



West Ottawa Public Schools

Preparing Students to Be College, Career and Life Ready!

Lakewood Newsletter

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Greetings Lakewood Families,

It's hard to believe, but parent teacher conferences are once again upon us. Conferences are a time for families to really get to know their child's teachers, learn more about the curriculum and stay abreast of exactly where your child is functioning both academically and socially. We are holding parent teacher conferences on Thursday, March 12 from 1:00 - 4:00 and 5:00 - 8:00 pm and also on Tuesday, March 17 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. We will be sending out a link which will allow you to sign up for your child's or children's conferences. Please see below in green for the link.

Did you know that reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It can drastically help them develop language and listening skills and it prepares them to understand the written word. Even after children learn to read by themselves, it's still important for you to read aloud together.

We wish you all the best,

Michael Ghareeb



Important Dates:

March 5

Joel Schoon-Tanis
Visiting classrooms

March 9-20

Coin Drive for
Blood:Water Mission

March 12

Half day
Dismissal at 11:52

Parent Teacher conferences

1-4 and 5-8 PM

March 17

Parent Teacher Conferences
5-8 PM

Spring Break

April 3-10

April 20-23

BOGO Book Fair



Our Parent Teacher Conference sign up is ready to go. Please visit the following site to sign up for your conference time. Remember to make the most of your visit with your teacher and arrive a few minutes early so you can start your conference on time. We look forward to seeing you!

https://ptcfast.com/schools/Lakewood_Elementary

In the LOOP with LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY

Student Council Updates

Student Council will meet soon to discuss the items for March.

Stay tuned!



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



**LINKS of the
WEEK**

Ginny Hamilton: I became a LINK because I really like to help people with disabilities. I work well with them and I want them to feel appreciated with their differences. My favorite part of LINKS is the time I spend working with them. When not at school, I enjoy reading, playing with my sister, dancing and playing sports. When I am older, I would like to become a computer science teacher.

Milani Keely: I became a LINK because I wanted to help others. I get to work with a student with a disability who needs extra help. My favorite part of the LINKS program is attending the meetings because we sometimes get to play games like charades or Pictionary. We also get to eat our lunch during the meeting, which is quieter than in the lunchroom. I like to play with my cousins when I am not at school. When I grow up I would like to be an art teacher.

Sadie Vellinga: Last year I started helping a student with autism in my classroom. I was able to work with him daily if I had my math work done. I really enjoyed that so I decided to become a LINK this year. My favorite part of being a LINK is spending time with students with disabilities. When I am not in school, I love to go to our cottage and swim in Lake Michigan or go sledding if it is winter. When I grow up, I would like to become a teacher for students with autism, a writer, or a scientist.

Ben Atkinson: I became a LINK because I really like to help people. My favorite part of LINKS is being able to spend time with students who are in different grade levels than I am. I get to help students with disabilities during their physical education classes. Tomorrow I get to help with Mrs. Lawton's coffee cart. When not at school, I enjoy playing hockey and baseball. When I am older, I would like to play for the NHL and then become a veterinarian.

Markko Foster: I became a LINK because I wanted to work and spend more time with students who need extra help. My favorite part of the LINKS program is spending time with the students, learning more about autism and disabilities, and helping the teachers so they do not have to do so much work. I enjoy playing with Legos when I am not in school. When I grow up I would like to be a builder and a gamer.

Gaia Naik: I became a LINK because I like to help others with special needs. My favorite part of being a LINK is spending time with the students. In fact, I often do not want to leave them when I have to return to class. I help the students get off the bus in the morning and take off their coats. When I am not in school, I love to read for fun. When I grow up, I would like to become an elementary teacher and help animals that have gotten hurt.

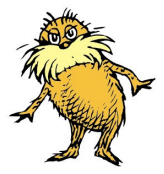
March Is Reading Month

We are excited about Reading Month! Reading Month packets were sent home Friday! This year, students will be reading to score Bingos for prizes. Please see the directions attached to the Bingo sheets for more detailed information. The PTO is giving each family a book from the "Who is..." series to read during the month of March! Thank you PTO! Students certainly are invited and encouraged to read this book and additional books that are at their reading level to earn their reading minutes.

This week we will be having presentations by a local artist, Joel Tanis, as a special part of reading month! To show our appreciation for his time, we will be doing a coin war to raise money for a non-profit he is involved with, "Blood: Water Mission," which in large part brings support to groups that are helping African countries increase access to clean water. Start saving your coins now! During the month we will also have some whole school "DEAR" times where we will "Drop Everything And Read!" It's going to be a great month!

Here is a link to our Reading Month website where you can access Bingo sheets if you lose them! <https://lakewoodreadingmonth2020.weebly.com>





News from the Tech Lab!

Hello! My name is Katherine Fredrickson, and I am SO excited to be your child's technology teacher! It has been a great week getting to know the students!

Here is just a little bit about me....I earned a Masters in Education and Technology from Grand Valley State University, and a Bachelors in Education from Medaille College in Buffalo, NY. I also earned a Bachelors degree in Psychology from the University of Western Ontario. Yes, I am CANADIAN! :) Some of my favorite hobbies include CrossFit, vacationing in Northport, MI, landscaping and watching my boys play lacrosse and soccer.

This week, students focused and reviewed internet safety. We talked about what kinds of personal information should be kept private. We also worked on "getting to know me" activities. :)

Next week is Reading Month! The lab will tie in some Dr. Seuss activities!

Have a wonderful weekend!

~Mrs. Fredrickson



Moving with Mr. Metz

Hi Lakewood Families,

I hope you are all doing well and are staying healthy. Make sure you cover those coughs and wash those hands regularly! In Physical Wellness, we are beginning to learn all about tennis. Students will be learning the fundamentals of each stroke and how to play a number of tennis related games as their skills improve. From what I've seen so far, the students are picking it up quickly and having a lot of fun as they learn about tennis! I hope you have a great week!



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



My Spanish website has been updated! It is a great resource for parents to see what we are learning about at school and for students to practice Spanish at home.

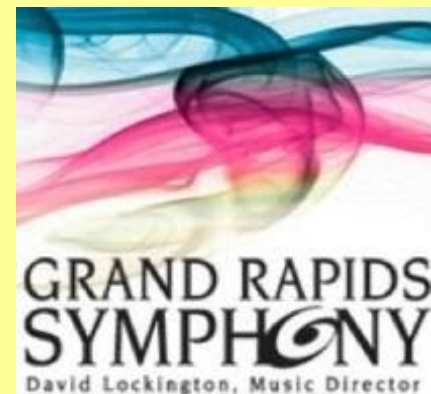
Here is the link: <http://senoradillon.weebly.com/>



Music Notes

from Mr. Loughrin

On Tuesday, March 3rd, Lakewood 5th graders will have a wonderful opportunity to attend a special concert by the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra. This is an annual event exclusively for 5th grade students, as they prepare to transition to the middle school music program. This concert is free and the Grand Rapids Symphony comes to Holland to perform for 5th graders along the Lakeshore. The concert will be held at Central Wesleyan Church in Holland. We are very excited to give our student the opportunity to hear a professional orchestra and to make connections to many music concepts we have studied in music class.



For any Lakewood students interested in learning more about instruments of the orchestra, here is one of my favorite websites with lots of games and activities about instruments of the orchestra. Log onto: www.sfskids.com (San Francisco Symphony Kids website).



Summer 2020 W**O**cademy

Information

Morning WOcademy (K-9) HIGH SCHOOL NORTH COURTS

Two 1-week sessions or summer long.

Session 1: June 15-19

Session 2: June 22-26

Summer Long: June 15-19 & June 22-26

Days: Monday through Friday

Times: K-3rd meets 9-10am
4th-9th grade meets 10-noon

Cost: (Register by what grade you are entering)

K-3rd: \$25/session or \$50 for summer long

4th-8th: \$40/session or \$80 for summer long

*Child #1 and #2 are regular price. Each additional child is half price.

Night WOcademy (K-9) HIGH SCHOOL NORTH COURTS

One 2-week session.

Session 1: June 15, June 17, June 22, June 24

Days: Mondays and Wednesdays

Times: K-3rd meets 6-7 PM
4th-9th meet 6-8 PM

Cost: (Register by what grade you are entering)

K-3rd: \$25

4th-8th: \$40

*Child #1 and #2 are regular price. Each additional child is half price.

Q: How do I register?

A: Please visit www.wotennis.com/wocademy and click on "REGISTER FOR SUMMER WOCADEMY 2019" to register.

Q: How do I pay you?

A: On the first day of the session, you will give Coach Metz either cash or a check written out to West Ottawa Public Schools.

Q: My child has/has not done a tennis camps before, is this the right camp for them?

A: **100% yes!** Summer WOcademy is designed for those players that have never played before as well as those that have some playing experience.

Q: What does my child need?

A: Gym shoes as well as a tennis racquet.

Q: Who will be running WOcademy this summer?

A: Both Coach Peter Schwallier & Coach Brian Metz will run WOcademy. Coach Schwallier is the Women's Varsity Coach for West Ottawa. Coach Metz is the Men's Varsity Coach for West Ottawa. There will also be numerous lower level coaches assisting as well as high school players helping out.

Questions?
Contact Brian Metz at 616-334-6451





Holland Area Newcomers



69th Annual

Dutch Costume Resale



Monday, March 16, 2020
12 pm to 6 pm
Dutch Costume DROP-OFF

Tuesday, March 17, 2020
5 pm to 8 pm
Dutch Costume RESALE

Thursday, March 19, 2020
5 pm to 7 pm
Payment PICK-UP

All events are held at **Harderwyk Ministries** 1627 West Lakewood Blvd.
(Located on the corner of West Lakewood Blvd. and 160th Ave.)

If selling a costume: It should be freshly laundered and on a wire hanger. Handling fee is \$5.00 per costume. Any costumes or payments not picked up on Thursday will be donated.

For more information:
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