



Lowell Lantern



Lowell Elementary School -



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

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

Lunch cost for student - \$2.05 per day ** Extra Milk - 50 cents **Lunch cost for adult - \$3.00 per day.

WELCOME BACK!

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.

Delayed Start Day Wednesday, August 10, 2016

Next Wednesday, August 10, is our first delayed start day of the school year. School will start approximately one hour later. Students should be at bus stops one hour later than their normal morning pick-up time. Car riders will be released at 9:25am. Please follow our normal car rider procedures. Students will be released to their classrooms at 9:30am. We ask that students arrive no later than 9:40am. The following dates are the late-start dates for the 2016-2017 school year. Please add these to your calendar.

September 14, 2016
November 9, 2016
December 14, 2016
January 11, 2017
February 8, 2017
March 8, 2017
April 12, 2017



Welcome to our newest Lowell teachers. Mrs. Elliott room 23, Mrs. Grismore room 8, and Mrs. Shelley art!

SCHOOL PICTURES

On Friday, September 2nd individual school pictures will be taken. Order forms will be sent home with students

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.



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

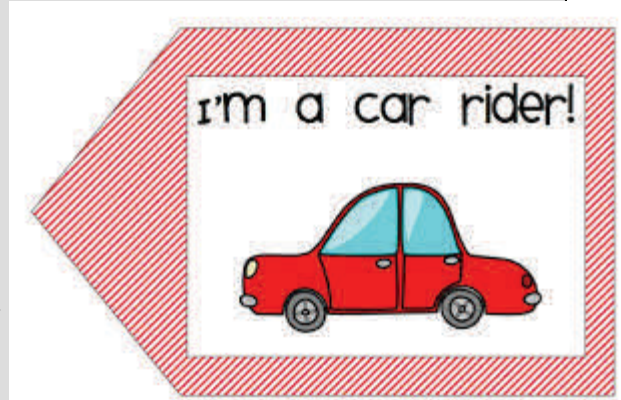
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Interested applicants can apply at <https://aptrack.warren.k12.in.us/applicant/login.php>.

CAR RIDERS PICK UP AND DROP OFF DIRECTIONS

CAR RIDERS MORNING DROP OFF DIRECTIONS

Parents who are dropping off students in the morning should use the car rider line at the front of the school. Cars may enter the northeast school entrance and proceed south along the front sidewalk. Students should remain in the car until an adult signals that it is time to enter the building. If cars are lined up along the entire front sidewalk, entering cars should proceed to the back of the parking lot, loop around the circle and form a line on the north side of the building. Keep moving forward and turn right at the front sidewalk. Cars should proceed forward behind those that are already lined up and drop off students only when they are totally stopped. This should be as far south along the building as possible. **PLEASE DO NOT HOLD UP THE LINE BY STOPPING IN FRONT OF THE DOOR TO DROP OFF STUDENTS IF THERE IS SPACE TO MOVE FORWARD.** Parents should remain in the car and allow students to exit **ONLY** on the sidewalk. If parents need to come into school or release your student from the other side of the car, please park in the parking lot and walk your student into the building.



AFTERNOON CAR RIDER PICK UP INSTRUCTIONS

Drivers should park along the circle by the playground. The first car should proceed east along the sidewalk and make the turn facing north next to the sidewalk. Cars should form a line and parents should **STAY IN THE CAR**. The line should extend around the circle. Once the line has extended past the circle, cars should enter the far north side of the parking lot and join the line that has formed around the circle. Please do not get out of your car to place students in the car. **ALSO - PLEASE BE SURE CHILDREN CAN ENTER THE CAR ON THE SIDEWALK SIDE OF YOUR CAR. IF THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE, PLEASE PARK IN THE PARKING LOT AND WALK UP THE SIDEWALK BY THE PLAYGROUND TO RETRIEVE YOUR CHILD. EXIT TO YOUR PARKED CAR THE SAME WAY.** We discourage parents from walking up to get their children as it is safest to remain in the line of cars. If you must walk up to retrieve your child, we ask that you bring your car rider sign and walk up the sidewalk by the playground and form a line on the sidewalk (near the zipline/yellow parallel bars). Remain at that point, and we will send your child to you. **WHEN RETURNING TO YOUR CAR YOU MUST WALK DOWN THE SIDEWALK AND ACROSS THE BLACKTOP TO RETURN TO YOUR VEHICLE.. DO NOT CROSS THROUGH CARS THAT ARE IN THE PICK UP LINE AS THIS CREATES A VERY UNSAFE SITUATION FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD.** We appreciate your cooperation with this procedure as we try to ensure that all students are kept safe! (Remember not to block the exit lane for cars leaving from the circle area and proceeding east toward Hunter Road.)

Parents will receive a name plate to display in the car windshield when picking up students. Students **WILL NOT** be released to anyone picking up if that name plate is not displayed in the front windshield. This is a security measure that is being implemented to ensure the safety of your child. Parents will be given two name plates at the start of the year. If multiple people will be picking up your child, it is your responsibility to ensure those picking up have a name plate to display in the car.

A Note from the Principal

Dear Lowell Families,

Welcome to the 2016 - 2017 school year at Lowell Elementary School! We are very excited to be back in session and to meet new students and families and to catch up with our returning students and families! We look forward to a year filled with opportunities ~~~ opportunities for our students to engage in rich learning activities, opportunities for our families to participate in many memorable school events, opportunities for our staff to learn and grow alongside our students, opportunities to participate in and build upon our rich, Lowell traditions.

Our theme this year is: **We Are Lowell.....This is Our House!** At Lowell, we take great pride in the strength of our Lowell community. Our students build us up, and we hope to impress that sense of pride in each of them throughout the school year. Over the next couple of weeks, Mrs. Stierwalt and I will be holding class meetings with each grade level. This is a great opportunity to meet our new Lowell students and to instill the values and expectations that we have for our students. Our students, families, and staff working together will ensure that Our House is built to last! We look forward to building these relationships with each of you!

Please help us by supporting our CORE language and belief system with our students.

- Civility --- showing kindness and caring
- Order --- following rules and procedures
- Respect --- treating others how you want to be treated
- Excellence --- doing your personal best

We encourage you to use this same language in your homes and to look for these CORE behaviors as well. Ask your child about Corebucks and what they did to earn one.

We would love to have every parent be a member of our PTA. Our PTA works very hard to support Lowell students in many ways: skating parties, funding field trips, sponsoring after school family events, purchasing classroom resources to support student learning, and many, many more! A membership is only \$7.00/person. Your membership card offers discounts for local restaurants and businesses as well. Complete the membership form in this newsletter and return it with payment to school. Thank you, in advance, for your support!

Lowell students have had a great first week at school! We appreciate your support and the value that you put on learning! Please always feel free to contact me at 532-3900 if you have any questions or concerns this year. I look forward to a fantastic year of learning with your children and encourage you to be actively involved in their learning! Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Griffin

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

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

Parent Name _____

Important Schedule Information

The special class and lunch schedule will operate on a three-day rotation. In each week's Lantern, there will be a line indicating Monday's rotation for each. For example, this past Monday was a RED day for lunch/recess. The rotations for the rest of this week were as follows: Tuesday: WHITE special and lunch/recess, Wednesday: BLUE special and lunch/recess, Thursday: RED special and lunch/recess, Friday: WHITE special and lunch/recess. Our 3rd and 4th grade students rotate on a red, white, blue, green schedule for specials. They have pe, art, music, and computer lab.

This Monday will be a BLUE lunch day, and rotations will continue from there. PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS THE PROPER SHOES FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION EACH DAY THAT IS SCHEDULED!

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.

Nurse Jan is no longer allowed to supply any child with over the counter meds. They must be brought in by parent and a waiver to treat must be signed. Any questions please contact Nurse Jan at 532-3905.

Hearing and vision screening will take place for 1st, 3rd, and 4th starting next week, August 8th.

Elementary Night at Warrior Stadium

Watch and cheer as your Warren Central Warriors scrimmage against Jeffersonville! Warren Township elementary students get in free with an adult ticket purchase.

Tickets for students must be pre-ordered. Watch for the flyer to come home with your student!

AUGUST 12, 2016
DOORS AT 6:00PM
GAME AT 7:00PM

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Thank You NCAA

Once again this year, the NCAA donated a backpack with school supplies to every 3rd grade student at Lowell and across Warren Township!! We want to send a huge thank you to them for their kindness and thoughtfulness!! The students love them!!

