



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,

This week will be a short week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday recess. Please remember that we do not have school on November 23, 24, and 25 and will resume on November 28. That being said, we will be having a cozy day on Tuesday, November 22. We encourage all staff and students to dress in their comfy clothes and enjoy the last day before our break.

Our Winter 1 Panther Pathways season has begun and the kids seem to really be enjoying the opportunity to participate in the after school offerings. This season for our athletic offering, we are providing our 4th and 5th grade girls the experience of inter school basketball. I am proud to say that we won our first game and are looking forward to a successful season. Our next game will be played on November 29 at Woodside Elementary at 4:00 pm and we encourage all Lakewood families to support our team whether you have a child playing or not.

I sincerely hope that you all have a relaxing and enjoyable break and also hope you are able to connect with family and friends during this holiday season. I would like to personally offer my sincere thanks to all of you who make Lakewood a great place to be on a daily basis. The kindness and compassion that is displayed throughout our community is unparalleled and is very much appreciated.

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

Nov

23-25 Thanksgiving Recess



From

Lakewood Staff

29 Panther Pathways

Girls Basketball Game

At Woodside 4:00 pm

30 LINKS 2/Winter meeting

3:45—5 pm

Dec

1 Lego League

3:45—5:30pm

2 PTO Popcorn Friday

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 any-
where 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](https://docs.google.com/forms/volunteer)

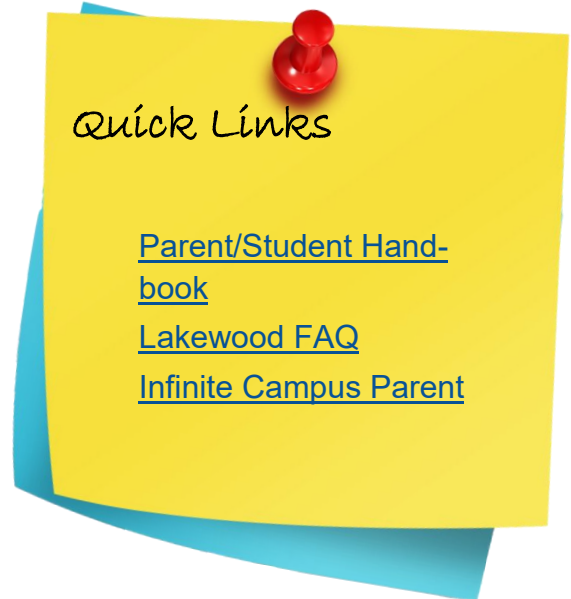
FOOD SERVICES

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



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.



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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 for more information,

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

SPANISH SPOTLIGHT with Señora Dillon

Third graders are working hard on the Spanish alphabet. We are learning an alphabet song and have been doing a great deal of practice. Students played a Spanish alphabet board game and BINGO this week.

Encourage your child to recite the Spanish alphabet at home!

ABECEDARIO

A a	H hache	Ñ eñe	U u
B be	I i	O o	V uve
C ce	J jota	P pe	W uve
D de	K ca	Q cu	doble
E e	L ele	R erre	X equis
F efe	M eme	S ese	Y ye
G ge	N ene	T te	Z zeta

<https://spanishwithtati.com>

One great resource is my website with online games and activities to practice Spanish:

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





ART News



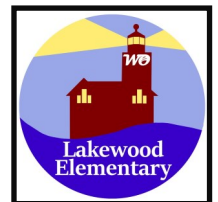
Please visit the Google Sites link below to keep up to date with all the awesome things happening in our Lakewood art room.

<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,

It looks like winter is finally upon us! Make sure when you get outside you bundle up so you can enjoy the snow.

In Physical Wellness, all classes have wrapped up soccer and we are now working on a few different fielding activities.

Upper elementary is playing mat-ball (think indoor kick ball) and lower elementary classes are playing a variety of games that involve fielding a kicked or rolled ball. Our fielding skills are improving rapidly and students are having a lot of fun! Have a great week!

Mr Metz





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THE TECH LAB

Week of 11/14 - 11/18



It's been a great week in the technology lab!

Students have been prepping for the Macy's Day Parade! After reading the book, *Balloons Over Broadway* by Melissa Sweet, students decorated their ozobots with their own personalized balloons, and send them travelling down a coded pathway! It was fun to see all the colorful balloons twirl, pause, and move along.

Students also had fun creating a Thanksgiving meal within a Google Slides program.

Students also listened to the story, *In November* by Cynthia Rylant and illustrated their favorite part of the story using Scribbles and Ink within the PBS Kids website. Students also spend time coding with Micro:bits - our pocket sized computers!

It has been a fun weekend focused on Thanksgiving! I hope you all have a wonderful time with family!

~Mrs. Fredrickson
fredricksonk@westottawa.net





Lakewood Library News



Library Check-Out Days

Tuesday & Thursday

Students are doing a wonderful job remembering to bring their books back!

Thank you for helping them remember to bring their



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.



Music Notes from Mr. Loughrin



A note of thanks to Lakewood students, staff and parents for their hard work and dedication in making our Veterans Day assembly a huge success. It was a powerful and moving experience to be in our gym as we honored our Veterans and showed our appreciation for the service and dedication they have given to our country. Students did an outstanding job preparing and performing our songs! Great Job Lakewood students!!!!!!



Music and Movement

In music class, students in YK, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade most often begin class with a song experience game. These are often folk songs that are old and familiar to most of us, but include elements of movement, intrigue and challenge for students. They are designed to get students to think, make decisions, coordinate movement with music, identify timing, pace and tempo and interact socially.

Many of the songs we do come from a program called “Education Through Music or ETM for short. Through song and play, ETM provides a gateway for contemporary understanding of learning, motivation, child theory and cognitive development. ETM is a wonderful program that fits perfectly with the needs of young children. With the interconnection of song, language, and movement, ETM is inherently compelling and intriguing. Additionally, it lays the foundation for an environment that is safe and nurturing, naturally stabilizing the emotional-cognitive system. With a stabilized emotional-cognitive system, the intellect is free to fully develop.

Here is a link to the ETM website if you would like to learn more:

<https://new.richardsinstitute.org/>

Simple Ways to Support LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY PTO



Simply by shopping at any local Family Fare or D&W Fresh Market and sending your receipts to school with your students, you can help us achieve our next goal!

For Every \$150,000 in receipts we collect, we will earn a \$1,000 donation from SpartanNash! With your support - and your receipts - we'll be continuing to raise money for Lakewood!

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DID YOU KNOW?!

When you shop online for your friends & family, Amazon will donate a portion of your purchases to our school. It's easy! Here's how:

- Head to <https://smile.amazon.com/>
- Login to your Amazon account
- Choose "Lakewood Elementary PTO" as your charity
- Start shopping!

OR

- Download the Amazon app on your phone
- Log into your Amazon account
- Go to Settings > AmazonSmile and "turn it on"
- Choose "Lakewood Elementary PTO" as your charity
- Start shopping!

LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY PTO

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Dental Services



Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Miles of Smiles (MOS) dental program was established in 1995 and provides dental services for children at approximately 30 Ottawa County Schools annually. The mobile unit is 40 feet long, has 2 patient rooms, digital x-ray, waiting area and a wheel chair lift.

Unfortunately, MOS will not be visiting your child's school this year. However, we want to inform you that your child can be seen on our mobile unit when we locate at another Ottawa County School.

If your child/children have the qualifications listed below, please use the link or QR code to complete the dental consent form for each of your children.

Children 0-20 years old with **Medicaid insurance/Healthy Kids Dental or uninsured** who:

- Live or attend school in Ottawa County
- Do not have a dentist
- Have not had a dental checkup in the last 6 months
- Qualify financially

Click link below (Ctrl+Click):

[Electronic Miles of Smiles Application](#)



*If you have any questions or concerns please call **1-616-393-5694**.*

Sincerely,

Megan Arreola, RDH (*she, her, hers*)

Dental Hygienist/Practice Manager

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