



Lowell Lantern



Lowell Elementary School -



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TUESDAY IS A WHITE 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 embrace this challenge and achieve them.

Week of January 17-January 20, 2017

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016

Friday, January 20th is SLIPPER DAY FOR \$1.00!
We will have special days each Friday for K&J in January and February. Please watch the Lantern for updates.

OUTSIDE RECESS

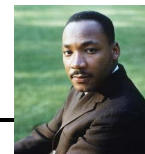
As often as weather permits, we will go outside for recess. Therefore, it is important that the children wear apparel that will permit sufficient warmth against cooler temperatures. Children are expected to go out for recess unless they are recovering from a recent illness. Any request for extended time of staying in from recess must be accompanied with a doctor's statement.



Kindness and Justice Challenge January 11—February 23

It is that time to make the kindness connection. Lowell students will participate in the 14th Annual Kindness and Justice Challenge. Students will participate in activities that will build an understanding of how simple acts of kindness and justice make a tremendous impact on our community and world. For the next several weeks, Lowell students will create a "Kindness Tree" to be displayed in the cafeteria. Students will be encouraged to think about how we treat one another and how we must work together to make this world a better place for everyone. During the months of Jan and Feb students can bring in money for our Penny War to donate toward the Early Childhood Center, American Heart Association, and Riley Hospital. Students may bring in pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and bills.

ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE...KINDNESS & JUSTICE CHALLENGE



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A Note from the Principal

Dear Lowell Families,
Welcome back from winter break! Lowell students returned this week ready to learn!! We have had many new students enroll this

week. I want to extend a big welcome to our new students and families! We look forward to getting to know you!

We kicked off our Kindness and Justice Challenge this week and will continue our Challenge through the month of February. The K & J Challenge is a national initiative that was started by the son of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to promote the importance of treating each other with kindness and respect. The components of this challenge tie very closely to our CORE beliefs at Lowell. Through CORE we promote CIVILITY, ORDER, RESPECT, and EXCELLENCE every day and across all settings. Through the K & J Challenge, we support many local community organizations. Students get to be an active part in giving back to our community -- a valuable lesson! We encourage you to talk to your children about our Challenge and promote these acts of kindness and justice both at home and at school. This truly is one of our favorite events that we do each year, and it is so rewarding to see the pride that students have for taking part in something so special! We will be supporting Riley Children's Hospital, The American Heart Association, and our own Warren Early Childhood Center through this Challenge.

Just a reminder that there is no school on Monday, January 16 as this is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We hope your families take time on Monday to reflect on Dr. King's message of hope, love, and justice. Take time to spread kindness and justice in his honor! Make a commitment with your children to spread this message every day!

Have a great weekend and enjoy your time with your children!
Mrs. Griffin

DATES TO REMEMBER

1/16/2017	NO SCHOOL
1/19/2017	2nd/3rd Honor Roll breakfast
1/20/2017	4th Honor Roll breakfast
2/08/2017	Late Arrival 9:30am
2/20/2017	No school

Weather reports and School Closings

It will soon be the time of year when it could be called off due to severe weather conditions. Information regarding closing can be obtained by listening to your favorite radio or TV station. Our automated calling system will call the home of all students using the number you have supplied to the school. Call will occur as early as 5:30am and will report either delays or closings due to weather. Please do not call school or the Educational Service Center.

IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU WOULD MAKE TIME NOW TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT WHAT TO DO IF SCHOOL IS DISMISSED EARLY.

**4TH GRADE HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT FILMS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017**

Human Growth and Development videos will be shown to all 4th grade students on Monday, February 13, 2017. These videos will be shown separately to present fourth grade boys and girls and led by personnel from the Social Health Association of Indiana. Following the videos, discussion will be led by personnel from the Social Health Association. Fourth grade boys will see "Just Around the Corner for Boys" and fourth grade girls will see "Just Around the Corner for Girls." **If you do not want your child to participate, please send a note prior to the date of the presentation indicating your request.**

**2017 Annual Legislative Forum
Saturday, January 28, 2017
9:00am - 11:00am**

Parents, community members, and staff are invited to attend. The forum will provide an opportunity for attendees to share their insights on educational legislation or other concerns. The Forum will be held at the Warren Education and Community Center at 975 N. Post Road. We encourage you to attend!

ISTEP+ AND IREAD-3 TESTING

Please mark the following dates on your calendar as 3rd and 4th grade students will be taking the ISTEP+ state assessment and the IREAD-3 Assessment.

**ISTEP+ (3rd & 4th Grade) -- Monday, February 27 - Friday, March 10
IREAD-3 (3rd grade only) -- Monday, March 13 - Friday, March 17**

As you schedule doctor's appointments, please make sure to avoid these dates as these are mandatory and critical assessments that students must take. Attendance during these assessments is very important. Please note that the IREAD-3 Assessment is scheduled for the last week before our spring intersession. It will be very important that students are in school to complete that assessment through that week. Thank you for being mindful of this schedule.

Report Cards

Just a reminder that student report cards have been sent home with your child today. Your child's NWEA Assessment results from December are included in the report card packet. Please take some time to review your child's report card and assessment results. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

HONOR ROLL BREAKFAST

**2nd-3rd Grade Thursday, January 19th at 8:00 am.
4th Grade Friday, January 20th at 8:00am
Invitations will be sent home with students on Friday!**

Pacer Ticket Sales are due on Wednesday, January 18th!