



Lowell Lantern



Lowell Elementary School -



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<http://lowell.warren.k12.in.us/Lowell/>

MONDAY IS A GREEN DAY FOR SPECIALS

Lunch cost for student - \$2.15 per day ** Extra Milk – 50 cents **

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! We are looking forward to a great school year. We invite parents to visit any time and to let us know if you have any concerns or questions. YOU ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE LOWELL FAMILY!

WE ARE LOWELL

Our theme at Lowell this year is "We are Lowell, it is cool to be kind!" - Civility, Order, Respect, Excellence. We are encouraging students to embrace this challenge and achieve them.

Week of August 21-August 25, 2017

School Pictures

On Friday, September 1st individual school pictures will be taken. Order forms will be sent home with students.



TEXT BOOK RENTAL FEES 2017-2018

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| Kindergarten | \$72 |
| 1st Grade | \$118 |
| 2nd Grade | \$102 |
| 3rd Grade | \$108 |
| 4th Grade | \$105 |

Immunization Update

If your student is not current on his/her immunizations, please turn them into the nurse by Friday, September 1st. Parents whose students were missing immunizations were notified this week. If your student is not current they will not be permitted to attend school after September 15th

Dates to remember....

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| 8/24/17 | SIC Meeting 2:15pm |
| 9/04/17 | Labor Day (NO SCHOOL) |
| 9/07/17 | IREAD Parent Meeting 6:30 |
| 9/13/17 | Late arrival 9:30am |
| 9/13/17 | PTA Meeting 5:00pm |
| 9/15/17 | Dinner and Movie night 5:30pm |

All medications must be brought to the school by a parent or guardian.

Indiana law allows for only one exception. Students with chronic health conditions such as asthma, allergies which would require emergency treatment, such as inhalers, epi pen, etc., are allowed to carry prescribed medications if documented by a doctor's order or note. This note must be presented to the school nurse.

DO NOT SEND MEDICATIONS WITH YOUR CHILD ON THE BUS.

There is a form that **MUST** be filled out by the parent/guardian in order for school personnel to dispense medications. The medicine must be in the original prescription bottle.

LOWELL LUNCH SCHEDULE

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| Kindergarten lunch | 10:30-11:00 |
| 1st Grade lunch | 11:05-11:35 |
| 2nd Grade lunch | 11:40-12:10 |
| 3rd Grade lunch | 12:10-12:40 |
| 4th Grade lunch | 12:40-1:10 |

ATTENDANCE!

Remember your child's attendance is a huge factor in his/her academic success. Five absences are considered excessive for the whole school year. We understand there may be times when your child is sick and will need to stay home. Please call and report your student absent. If you take your child to the doctor, please provide the school with a copy of the doctor's excuse. If your child isn't vomiting or running a fever, please send them to school. Our nurse is absolutely wonderful. If your child visits and truly isn't feeling well, we will send him/her home. **Please call the office to report any absences the morning they will be out at 317-532-3900.**



SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLICATIONS/NEWS MEDIA USE

The occasion may arise when the school district wants to recognize your child or your child's school. This may include your child's photo, your child's name or your child's work in district publications, newsletters, on school district websites, and in electronic/social media or in staff training videos. We may also want to tell the media (including newspapers, television, and radio) about your child's achievements. We never knowingly release information about a student to anyone who wants to use it for commercial/political purposes. However, we will honor your request to not include your child in these types of recognitions if you notify your child's school office in writing that you do not want this type of information released.

Rights & Responsibilities Handbook

Parents may gain access to the Student Rights & Responsibilities Handbook online through the Warren Township website as well as through the Lowell Elementary website. The link to access the handbook is: <http://www.warren.k12.in.us/student-rightsresp> Paper copies will not be distributed to students this year. All students have received an electronic copy of the handbook through their school email accounts. Please take time to read this handbook as it outlines the district rights, responsibilities, and expectations. The classroom teacher and Mrs. Stierwalt will review the handbook in depth with the students; however, it is important that you review this with your child(ren) as well. Your child will be bringing home a signature sheet that you are asked to sign acknowledging that you understand where to locate the Rights & Responsibilities Handbook. Please complete this form and return to the classroom teacher as soon as possible. If you do not have online access and need a paper copy of the handbook, please contact the school office at 532-3900.

FRIENDLY TIPS AND REMINDERS

- Students are expected to be at school on time every day. Our tardy bell rings at 8:40am. Please plan accordingly to ensure your child is in his/her classroom by 8:40am each day.
- If your child will be absent due to illness or late due to a doctor's appointment, please call our front office at 532-3900 to report the absence or late arrival. This helps to ensure your child's safety. Please bring a doctor's note to document the excused absence.
- Attendance at school is very important to your child's overall success. We ask that you make appointments before or after school hours whenever possible. Indiana attendance guidelines consider five absences for the whole school year as excessive absenteeism. We appreciate your efforts in being mindful of your child's attendance throughout the year.
- Dismissal is at 3:40pm. If you are picking up your child from school, please follow our car rider procedures that are included in this newsletter.
- When arriving at Lowell, please make sure you stop first at the front desk. All visitors MUST sign in and put on a Lowell Badge while in the building. Safety is our top priority for our students. This process allows us to ensure every child's safety during the school day. Thank you for your cooperation.
- We encourage parents to use the car rider line process instead of walking students to class every morning. This allows students to build independence and self-confidence. In addition, it ensures students will arrive to class on time every morning and eliminates the risk of walking across the parking lot in heavy traffic. If you do walk your child to class, please make sure to stop at the office first and sign in and get a badge. Thanks for your cooperation!
- Parents are always welcome at Lowell! If you would like to visit your child's classroom, please call or email your child's teacher or Mrs. Griffin so we can make arrangements and ensure that the students will be in the classroom at the time of your visit. We encourage you and welcome you to always be a part of your child's learning, and we truly value your involvement!



Please join us for Dinner and Movie night sponsored by the Lowell PTA Sept 15th! Dinner will be at 5:30pm and Movie will begin at 6:00pm.

- *Pizza
- *Popcorn
- *Candy
- *Drinks

A Note from the Principal

Dear Lowell Families,

We are 15 days into the school year, and Lowell students continue to do an **AMAZING** job! We are thrilled with their CORE behavior and with their efforts in the classroom! This week students began taking NWEA Assessments which are adaptive reading, language, and math computerized tests. Students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 take assessments in reading and math. Students in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade take assessments in reading, language arts, and math. We will continue with these next week. The assessments are designed to target a student's academic performance according to his/her current achievement level. Teachers track progress and growth in basic skills through these assessments and use this information to help inform their instruction. We appreciate the hard work and effort that our students have put into these tests!

We appreciate everyone's patience with the car rider line. Thank you for making sure students stay in cars in the morning until the teachers are outside and release them. Thank you, too, for following afternoon pick-up procedures. At afternoon pick-up time, please make sure to attach to the end of the line and follow the car in front of you. If you need to help buckle your child, we ask that you pull up by the pond or in the parking lot so we do not cause back-ups in the line. Thanks so much for following our procedures. Student safety is our number one concern!!

Our fall fundraiser will kick off on Friday, August 25. Look for more information to come home with your students at that time. School pictures are scheduled for September 1. Students will bring information home on how to order pictures. Have a fabulous weekend with your children!

Mrs Griffin

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YES, I WANT TO JOIN PTA! Please enclose a check or cash in an envelope marked with Lowell PTA FOR \$7.00.

Student Name _____ **Teacher's Name** _____

Parent Name _____