



# West Ottawa Public Schools

*Preparing Students to Be College, Career and Life Ready!*

## Lakewood Newsletter

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### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Greetings Lakewood Families,

As we near a much needed and well deserved Spring Break, we would like to still ask that everyone practice safety measures as you enjoy time with family and friends. Whether you are staying home or traveling, please continue to keep safety in the forefront of your minds so that we can all continue to move slowly out of our current situation and back to normalcy.

Once again, thanks to your generosity, our coin drive appears to have been a huge success. We haven't counted the proceeds yet, but from the looks of the coin jars, we will certainly be able to continue our tradition of offering Lakewood Scholarships to graduating seniors who attended Lakewood.

Although plans have not been finalized, we are in the early stages of planning an end of the year, socially distant fundraiser. We will be sending out more information as soon as plans are complete. It is extremely important to the school that we raise additional funds so that we can continue to offer the best possible well rounded education to all of our awesome students.

Finally, we are also beginning to plan an end of the year 5th grade celebration. It may look very different from the past, but we still want to be sure that our 5th grade students are sent off to middle school with fond memories of Lakewood which includes a modified celebration. We will have more information to share shortly.

Have a wonderful spring break!

Michael Ghareeb

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### April

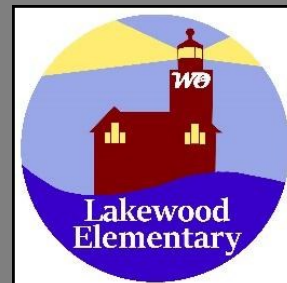
**2nd - 9th** Spring Break (Have fun!)

#### May

**4th - 5th** Spring Benchmark Testing

**5th** Cinco de Mayo

**6th** Tulip Time - Half Day



**“Let us make our future now, and let us make our dreams tomorrow’s reality.”**

**— Malala Yousafzai**

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### Quick Notes

- \* **Remember:** Registration deadline for existing students is **June 1st!**
- \* Need **food options** over Spring Break? Check out page 7!
- \* Need to give something to the front office? Drop off a tardy student or have early pickup? **Knock on the front office doors or give us a call at 616-786-1300.** *Parents and unauthorized visitors are not allowed in the building.*
- \* We're closely following COVID-19 state and CDC guidelines. **Please see page 8 and 10 for how guidelines impact parents and students.**
- \* West Ottawa Schools has an employment opportunity you may be interested in! Check it out on page 13.

### Quick Links

- [Parent/Student Handbook](#)
- [Lakewood FAQ](#)
- [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#)
- [Previous Lakewood Newsletters](#)

## SPANISH SPOTLIGHT WITH SEÑORA DILLON

Spring Break is a great time for students to keep up with their Spanish skills! Whether traveling or staying home, the Internet can offer useful resources for practicing Spanish.

Here are a few educational, kid-friendly websites that help students learn Spanish:

<http://www.apples4theteacher.com/foreignlang.html>

[http://www.123teachme.com/learn\\_spanish/spanish\\_for\\_children](http://www.123teachme.com/learn_spanish/spanish_for_children)

<http://www.chillola.com/at/spanish%20starter%20page.html>

<https://www.hello-world.com/Spanish/index.php?translate=English>

Enjoy!



## **ART** News

*To see all the awesome things happening in art class, please visit my  
Google Art Site at the link below!*

<https://sites.google.com/westottawa.net/mrs-halls-art-news/home>

*Don't forget!*

***ART*** *Makes You Sm**ART**!*

*– Mrs. Hall*



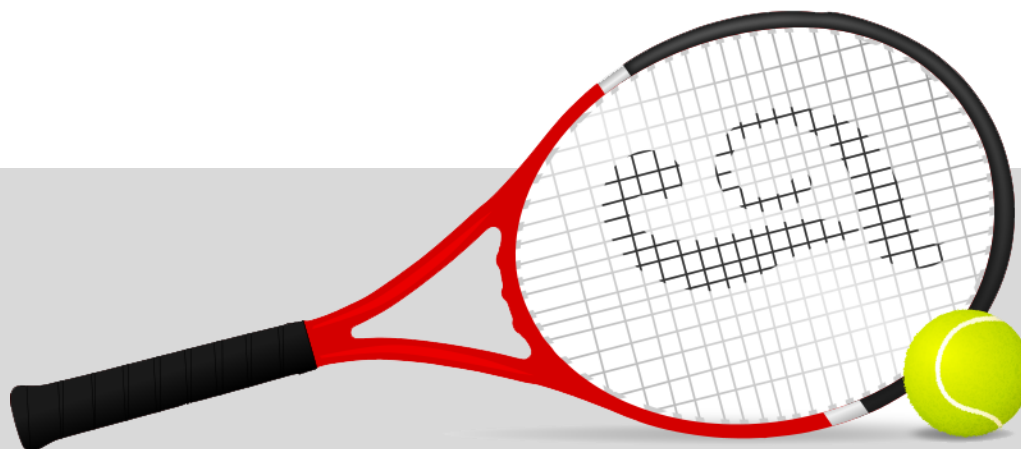
# Moving with Metz!!



Hi Lakewood Families,

I hope all is well and you are looking forward to Spring Break! Students have worked really hard over the last month getting better at their tennis skills. I saw improvements in all of the classes and the students had a blast learning about the game. As the weather starts to get nicer, encourage your kids to get outside and play! We've got a couple of aerobic fitness tests coming up so any chance they get to run outside will help get them ready! I hope you all have a relaxing and safe spring break!

-Mr. Metz



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# THE TECH LAB

Week of 3/29 - 4/01



Students focused on finishing their own "Book Talk" recommendations using Flipgrid and AutoDraw. Students were encouraged to view other projects and add some books they found of interest to their "Must Read List!" Students also finished presenting their creative projects where they had a choice of how they wanted to present their "book of choice" using Google Suite tools, Flipgrid, and many others.

Lower elementary students had the opportunity to visit Early World of Learning and talked about different ways to learn new things using technology. Students presented their animal visual displays using Jamboard, Slides or Google Draw!

It has also been fun listening and reading stories throughout this reading month and participating in different technology based activities.

Have a wonderful, restful spring break!



~Mrs. Fredrickson :)  
fredricksonk@westottawa.net



# Music Notes from Mr. Loughrin



*Composer and Conductor*

## **JOHN WILLIAMS**

4<sup>th</sup> graders have been focusing on the orchestra through recorder. 5<sup>th</sup> graders have been preparing to view online, the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra concert after spring break. Here is a famous composer and orchestral conductor who composed many movie themes and soundtracks familiar to young and old.

### ***Who's Who in the world of Music...***

If you watch the movie *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, tune into the NBC Nightly News, or watch the Olympic Games, you'll hear the music of **John Williams**. He has received 42 Academy Awards, and has also written music for the Concert Hall (symphonies, concerti, fanfares and Olympic themes.) Born on February 8, 1932, in Floral Park, NY, John Towner Williams studied bassoon, cello, clarinet, trombone and trumpet as a child, forming a band with several friends. Later he studied piano and worked as a pianist in movie studios in Los Angeles, CA. His big break came when he began working with film director Stephen Spielberg, writing music for the movie *Jaws*. He went on to write the music for *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and *Jurassic Park* and finally *Star Wars*. In 1979, John Williams became the conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra. He continues to compose music for film and concert audiences around the world.

Go online and check out: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTiRrlgbYIM>

# West Ottawa *... Food for Thought*

April 2021 – Food Service News



**WEST OTTAWA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SPRING BREAK 2021  
FOOD DELIVERY SITES**  
Open to all district families  
**24 Delivery Sites Across The District**  
Delivery Monday, April 5  
One day food delivery  
Seven days worth of meals  
Parents or students can pick up food



**Delivery Locations on Page 2**

**Food Delivery Date:**  
Spring Break 2021  
Monday, April 5



Open to all children 0-18 years old  
Children do not need to be present with parents

**Serving Great Lakes, Lakewood & Waukazoo Area Families**

(Available for all area children age 18 & under and any adult with special needs under age 24)

- 9:50 AM Holiday West Village (clubhouse parking lot)
- 10:10 AM 13264 Wurtsboro Dr
- 10:20 AM Briarwood Dr & Renwood Dr
- 10:30 AM Family Video on 136th Ave (parking lot)
- 10:45 AM Lillian St & Memorial Dr
- 11:00 AM Edgewood Dr & Marquette Ave

**Serving Lakeshore, Lakewood & Pine Creek Area Families**

(Available for all area children age 18 & under and any adult with special needs under age 24)

- 9:50 AM Windstrom Park (Disc golf parking lot on 160th Ave)
- 10:10 AM Windmill Mobile Home Park (office parking lot)
- 10:25 AM Falcon Woods clubhouse
- 10:35 AM Bluefield Dr & Katra Dr
- 10:45 AM Traditions Apartments (clubhouse parking lot)
- 11:00 AM Bent Pine Dr & Bent Pine Ct

**Serving North Holland & Sheldon Woods Area Families**

(Available for all area children age 18 & under and any adult with special needs under age 24)

- 9:55 AM Barkton Dr & Starflower Dr
- 10:05 AM Chris Dr & Winterridge Dr
- 10:15 AM Waverly Shores (community building parking lot)
- 10:45 AM West Olive Estates (community mailboxes)

**Serving Woodside Area Families**

(Available for all area children age 18 & under and any adult with special needs under age 24)

- 9:50 AM Woodside Dr & Elemeda St
- 10:00 AM 475 W Mae Rose Ave
- 10:10 AM Rose Park Reformed Church
- 10:20 AM Leisure Estates (community playground)
- 10:40 AM 401 Howard Ave
- 10:50 AM D&W Fresh Market on Douglas Ave (parking lot)

**Serving Any West Ottawa Family**

(Available for all area children age 18 & under and any adult with special needs under age 24)

- 11:00 AM-12:00 PM Family Fare on Butternut Dr (parking lot)
- 5:00-7:00 PM Macatawa Bay Middle School (rear bus lot)

**Need Internet Access or Tech Support?**

[www.westottawa.net/internet-access-options-tech-support/](http://www.westottawa.net/internet-access-options-tech-support/)

ELEMENTARIES: APRIL 22ND

**HAPPY EARTH DAY!**

CELEBRATE WITH SCHOOL  
LUNCH AND RECIEVE A SPECIAL  
TREAT!



**Try Day Friday:  
Asparagus  
April 16<sup>th</sup>**

@ High Schools and Middle Schools

Please visit our menu at <https://www.westottawa.net/wops-food-service/>

# GET IN THE LOOP WITH LAKEWOOD!

## MORNING DROP OFF

First bell rings at 8:35 AM. **Students arriving after 8:35 AM are considered tardy.**

To drop off a tardy student, **please park in the south parking lot and walk your student to the front office.**

**Please remember to sign in your student.**

## PICKING UP A STUDENT

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.**

## 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!**

## COVID-19 PROTOCOL

A reality of this school year has been managing the outbreak of COVID-19.

Students exhibiting at least **one primary COVID-19 symptom** OR at least **two secondary symptoms** must return home ASAP.

To return home, **students must:**

- Receive a **negative** COVID-19 test,
- Be signed off by a doctor (**DO or MD**), or
- Self-isolate for 10 days or until symptoms are gone—**whichever is longer.**

To return in less than 10 days, you **must** supply a negative test or doctor's note.

*\*\*Please see page 9 for detailed protocol.*



**Parent Portal Login**

All families should have a Parent Portal account through Infinite Campus! The Parent Portal allows you to track your student's attendance, report cards, transportation, and other important information!

Please use the following link to set up an account:  
<https://www.westottawa.net/parent-portal/>



## GET IN THE LOOP WITH LAKEWOOD!



REMEMBER—Online registration deadline for existing students is **June 1st!**

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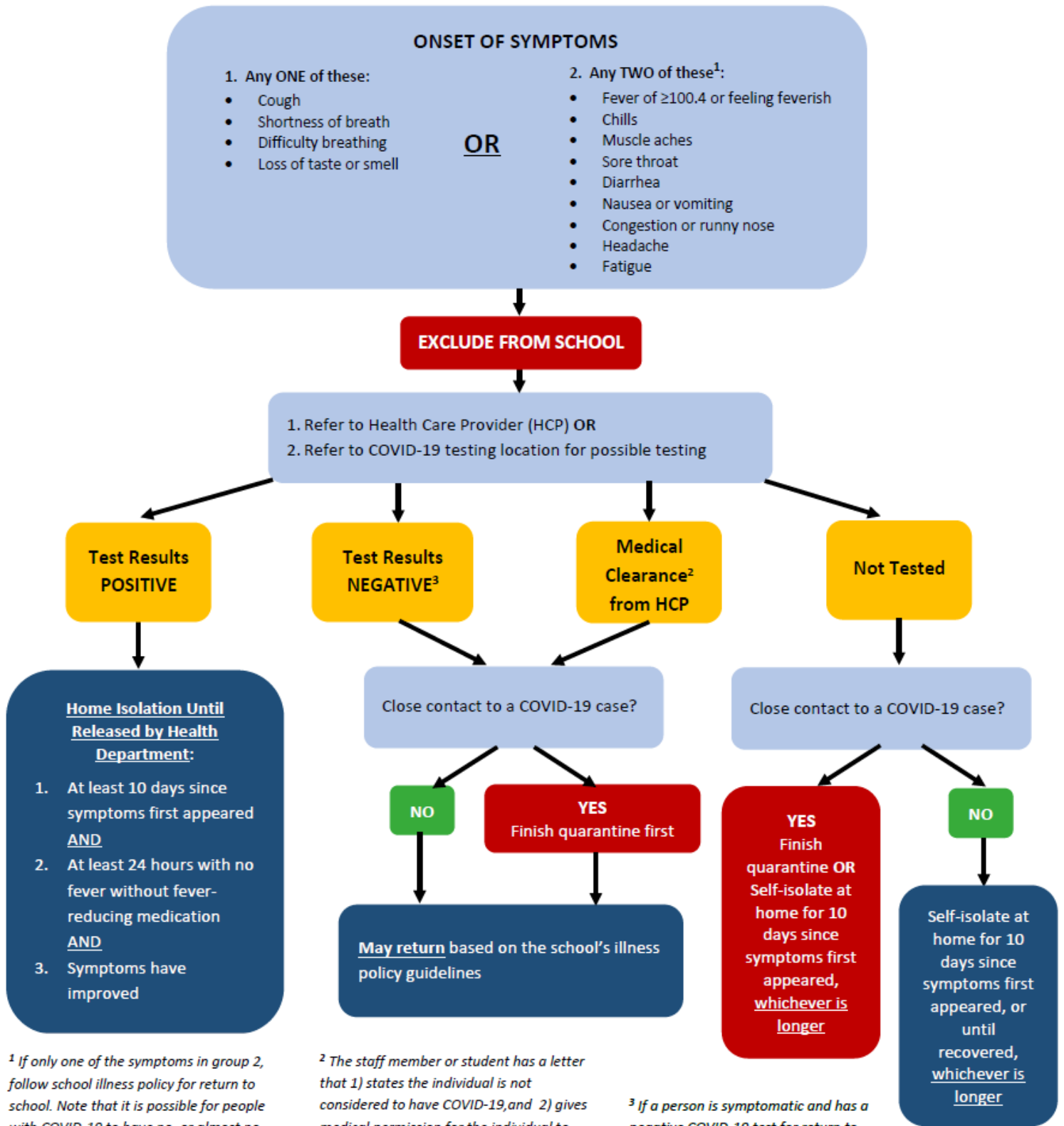
If your having trouble with your Parent Portal login, please contact the West Ottawa Public Schools Help Desk at 616-786-2050, extension 2029.



Keep Lakewood Safe! Stay Home If You Have COVID-19 Symptoms!

# COVID-19: FLOWCHART FOR SYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS

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<sup>1</sup> If only one of the symptoms in group 2, follow school illness policy for return to school. Note that it is possible for people with COVID-19 to have no, or almost no, symptoms. If you have even ONE of these symptoms, you are encouraged to seek testing or consult your HCP for an alternative diagnosis.

<sup>2</sup> The staff member or student has a letter that 1) states the individual is not considered to have COVID-19, and 2) gives medical permission for the individual to return to school, and 3) provides a specific return to school date, and 4) is signed or countersigned by an MD or DO. See Appendix E.

<sup>3</sup> If a person is symptomatic and has a negative COVID-19 test for return to school, they must provide an official lab result including patient name, date of birth, laboratory name, test type, date of test and test result.



# ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB OF LAKEWOOD

Learn more about the environment  
and help make our school and  
community a greener place!

Contact: Sarah Brown, [22scb01@westottawa.net](mailto:22scb01@westottawa.net)  
Mr. Arthurs, [arthursk@westottawa.net](mailto:arthursk@westottawa.net)



**WE HAVE THE POWER AND ABILITY TO KEEP THE  
CHILDREN IN OUR LIVES SAFE FROM SEXUAL ABUSE!**

## **VIRTUAL PREVENTION TRAININGS**

**5 STEPS TO PROTECT CHILDREN, MANDATED  
REPORTER (MR), OR GROOMING SIGNS**

**2021**

Monday, February 22 6:30-7:30 pm - 5 Steps

Tuesday, March 30 11:00 am-12:00 pm - MR

Tuesday, April 14 11:00 am-12:00 pm - Grooming

Wednesday, May 26 11:00 am-12:00 pm - 5 Steps

Thursday, June 24 6:30-7:30 pm - MR

Tuesday, August 10 6:30-7:30 pm - Grooming

**To register, go to**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/virtualprevention2021>

**Questions?** Please contact Amy Dalman at  
616-393-6123 or at [adalman@cac-ottawa.org](mailto:adalman@cac-ottawa.org).



# NOW HIRING

## School Bus Drivers

Flexible schedule - No nights, weekends or holidays  
 Newest buses - Easy to operate  
 Part-time work that pays

**CALL: (616) 786-2045**

**Paid  
Training!**



West Ottawa is looking to hire additional people for positions starting at \$16 per hour with summers off and no required nights, weekends or holidays. This is a perfect job for a semi-retired person, a college student, a stay-at-home parent, someone needing a little extra cash, etc. We provide paid training and help new hires obtain a CDL Chauffer base license. The job begins by filling in as a sub bus driver and may move up to an assigned run of your own with a pay increase. All of our buses are easy to operate – one of the newest bus fleets in West Michigan.

Please fill out an online application (see below) or contact the Director of Transportation at (616) 786-2045 if you are interested or know someone who might be interested. Immediate positions available.

### ***At West Ottawa...***

- We have one of the newest, best maintained and most up-to-date bus fleets in the West Michigan area.
- Buses are all equipped with automatic transmissions, automatic doors, air ride driver seat, air ride suspension – very comfortable and driver friendly.
- You DO NOT need to have a Commercial Driver License (CDL) to apply. We provide paid training to obtain all licensing necessary to be a safe school bus driver.

*Do you enjoy working with a great group of adults who love kids?  
 Are you looking for something to do for a few hours each day... that pays?*

### **Apply online today!**

Do an online web search for: **West Ottawa Public Schools Transportation**

Scroll down to: **Job Application Procedure**

Click on: **'Online Application'**

Select: **Substitute Bus Drivers – Job ID: 2095**

Click on: **'Apply'**

For more information, contact the  
 Director of Transportation at West Ottawa Public Schools  
 Tel: (616) 786-2045