



# Lowell Lantern



Lowell Elementary School -



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**MONDAY IS A WHITE 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 September 11-September 15, 2017

**LATE ARRIVAL 9:30 am**  
**Wednesday, September 13th**

School begins at 9:30am and bus picks up one hour later than normal pick up time.

### Immunization Update

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



### Parent-Teacher Conferences October 3rd

Parents will be receiving letters to schedule their parent-teacher conferences. Because of attendance policies from the State Department of Education, we are only able to schedule conferences one time during the school year. This makes it even more **IMPORTANT** for ALL parents to attend. Conferences are scheduled for **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD**. Students will **NOT** Attend school that day. The schedule for the conferences is from 12:00 to 8:00pm. We are asking any parents who can schedule an afternoon conference to consider making an appointment before 5:00pm. This will enable

### Warren Community Fest

It is an all new and improved Homefest! In fact, we are changing the name to Warren Community Fest!!! Let's all get behind our Warren community and come together in a fun-filled event sure to entertain you. We are bringing back the best of Homefest (FunRun, Bingo, Vendors, Food) and much more! Warren Community Fest will be held on September 29, 2017 at Warren Central High School. More information will follow, but mark your calendars now! Plan on an enjoyable community event!



### FRO-YO FRIDAYS ARE BACK!

STUDENTS can purchase fro-yo for \$1.00 during lunch on Fridays!

Congratulations to the students listed below who participated in the Summer Reading Program! WAY TO READ!!

Baily Bass  
Skye Bean  
Elora Booher  
Braden Carson  
Bailey Abner Coombs  
Dominique Cornett  
Madyson Cuautle  
Janiyah Cotton  
Gabriela Grande Rojas  
Stasha Grier  
Harlan Hall  
Rhyana Hines  
Sattori Hines  
Austin Hoffer  
Olivia Homer  
Owen Homer  
Kylee Ingersoll  
Savannah Jackson  
Harmonie Johnson  
Savanah Lombardi  
Melina Taylor  
Luke Vierling  
Heavenly Williams

Wyatt Lucas  
Twan Shae Morris  
Jaxon Ott  
Jose Pena  
Rafael Piotrowski  
Raven Reed  
Honestie Richmond  
Hayden Shepard  
Ryder Shepard  
Jaime Sifuentes  
Da'markus Snipes  
Levi Sommerville  
Noah Sommerville  
Senai Stevenson  
Destin Suits  
Jon Tae Summers  
Alaya Tabb  
Ayesha Tabb  
Cora Taylor  
Eliana Taylor  
Liam Thomason  
Alyhia Williams  
Austin Williamson



**Congratulations  
to our STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!  
Way to go!!!**



**We had a special guest visit Lowell on Friday!  
Colts Blue came to speak to the students  
about ENERGY CONSERVATION. Blue is the  
new green!**

**Thanks Blue and the Indianapolis Colts!**

### 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,  
The month of September has arrived and so has our attendance contest! All students who are at school every day during September will receive a Lowell Dog Tag

to celebrate their perfect attendance! We hope that we will be able to give every student a Dog Tag at the end of the month. School attendance is very important ~~ excellent attendance gives students the best opportunity to make learning gains and teaches the importance of being at school every day, a great habit for their later years! Please help your child(ren) get to school on time every day!

I want to extend a big thank you all of the Lowell parents, grandparents, and family members who help to chaperone on the kindergarten field trip to the apple orchard. Students had a great time, and we couldn't have done it without you! Thanks for taking time out of your day to help support Lowell school!

Our 3rd Grade Parent IREAD-3 Meeting was held last night. Thank you to the parents who attended this meeting! The IREAD-3 Assessment is a very important test that all third graders will take in the spring. Information about the assessment was sent home with all students. If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like more information, please call me at 532-3901.

Please read below for some important reminders:

- Fundraiser orders were due today, September 8. If you forgot to turn your orders in, please make sure to send them into school on Monday.
- Our first Dinner & Movie Night of the school year is on Friday, September 15 starting at 5:30pm. This is a family event -- no drop-offs please. All are invited to eat dinner and watch a movie afterwards in the gym. Save the date and join us! Look for more information to come home soon.
- **Wednesday, September 13 is our next Late Start Day.** Students arrive at school one hour later than their normal time. Bus riders will be picked up one hour later than their normal pick-up times. School will start at 9:30am; students will be marked tardy if they arrive after 9:40am. Please note this on your calendar.
- Mark your calendars for Parent/Teacher Conferences that are coming up on October 3. Students do not have school that day. Look for a letter to come home soon with more information about these upcoming conferences.

Have a great week-one on Monday!  
Mrs. Griffin

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end! We will see every-

#### Important dates

- 9/13/17 Late arrival 9:30am
- 9/13/17 PTA Meeting 5:00pm
- 9/15/17 Dinner and Movie night 5:30pm
- 9/15/17 Vaccines due
- 9/29/17 Warren Community Fest
- 10/03/17 No school-Parent teacher conferences
- 10/09-10/20 Fall break-no school

## Core Corner

Students who are newly enrolled at Lowell will have the opportunity to participate in CORE CAMP. This is a chance to work with a staff member to review our schoolwide procedures and expectations. All Core Camp participants will learn about Civility, Order, Respect, and Excellence and how to demonstrate CORE while at Lowell. We welcome all of our new students and families and look forward to getting to know each of you. If you are a new family to Lowell, please don't hesitate to call at 532-3900 with any questions you might have for us. Our first CORE CAMP will be held next Monday, September 11. Ask your students if they can give you examples of CORE behaviors and expectations!

## We Are Lowell to the CORE!



### Anti-Bullying Training for Students

In the next few weeks all students at Lowell will participate in Anti-Bullying training. Students will watch a video about Bullying that explains what bullying is, how it happens, and how they can make a difference by being a buddy and not a bully. Bullying is defined as the repeated use of physical, verbal, or cyber forces in a negative manner towards or in regards to another person. Through the video, students are given strategies on how to handle bullying situations. Students are challenged to be the difference maker by taking a stand against bullying. All students will sign an Anti-Bullying pledge in which they promise to treat others with respect, even those who might be different from them. They make a promise to step in and speak out against bullying. At Lowell, we strive to build a caring and respectful community of learners and are proud of the effort and citizenship that our students display.

### IREAD-3 PARENT MEETING ~ THANKS FOR ATTENDING!

Thank you to those families who were able to attend the IREAD-3 parent meeting! We appreciate your attendance and the thoughtful questions that were asked. If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like more information, please feel free to call Mrs. Griffin at 532-3900. All students in third grade will take the IREAD-3 Assessment in the spring.

### IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL Attendance Contest

During the month of September Lowell students who have PERFECT ATTENDANCE Will receive a special prize! Students will earn a Lowell dog tag by attending school everyday during the month of September. Please encourage your child to attend school everyday during September.

