choices, and knowledge of the effects of substances such as alcohol, tobacco and e-cigarettes.

Cost is \$45; scholarships are available.

Questions? Need a scholarship? Please
contact Brandon Melnyk at 616-450-4651 or

bmelnyk@arborcircle.org

Spring Season starts the week of 2/24/2020

- Total Trek Quest is coached by adults who have completed program training, CPR/First Aid certification, central registry clearance, and background checks. Coaches are always needed; please consider being a coach!
- If school is cancelled for any reason, TTQ will also be cancelled that day.

TOTAL TREK QUEST

FREE Kick Off Event

The Lost City

12350 James Street, Holland MI 49424

Saturday, February 15th

10am-Noon

Unlimited Laser Tag, Mini Golf, and Mini Bowling

For all TTQ participants and their families.

Boys must be accompanied by an adult



- The TTQ Spring final event will be the Tulip Time 5K! Registration for TTQ boys is included in the program. Parents and friends are encouraged to participate and will receive a discount code after registration.

