

# Lowrey School Newsletter

**OCTOBER 2013**



**MRS. YOUNES,  
PRINCIPAL**

## Dear Parents

I am excited to start my fourth year as principal of Lowrey School. To those parents who are new to Lowrey School, we extend a warm welcome and wish you well on an exciting and productive school year.

My door is always open to you and I look forward to an enjoyable, exciting, productive school year that is filled with rigorous academic instruction and high levels of student achievement. I am confident that by working together we can make this yet another successful and amazing year at Lowrey School.

*Respectfully,  
Mrs. Younes, Principal*

## Principal's News

As parents of young children, we all know how often our children forget to share school news and updates with us. Our goal at Lowrey School is to provide parents and families with effective, dependable school to home communication. This monthly newsletter is one way that we hope to keep our lines of communication open on a regular basis.



**PTA MEMBERS**

Our PTA welcomes you and your family to the 2013-2014 school year at Lowrey. We are truly glad you are here. Lowrey PTA serves as a voice and resource for Lowrey parents, teachers, students and the school as our PTA takes pride in supporting and facilitating engaging family oriented events and programs throughout the school year. Your well-needed support is needed more than ever to actively raise funds to endure the numerous educational programs, fieldtrips and resources be offered to all Lowrey students. Be sure to become a member of our PTA.

Our PTA moms are always engaged in the building. Please do not hesitate to gain their attention to get your membership and get involved!!!

Being involved has many benefits:

- *Share your ideas and talents in an effort to enhance the academic, social and emotional development of your Children at Lowrey School.*
- *Play a pivotal active role in your child's education*
- *Get first hand news and information about important events and news.*
- *Your presence alone sends a loud message to your child that school matters.*

For these reasons and many more, we truly hope that you will join Lowrey School's PTA and we look forward to serving our school and community with you this coming school year.

*Lowrey School*

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**Lowrey School**  
**MEAP Parent Information**  
**2013-2014**

**\*IMPORTANT**

The Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests will be administered to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students (math and reading), 4<sup>th</sup> grade students (math, reading and writing), and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students (math, reading and science), 6<sup>th</sup> grade students (math, reading and social studies), 7<sup>th</sup> grade students (math, reading and writing), and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students (math, reading and science) at Lowrey School. The MEAP window is from October 8 to 25 this year. The MEAP tests are not timed and are administered to students in several sessions to avoid test fatigue. Test items are multiple-choice and constructed-response (essay) items.

Results on MEAP tests are based on how students perform compared to set standards, and not compared to other students.

MEAP results are used in a variety of ways. At the class level, your child's teacher(s) uses the results to identify strengths and learning needs, and to work with you to plan ways to meet those needs. At the school level, MEAP results are used to identify curriculum and/or instructional changes that may need to be made to better educate students.

**Tips on helping your child prepare for MEAP**

- Avoid scheduling appointments for your child that would take him or her out of a scheduled testing session.
- Let your child know that the tests are important.
- Encourage your child to try for his/her best so the results will reflect your child's knowledge as accurately as possible.
- Encourage your child to relax and to feel positive about testing.
- A good night's sleep and a good breakfast always help performance.
- Be sure your child is at school on time.
- When your child returns home, ask about the testing and how he/she thought everything went.
- Support your child's best efforts with encouragement and praise.

**Have your child repeat the Following to You:**

**I Will Beat the MEAP by Doing My Best!!**

**Tell your child: "You will do great on the MEAP"**. The MEAP is just a review of what you **learned** last year and is not a timed test. Make sure to take your time. Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions by stopping by or calling the school at: 313-827-1800. Take care

With Respect,

Rima Younes,  
Principal

## مدرسة لوري الابتدائية والمتوسطة معلومات عن إمتحان المييب للأهالي 2013-2014

حضرة أولياء الأمور الكرام،

سيتم إعطاء برنامج التقييم التربوي لمبشيغان لطلاب الصف الثالث ( القراءة والرياضيات)، وطلاب الصف الرابع (الرياضيات، القراءة والكتابة)، لطلاب الصف الخامس ( الرياضيات، القراءة، والكتابة)، لطلاب الصف السادس (الرياضيات، القراءة و العلوم الاجتماعية) و لطلاب الصف السابع (الرياضيات، القراءة، والكتابة) و لطلاب الصف الثامن (الرياضيات، القراءة والعلوم) في المدرسة. مدة الإختبار من 8 إلى 25 أكتوبر/ تشرين أول لهذه السنة. هذه الإمتحانات غير موقوته وستعطي على مراحل لتقادي تعب الطلاب. تتكون مواد الإختبار من أسئلة لديها أجوبة متعددة الخيارات و الإجابة بإنشاء.

تقارن نتائج الطلاب في إمتحان المييب على أسس ومعايير موضوعة من قبل الدولة وليس بمقارنة مع نتائج الطلاب الآخرين. تستخدم نتائج المييب لوسائل متعددة، على مستوى الصف، تطلع المعلمة على نقاط القوة وإحتياجات كل طالب، للعمل على خطة تلاقي إحتياجاتهم. على مستوى المدرسة، نتطلع على النتائج للنظر إلى منهاج المدرسة أو إلى الإرشادات التي قد تحتاج إلى تعديل لتحسين المستوى التعليمي.

إرشادات لمساعدة أولادكم في التحضير للمييب:

- \* تقادي أخذ مواعيد قد تعيق وجودهم وقت الإمتحان
- \* إعلام أولادكم بمدى أهمية الإمتحانات
- \* تشجيع أولادكم على إن يقدموا أفضل ما لديهم مما يعكس مدى معرفتهم للمواد
- \* تشجيع أولادكم على أن يكونوا مرتاحين وقت الإمتحان
- \* التأكد أن يحصلوا على وقت كافي من النوم و أن يتناولوا وجبة الفطور
- \* التأكد من حضور أولادكم المدرسة على الوقت
- \* إسألوهم عن أداءهم بعد عودتهم من الإمتحان
- \* شجعوا أولادكم على تقديم أفضل ما عندهم بالإثناء والإطراء بهم

أطلب من أولادك إعادة المقولة:

سوف أتغلب على المييب بتقديم أفضل ما لدي

قل لولدك: ستؤدي جيداً في المييب، لأن المييب هو فقط إمتحان لمراجعة ما تعلمته السنة الماضية وخذ وقتك في الإمتحان لا تستعجل. شكراً

الرجاء الإتصال بي إذا كان لديكم أي أسئلة على الرقم 313 - 827 1800  
بكل إحترام،

ريما يونس

المديرة

## FROM THE DESK OF Elementary Assistant Principal

### *Dress for the Weather*

As the weather gets colder, please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. Although there will be snow on the ground, students may still be outside during morning lineup and lunch recess. Please make sure your child has the proper shoes and clothing (including a proper jacket), this will ensure a safe and enjoyable experience here.

### *Drop-Off & Pick-Up*

Please do not enter the building with your children in the morning or pick them up after school. We want our students to learn to be independent. All students have assigned entry and exit doors. It will be important for parents to develop a plan where they can have a designated meeting and pickup location shared with their children.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Mosallam



*“Education is  
the most  
powerful  
weapon  
which you  
can use to  
change the  
world”.*

**Nelson Mandela**

## FROM THE DESK OF Middle School Assistant Principal

Parents, please make a strong effort to check your child’s planner daily. Their planner is a great tool for you to see your child’s involvement in school. Their planner should be filled with classroom agendas and homework assignments. Most importantly, in their planners they have a FOCUS and TARDY card that supports our POSITIVE—PBIS plan in Middle School; try to get in the habit of looking at these cards at least twice a week. Thank you for supporting us and your child’s education.

Additionally, as the weather gets colder, please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. Also, be sure not to drop your child off too early so that they are not standing outside in the cold. Students enter the building at 7:50 a.m. unless they need to be tutored or eat breakfast.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Saleh

## PARENT MEETING



Parent-teacher conferences are essential building blocks for home-school communication. Teachers need the help of parents to do the best job possible of educating every child. Parents provide important perspectives and information that can be extremely important and valuable to the teacher. The teacher can, in turn, help parents play an active role in education at home. Children are more likely to succeed in school if they can view their parents and teachers working together cooperatively.

*We hope to see you tomorrow, Thursday at 9:00 a.m. in the Cafeteria for our Parent Meeting to discuss S.M.A.R.T. Bond, Title I and the upcoming MEAP Test.*

## ADHA MUBARAK

We would all like to send a warm, peaceful and enjoyable “Eid Mubarak” to you and your family. May Allah bring you joy, happiness, peace and prosperity on this blessed occasion.



## OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2 ~ Late Start Day  
 October 8,9,10 and 11 ~ MEAP Testing  
 October 14, 15 and 16 ~ No School (Eid Break)  
 October 21, 22 and 23 ~ MEAP Testing

## SEPTEMBER 2013 STUDENT OF THE MONTH



### MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### 6th Grade

Nagam Alhabib  
 Huda Algasid  
 Alexander Elamine  
 David Iacoban  
 Yousef Jamil  
 Hussein Saleh

#### 7th Grade

Janna Bazzi  
 Sukayna Davanzo  
 Sirin Elmasri  
 Mohamed Ghandour  
 Danielle Middleton  
 Nadine Zreik

#### 8th Grade

Ali Alata  
 Nour Aoun  
 Noor Fakh  
 Laila Hammoud  
 Ehab Mheisen  
 Zainab Zreik

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**KINDERGARTEN:** Ahmed Aboutaam, Rama Alhabbal, Safa Deeb, Mustafa Almothafer

**1<sup>st</sup> GRADE:** Ibrahim Nadi, Zeinab Ajrouche, Hifa Obad, Mstafa Aljanaby,  
 Zeinalabedeem Baydoun, Hadeel Abuhmoud

**2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE:** Hawrah Aljuwari, Zeinab Barakat, Ahmad Maatouk, Malaak Bazzi

**3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE:** Zeinab Alemarah, Mariam Bazzi, Ali Almayahi, Suhan Idriss, Dunia Saleh

**4<sup>th</sup> GRADE:** Karen Saghir, Mike Fawaz, Saja Aljanaby, Sarah Abdelhaq, Omar Khashafa,  
 Mariam Nasser

**5<sup>th</sup> GRADE:** Mohannad Jaber, Heba Sayed, Ali Musa, Zahraa Alsaadi, Noorhan Abdalla,  
 Fayez Kesserwan, Rawan Elhousseini