



# 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,

We all hope you all had a wonderful, relaxing and enjoyable break during the holidays. We are off to a great start to 2022 here at Lakewood. It is amazing at how well our students and staff can adapt and thrive under these unprecedented circumstances.

We have an exciting and very important event coming up next week and want to be sure that we get the word out to all that may be impacted. Our **Kindergarten Showcase** will take place in person on **Thursday, January 27 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm**. If you or anyone that you may know is planning to enroll their student(s) in Kindergarten next, we strongly encourage attending this event. For more information, you can visit this [link](#).

We had a great time celebrating the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. this past Monday. It is awesome to be able to learn about his leadership and how he helped end the legal segregation of African Americans in the south and in other parts of the United States.

Finally, in order to assure a speedy drop off and pick up procedure, we ask that everyone stay in their vehicles and pull as far forward as possible prior to dropping off or picking up students. We realize that there may be instances when you may need to get out of your vehicle to assist your student. In those cases, please be sure to pull all the way to the end of the parking lot so that we can eliminate back ups on the road and hopefully avoid any fender benders.

Sincerely,

Michael Ghareeb

### IMPORTANT DATES

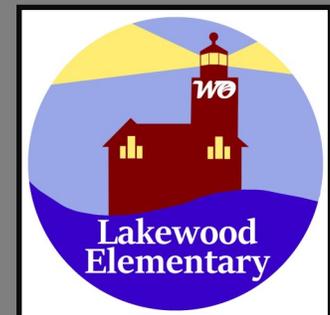
#### January

27th Kindergarten Showcase

#### February

11th Half Day for Students

14th Mid-Winter Recess



*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."*

— Martin Luther King Jr

## Kindergarten Showcase

### Do you have an income kindergartener?

Come to our Kindergarten Showcase, meet the kindergarten teachers, and get the info you need to sign up your child for kindergarten at Lakewood!

**When:** Thursday, January 27, 6:00—7:00 PM

**Where:** Lakewood Elementary



### Need to contact the office?

#### Office Hours

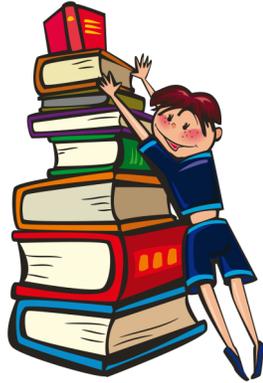
Monday through Friday  
7:45 AM—4:15 PM

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Lyra Galle  
Building Secretary



Visit the West Ottawa Public Schools website at [www.westottawa.net](http://www.westottawa.net) for information on bussing, 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](http://www.westottawa.net/parent-portal) to log in or for instructions on registering your account.



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# Get in the Loop with Lakewood!

## Morning Drop Off

First bell rings at 8:35 AM. **Students arriving after 8:35 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!**



### COVID-19 PROTOCOL

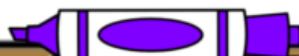
Please call the front office if you have any concerns regarding COVID-19 procedure at the school.

### 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.



# Get in the Loop with Lakewood!

## PBIS Corner

Why are there so many pyramids in education?

PBIS uses a pyramid to represent the three levels of interventions available to students based on the percentage of students that should be receiving each level of support. As the intensity of support increases the number of students receiving it decreases.

What does each Tier look like?

Tier 1 supports are universal. They are available to all students. This is the level of intervention that focuses on the acknowledgment of positive choices. Ask your child about pom poms and certificates to learn more.

Tier 2 is for a small number of students who need a little more support. They still get acknowledgement from Tier 1 but also get a little extra time with an adult at school. This may be in a social skills group, a check-in system, or a positive behavior support plan. The goal of Tier 2 is to teach the necessary skills to make a student successful at Tier 1.

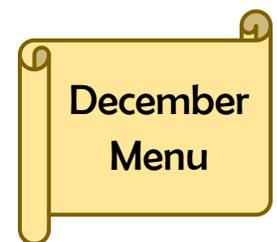
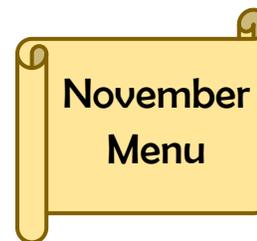
Tier 3 has the fewest number of students (5% or less of the student population). These students still get Tier 1 and Tier 2 support, but may need a very structured behavior plan and/or special education intervention.

## School Breakfast and Lunch

Great news! School breakfast and lunch will be provided free for the 2021-2022 school year. We still ask parents to submit an application for free and reduced lunch.

For more information, visit [www.westottawa.net/wops-food-service](http://www.westottawa.net/wops-food-service).

**See what your child is eating at school!**



*Volunteering?*

Remember to submit a [VOLUNTEER FORM](#).

Applications may take a few weeks to process.



Interested in preschool for your four year old? Consider applying for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) through West Ottawa Public Schools.

### The Great Start Readiness Program

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 offers the GSRP at Pine Creek Elementary, Great Lakes Elementary, and Lakewood Elementary.

**APPLY  
HERE**

Or visit [www.helpmegrowottawa.org](http://www.helpmegrowottawa.org) for more information,

Or call a **Care Coordinator** at Help Me Grow Ottawa: **(844) 233-2244**

## SPANISH SPOTLIGHT WITH SEÑORA DILLON

Next week, kindergarten students will begin a fun unit on food vocabulary. We will learn words such as *pan* (bread), *leche* (milk), and *papa* (potato). Here is a song that you can practice at home with your child!



# 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 SmART!*

*– Mrs. Hall*



# Moving with Metz!!

Hi Lakewood Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday break. I'm glad to be back at school with all of our students after a relaxing two weeks with my family. For the month of January we will be working on our Volleyball Skills. Students will be working on passing, setting, and serving a volleyball to a variety of targets/teammates. I'm excited to see how much each student improves over the coming weeks. They all work really hard and we'll have a lot of fun. Have a great week!

-Mr. Metz



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# THE TECH LAB

Week of 1/17 - 1/21



The world of coding continues in the tech lab!

Using Scratch Jr., students were challenged to use motion blocks to create programs that showed off their animal's creature powers! They were encouraged to use the hide and show block if their animal used their camouflage power, the speed block if their animal was fast, and the grow block if their animal used size to scare off predators!

Students also were challenged to create a video game using multiple characters and a game over screen. Ask your child about how a video gamer must tweak those characters to get them just right!

Another focus this week was sequencing. We discussed how important it was to have certain programming in the right order! It makes a difference in the product! Students had fun with the Fuzz Bug Factory and coding with Kodable!



Have a wonderful weekend!

~Mrs. Fredrickson  
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# Music Notes from Mr. Loughrin



## JOHN WILLIAMS

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

First grade students have been learning all about instruments of the orchestra. Fourth graders will be singing and playing with an orchestra in April. All of them are learning the important role of the conductor. One of the conductors we have learned about is John Williams. John Williams is a conductor, but also a famous composer.

If you have ever seen the movie *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, tuned into the NBC Nightly News, or watched 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=FTiRrIgbYIM>

# TOTAL TREK QUEST

# TTQ SPRING 2022 SEASON

This spring, the TTQ program is coming back to schools. TTQ is a fun, high energy after school program designed exclusively for male-identifying students in 3rd-5th grade; it incorporates strength and stretching exercises with training for a 5K. Participants in the program will develop positive peer relationships and feel part of a team while working toward individual goals. Additional practice activities focus on developing a healthy lifestyle and resisting peer pressure. The spring season begins the week of March 14, with our final 5K on May 21. Registration opens 12/1/21.



## TTQ SPRING REGISTRATION: OTTAWA/ALLEGAN

<https://www.pinwheel.us/register/index/AOSpring22>

## REGISTRATION FEES:

\$45/child. Scholarships are available by contacting Drew Harmon at [aharmon@arborcircle.org](mailto:aharmon@arborcircle.org) 616-485-9481



## SPRING PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- 2 practices a week, held right after school. Practices include a healthy snack, activities, warm up exercises, and 5k training

**\*\*Note: if school is canceled, or there is a half day of school, TTQ is also canceled.**

- A free, family focused kickoff event
- A program Tshirt for race day
- A 5k event to end the fall season on Saturday, 05/21/22
- The 5K is free and open to all family members

Questions? Contact Drew at [aharmon@arborcircle.org](mailto:aharmon@arborcircle.org)

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# ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB OF LAKEWOOD (ECO LAKEWOOD)

Help make Lakewood a greener place! Meet with other 4-5th grade students interested in taking care of the environment and put together projects to make your home, school, and community greener. We will talk about litter, recycling, invasive species, water quality, and other projects to improve Lakewood. Meetings will be held after school once a month from 3:45 to 4:45, starting December 1. Contact us to let us know you're interested!



Hi! My name is Sarah Brown. I'm a high school senior and former Lakewood student who wants to help current Lakewood students care for their environment and make their school a better place. I'll be leading/facilitating this club for any student interested in participating, and I look forward to hearing your ideas!

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