



# Lowell Lantern



Lowell Elementary School -



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

**MONDAY IS A RED DAY FOR LUNCH  
AND SPECIALS**

Lunch cost for student - \$2.05 per day \*\* Extra Milk – 50 cents \*\*Lunch cost for adult - \$3.40 per day.

Welcome to the 2016-2017 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...this is our house!" - Civility, Order, Respect, Excellence. We are encouraging students to

## Week of March 13-March 17, 2017



Set Your  
Clocks  
Ahead!

**Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour before  
bed Saturday night! Daylight Savings begins at  
2:00am.**

Spring Break for Warren Township is Monday, March 20th thru Friday, March 31st. School resumes on Monday, April 3rd.



**ISTEP+ TESTING BEGINS NEXT WEEK!  
HELP YOUR CHILD GET READY FOR ISTEP+ AND IREAD-3**

**ISTEP+ Part 1 testing is scheduled for February 27 - March 10 Third Grade IREAD-3 testing is scheduled for March 13- March 17.** Teachers have been working hard to help your child get ready for these assessments. We are asking parents to help your child by doing the following:

- 1. Make sure that your child has early bedtimes and lots of rest during ISTEP+ and IREAD-3.**
- 2. Make sure your child eats breakfast either at home or school. Include LOTS of protein in his/her breakfast.**
- 3. Try to eliminate stress during testing week(s).**
- 4. Let your child know that you have confidence that he/she will pass and encourage him/her to WORK HARD and do his/her PERSONAL BEST.**
- 5. MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS AT SCHOOL AND ON TIME EVERY DAY DURING THE TESTING.** Please try to schedule doctor or dentist appointments after school or during Spring Break. Students who are late to school may miss a section of the test and will then need to make it up.

**Our awesome PTA is providing free Fro-yo on Friday, March 17th! Thank you PTA**

### **FOLLOW US!**

**Facebook :**  
**Lowell Elementary School**  
**Twitter:**  
**@LowellElementa1**

### **Kindergarten round up 2017-2018**

Warren Township will host an open enrollment night for new kindergarten students on Monday, April 10 from 5:30-7:00pm at each elementary school. To be considered for kindergarten, students must be five years old on or before August 31st. Please contact your child's school for more Kindergarten Roundup information.

# A Note from the Principal

Dear Lowell Families,

It is hard to believe that we have one more week before our spring intersession. We have a lot to accomplish during this week. Teachers are finalizing projects and preparing grades for report cards. In addition, our **3rd grade students will be taking the IREAD-3 Assessment next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.** We have a very short window of time to give this important assessment so it is imperative that all students are at school and on time.

Remember to help your child be ready for this important assessment by:

• making sure your child is well-rested each night

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• making sure your child eats a healthy breakfast at home or school

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• eliminating stress during the testing days

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• letting your children know that you believe in them and encouraging them to do their best

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**Please remember to adjust your clocks one hour ahead before going to bed Sunday night due to Daylight Savings Time. This will ensure students are on time to school on Monday.**

Our 3rd quarter CORE Celebration will be held on Friday, March 17. If you are able to volunteer for part or all of the celebration, please complete the form attached to the Lantern and return it to school on Monday. We appreciate your help and couldn't do it without you!

We are on spring break the weeks of March 20 and March 27. It is important for students to be at school every day leading up to break. Teachers are working hard to wrap up quarterly projects and assessments in preparation for report cards that will be coming home on Friday, March 17.

Have a great weekend and enjoy your time with your children --- stay warm this weekend!  
Mrs. Griffin

## DATES TO REMEMBER

3/13/2017– 3/17/2017 IREAD 3rd Grade

3/20/2017– 04/02/2017 Spring Break

4/10/2017 Kdg roundup  
5:30-7:00pm

4/12/2017 Late arrival 9:30am

4/14/2017 Spring Dance

## YEARBOOK ORDER DEADLINE EXTENDED

It's not too late to order a yearbook for the 2016-2017 school year! Yearbook order forms are available at school, or you can send in payment in an envelope with student name/room number marked yearbook order. The cost of a yearbook is \$20.00 Checks can be made out to Lowell Elementary. Orders must be received next week.

## Lowell Spring Spirit Wear Sale

Lowell students brought home order forms for spirit wear this week. There are a lot of great options for a reasonable cost. If you are interested in ordering spirit wear, please complete the order form and return to school by Friday, March 17.

## IREAD-3 ASSESSMENT

Our 3rd Grade students will begin taking the IREAD-3 Assessment on Monday, March 13 and conclude by Friday, March 17. This is a very important assessment. Please make sure students are at school and on time every day. We are asking parents to help your child by doing the following:

1. Make sure that your child has early bedtimes and lots of rest during IREAD-3.

1. Make sure your child eats breakfast either at home or school. Include LOTS of protein in his/her breakfast.

1. Try to eliminate stress during testing week.

1. Let your child know that you have confidence that he/she will pass and encourage him/her to **WORK HARD** and do his/her **PERSONAL BEST**.

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### “ON MYWAY PREK”

#### GRANT AVAILABLE TO PARENTS

“On my way to PreK” is the name of Indiana’s first state-funded Pre-Kindergarten program. Families will have until **March 31st** to complete an application. Parents may complete an online application or a paper applications. The beginning of April is when families will find out if they have been chosen for the OMWP program. Here is the link to the Marion County application for the 2017-2018 school year.

<http://prek.carefinderindiana.org/MarionLottery/Default.aspx>

If you have any questions call the Warren Early Childhood Center Main Office at 317-869-4750.

Join us for a free lunch during spring intersession! Free hot meals are available to children 18 years and younger at Pleasant Run, Brookview, and Lakeside Elementary Schools from 11 AM-1 PM Monday thru Friday March 20-31st. Meals must be eaten on-site. Adults may purchase a meal for \$3.00. Contact Corie Mitchell, Assistant Director at [cmitchel@warren.k12.in.us](mailto:cmitchel@warren.k12.in.us) with questions.

### Lowell PTA Corner

Take the time every day to talk to your child about school so he or she knows that what goes on at school is important to you. When kids know parents are interested in their academic lives, they'll take school seriously as well.

Because communication is a two-way street, the way you talk and listen to your child can influence how well your child listens and responds. It's important to listen carefully, make eye contact, and avoid multitasking while you chat. Be sure to ask questions that go beyond "yes" or "no" answers.

Besides during family meals, good times to talk include car trips (though eye contact isn't needed here, of course), walking the dog, preparing meals, or standing in line at a store.

### Attendance....

Parents please help us with your child’s attendance and have him or school everyday. We understand that there will be an occasional absence due to illness. Please make sure you call the office to report an illness or bring in a doctor’s note. Otherwise the absence will be reported as unexcused. Just a reminder that school starts at 8:30am tardy bell is 8:40am.

### The Harlem Wizards Are Coming To Warren --- April 13!!!

#### #SLAMTASTIC

**DUNK, SLAM AND DRIBBLE-** Who are those awesome ballers? Why it is the Wondrous Warriors. Ok maybe not! They are the Harlem Wizards, and they will be here to entertain and dazzle you with their skills. Warren Central staff has put together a team to challenge the Wizards and we are inviting YOU to come watch and cheer on the team of your choice.

The Harlem Wizards are coming to Warren Central on Thursday, April 13th. It will be held at the Warren Central High School Varsity Gym, Door 25. The Warren Arts and Education Foundation is hosting this fun, family event. This is not a drop off event. K-6 students must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are available online

@[www.harlemwizards.com](http://www.harlemwizards.com). Advance tickets will be sold at school or purchased at the door. A flyer and order form will be coming home soon as well. Mark your calendars and join us for a night of hoops fun!!



### NEW SCHOOL BUSES AT LOWELL



The district has begun to purchase new school buses across the township. We have three of these new buses at Lowell. These new buses are equipped with seatbelts. Students riding these buses are required to wear these seatbelts while being transported to and from school. There may be times that seatbelt-equipped buses are used for field trips and/or other events. Any time students ride one of the seatbelt-equipped buses, they will be required to wear seatbelts for the duration of the ride. Please talk with your students about the importance of buckling up on the bus. Safety is always our first priority, and we want to ensure that students follow the appropriate steps to ensure their safety. Thank you for your help with this effort!