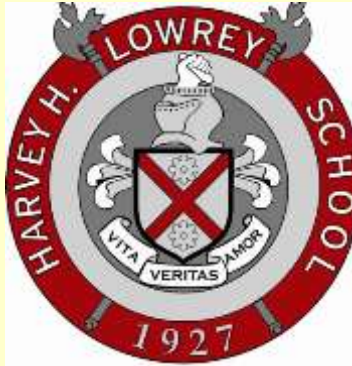


Lowrey School Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2015



~From the desk of the Principal~

“Self-confidence is the most attractive quality a person can have. How can anyone see how awesome you are if you can’t see it yourself?”

- Unknown

Dear Parents,

HAPPY HOLIDAYS: We would like to wish everyone in our wonderful community a peaceful, warm, safe and blessed Thanksgiving. We hope that this Thanksgiving will be a happy one for all of our parents and their children.

ATTENDANCE: Please be sure to call the attendance office at 313-827-1800 if your child is going to be absent or late before 9:00 a.m. Please note if your child is late, you need to sign him back to school at the attendance office; students should not go straight to class. If parents are planning to check out their children from school, they must come to the office and office staff will call your children down. We ask that parents do not go straight to class and take out their children.

MORNING SUPERVISION: As a reminder, Lowrey students are not to arrive at school until 7:45 a.m. for middle school and elementary. Students should not arrive early unless they are going to the cafeteria for breakfast or going to morning tutoring.

DISMISSAL TIME: Lately, we noticed that many of our parents are starting to arrive to school before the designated release times (2:55 for Middle School, 3:00 for Elementary) to pick up their children. Furthermore, when elementary parents are in the hallway before the end of the school day, it becomes very difficult for the teachers to keep students focused. Students become distracted when they parents in the hallways. Teachers are instructed to wall all students outside at dismissal time. We would like all parents to wait either in their cars or outside their child’s exit door.

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-Mrs. Rima Younes

*Congratulations**Lowrey School*

National Junior Honor Society is proud to announce that Lowrey School beat Stout in our first ever “Pink-Out battle”. We challenged Stout to see which school can raise more money in the month of October for various cancer organizations. Thanks to the Lowrey students, families and staff we were able to donate \$ 2,500 to Rainbow Connection. They are an organization that helps better the quality of life for children who are suffering from cancer. Congrats to both schools who raised a total of \$3,608! In the end, this competition was for a great cause and both schools were victorious. Way to Go Polar Bears!!



85th Annual Veterans Day Ceremony

Parents,

You are all cordially invited to join the Lowrey staff on Tuesday, Nov. 11th, for Lowrey School’s 84th Annual Veterans’ Day. The ceremony will be held at 9 A.M. outside around the flag pole, but if there is inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the big gym.



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.

“Challenges
are what
make life
interesting
and
overcoming
them is
what makes
life
meaningful
”

From the desk of the Kindergarten Teachers

When it comes to *excellence*, Kindergarten teachers' believe it can be best defined in the results. True *excellence* will be seen in motivated, engaged children with empowering memories of learning to read and write and the stamina for independent acts of literacy. These are the children who meet high Common Core Standards in literacy and beyond.

Excellence in kindergarten literacy is the vital foundation for bridging the achievement gap and building schools of ambitious, self-regulated readers and writers. Experiences in the educational arts engage children's multiple ways of learning while promoting creative and higher-order thinking; they take advantage of how the young child's brain learns best. Developing social-emotional intelligence supports children in being successful in school . . . and in life. Yes, we are preparing our children for the 21st century!!!



Writing is the key that unlocks the alphabetic code. So, collaboratively the Kindergarten teachers' definition of *excellence* includes cooperative learning, rich experiences in the arts, science exploration, respectful and supportive parent connections, a language-intensive “writing-to-read” environment, systematic phonemic awareness through songs, and an explicit multisensory ABC and phonics immersion program within a comprehensive literacy framework. So please continue to work with your child on their new literacy work at home through reading their mini-books and reading to them each and every day!!!



One of Our Core Value:

Respect for Self and Others

To demonstrate respect for self and others, we need to...

1. Make informed decisions.
2. Exhibit good behavior.
3. Be courteous and polite.
4. Demonstrate kindness towards others.
5. Acknowledge the rights of others.

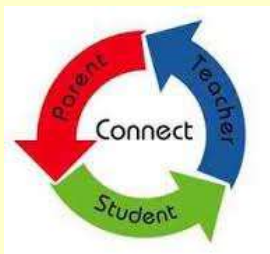
First Grade:

Our first graders are learning SO much! We have been really busy mastering number story problems. We can solve them with pictures, counters, number lines and number grids. Look for story problems coming home. Ask your son or daughter how many ways he or she can solve them. In Social Studies we are starting a new unit about families and customs. Have fun discussing your customs and traditions. Always remember to READ!!!!



Second Grade:

November is a great month to be thankful! Students are finishing this semester with great strides. All students have their personal and academic goals to improve their overall performance. Remember that parent teacher conferences are right around the corner with your child's report card. Use this knowledge to help further the strengths of each child and work with us on enriching their weaknesses. A special thanks to all the parents that bring their child to school on time and prepared for a long working day. You truly make a difference! We are very thankful for this community!
GO 2nd grade Team!!





Third grade:

The importance of teaching vocabulary:

When expanding a student's vocabulary, be mindful of its importance. Vocabulary plays an important part in learning to read. For a student to really know a word, they must use it. It is important to give a student many opportunities to use and master a new vocabulary word. Additionally, understanding vocabulary words is imperative to reading comprehension. Readers must understand "vocabulary" words to know what they are reading. For students to master a word's meaning, they should be exposed to the "new vocabulary word" often. Eventually, after hearing the "word(s)" multiple times, students will store the new vocabulary in their long-term memory. Here are a few tips to help teach vocabulary words:

- Read rigorously
- Align a picture to go hand in hand with the vocabulary word.
- Use the word often
- Teach students to actively engage with vocabulary: Highlighting, underlining, making notes, during writing and discussions etc.....
- Give students opportunity to use vocabulary words.
- Understand multiple meanings for the words (synonyms).
- Include new word(s) into class discussions and activities.



Fourth Grade:

November is a busy month for fourth graders! November 5th, we are going to the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, to watch the Dearborn Symphony! Then, on November 11th, we are going to the Ann Arbor Hands on Museum for our science field trip! In writing, we will be working on informational pieces! Please remember to have your children read every day, go on Mobymax, and practice NWEA question and skills on the Dearborn Schools website. We are all excited for the beginning of the Holiday Season!!





Fifth Grade:

October was a busy month in fifth grade. In science the students built balloon-powered cars out of recycled materials. We had a lot of fun racing them across the finish line! In social studies we are learning about Christopher Columbus and the early colonists. We encourage you to allow your students to get on their teacher's iBlog daily for links to great websites for practice with reading and math, like Frontrow.com. Our balloon cars and Native American projects are still on display in the basement. Please feel free to stop by and see the students' hard work!



We look forward to parent-teacher-student conferences this month. Please bring your student with you to your conference time so we may continue working together as a team. We have much to share to with you and it will benefit your child to hear about their progress.



See you soon!
Fifth Grade Teachers

**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.



NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Elem. Half Day Nov. 6th
Late Start Nov. 18th
No School Nov. 26th-27th

Girls Basketball

Boys Football

Woodworth @ Lowrey Nov. 11

Elementary Conferences

Nov. 12th, 18th, 19th 3:30-6:00 P.M.



OCTOBER 2015 STUDENT OF THE MONTH

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN: Rawan Ajrouche, Rihanna Masri, Amal Alward, Aya Salamassi,

1st GRADE: Ali Hussein, Fadel Alsabeh, Adam Elitawi, Ahmad Taha, Hamzeh Ali

2nd GRADE: Mariam Alahmud, Hassan Alhajami, Mohamed Ali Saleh,

3rd GRADE: Zeinab Ajrouche, Mahdi Ayoub, Hamman Obaid, Aya Yousef

4th GRADE: Amira Abuhmoud, Sajad Ridha, Hawraa Alsaadi, Mohammed Abouelella,
Tia Basma, Hawrah Aljuwari

5th GRADE: Waad Rasheed, Mahdi Nasrallah

MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th Grade

Mustafa Alkafaji
Dima Bazzi
Zeinab Boudaya
Basma Eldor
Malak Elammar
Sebnem Yasarlar

7th Grade

Fatima Ajami
Haider Alanoon
Abeer Alhassan
Rawan Elhusseini
Omar Jahamee
Hussein Rustom

8th Grade

Ali Abdulridha
Houssein Bazzi
Sarah Fakh
Fatima Mcheik
Mana Musleh
Malak Shukr