



Lowell Lantern

Lowell Elementary School -



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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 28-September 1, 2017

School Pictures

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



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 until they are

TEXT BOOK RENTAL FEES 2017-2018

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

ATTENTION 3RD GRADE PARENTS -- IREAD-3 MEETING

Several years ago, the Indiana Department of Education created a policy requiring that **ALL THIRD GRADE STUDENTS MUST PASS THE IREAD-3 READING TEST IN ORDER TO BE PROMOTED TO FOURTH GRADE.** An important informational meeting about the test will be held on **Thursday, September 7 at 6:30pm** for all third grade parents. Third grade teachers will be present to provide information to parents. A letter was sent home today with all third grade students. Please take time to read the letter and RSVP for the meeting on September 8. It is highly recommended that parents attend this meeting

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!



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 have a lot to celebrate this week! Students participated in grade level class meetings throughout this week. Our class meetings are a time to introduce new Lowell students and to review expectations

for the 2017 - 2018 school year. We discussed CORE expectations and the importance of being at school every day! We discussed our goals for this school year and the importance of doing the work now to prepare for the road to college that lies ahead! And then we got to have some fun with the parachute (see pictures below)! Your students did a great job participating in our class meetings and are committed to doing their personal best this year! I am confident we are going to have the best year yet at Lowell Elementary!!



Just a few reminders:

- **The 3rd Grade IREAD-3 Parent Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 7 at 6:30pm in the Lowell Cafeteria. This is a VERY IMPORTANT meeting for ALL 3rd grade parents. It is highly recommended that all parents attend this meeting.**
- School pictures are scheduled for Friday, September 1. Pictures forms were sent home with students. If you are interested in purchasing pictures, please complete the form and return it to school by September 1.
- We kicked off our fall PTA fundraiser today! Please look for fundraiser packets that were sent home with your children. All money raised through this fundraiser goes directly back to our students through PTA school initiatives. We appreciate your support and participation in this fundraiser.

Have a great weekend and enjoy your time with your children!

Mrs. Griffin

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Important dates

- 9/4/17 Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)
- 9/7/17 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
- 9/29/17 Warren Community Fest

Core Corner

Our students had a blast at our first Lowell Leader Celebration! Students who have shown CORE -- Civility, Order, Respect, & Excellence -- throughout the month of August and who have zero referrals got to have a special celebration on Wednesday! Students got to go outside and get a special popsicle treat while listening and dancing to fun music ---- and enjoying the beautiful weather and sunshine! There was a sea of Lowell Leopards outside, and they were having a great time! We appreciate all of the hard work and effort that our students have shown throughout this month of August and want to say "thank you!" We hope to see even more Lowell Leaders in September!



NWEA REPORTS/PROGRESS REPORTS

All students in Kindergarten through Fourth Grade completed their beginning of the year NWEA Assessments this past week. Kindergarteners and First Graders took a Reading and a Math Assessment. Second, Third, and Fourth Graders took Reading, Language Arts, and Math Assessments. Formal midterms or progress reports will not be sent home for the first quarter. Instead, parents will receive their child's NWEA Student Progress Report that will outline their child's performance on these beginning of the year assessments. Some teachers may also send home additional information or communications of some form to parents/guardians in regards to student progress or learning behaviors. Look for these reports to come home on Friday, September 1, 2017. As always, parents/guardians may reach out to teachers if they have questions or concerns in regards to their child's academic performance.

Home & School Connection ~ Working Together for Our Children

While volunteering at school or in classrooms is one way for parents to get involved in their child's school, research shows that supporting your child's education at home is even more important! Have conversations with your children about school to help you stay involved. Asking "How was school today?" might not get you a lot of information. Below are some questions you could ask in order to get a better picture of your child's school day.

- What's the coolest thing that happened at school today? What wasn't so cool?
- Pretend you're the teacher. How would you describe the day?
- What made you laugh at school today?
- What was the most creative or interesting thing you did at school today?
- How were you kind or helpful today? Was anyone kind or helpful to you?