

LOWREY SCHOOL

A Note from the Principal:

Dear Lowrey Families:

Our students have worked tirelessly over the past few months and we have so much to be proud of at Lowrey School! In last month's letter, we discussed the pride and tradition at Lowrey School. I am happy to say that our Polar Bears have continued to make positive strides in our building and around the community.

Lowrey School is currently in test mode! The 5th and 8th grade classes have completed the M-Step and we are confident that our scores will reflect the high expectations and rigor that we hold in each of our classrooms. Congratulations to all the students who came to school prepared and focused on doing their best! Currently we are testing the 3rd and 6th grade students, with the remainder of the grades scheduled over the next few weeks. Please make sure that each student is getting plenty of rest, eating a nutritious breakfast, and is arriving to school on time and ready to test.

I wanted to extend a special thank you and congratulations to all those who were involved in our annual Lowrey Talent Show. The students danced, sang, and laughed their way to a very exciting and engaging show that put the many talents and skills of our students on display. Thank you to all the teachers who were involved in making this year's talent show one of the best we have ever had!

In our continued efforts to make Lowrey one of the most beautiful buildings in Dearborn, we have joined the City Beautiful project and our students, staff, and students from Fordson High School will be planting new flowers around the entire building. We are just as dedicated to making the school look bright and spectacular on the outside as we are in making our students and classrooms shine bright on the inside. In order to accomplish this goal, we need everyone's help! Please remind your children to stay off the grass and flower beds around the building so we can make sure our new flowers and grass can grow and blossom for all to enjoy.

Also, we are starting a new program at Lowrey called "Adopt a Door" that will ensure that the outside of our building stays clean and welcoming for all of our students. Each grade level has chosen a door to "adopt" and will be responsible for making sure the surrounding area stays clean! Our students and staff are excited to show their pride and love for Lowrey School!

On May 10th, Lowrey School will hold a 6th grade orientation for all of our future Polar Bears. We are pleased to welcome students from our feeder elementary schools with the goal of getting them ready and prepared to be middle school students.

Thank you for making Lowrey School an exceptional place,

Mrs. Younes
Principal
Lowrey School



Dear Families,

It is finally spring! With spring, comes beautiful warm weather, sunshine, and the pleasant sight of flowers.



Think about how beautiful it would be to have the exterior of the building decorated with red and white flowers. Imagine how amazing it would be for our students to work together as a team to help plant these flowers and take pride in their hard work while learning about “living things” in science. Lowrey School students and staff are working together to completely beautify the physical appearance of our building; but we can’t do it without your help.

We would be humbled if our families could donate a flat of red or white flowers to our school for us to plant. Teachers will be sending home a letter soon designating a specific planting day for these flowers to be sent on. If you would like to be a part of this amazing initiative please let your child’s teacher know.

You may have noticed that we have already begun to replenish our grass. Please continue to support our school by asking your children to walk on sidewalks, rather than the lawn. Also, encourage your child to always throw away trash in the garbage cans that are located in front of every entry door. We want our Lowrey school to always look its best because we truly believe that our students only deserve the best.

If you have any questions regarding anything at all, know our door is always open to you. Please feel free to email, call or make an appointment and we will be happy to support you.

Thank you,

Zahra Zreik
Mike Esseily
Assistant Principals
Lowrey School



Morning Supervision:

As a reminder, Lowrey students are not to arrive to school until 7:45 a.m. They will be required to stand outside unless it is raining. Students should not arrive early, unless they are going to the cafeteria for breakfast. Parents are not permitted to walk down to the cafeteria with their children to breakfast. We want to help our students build independence.

Reading

Research has shown that reading is vital to the success of students in all subject areas; if students can't read, they can't begin to understand what they're reading in any subject. Not being able to read will inevitably hinder the student's performance at school. So how do we help our students with their literacy? One of the most effective and easy ways to ensure students are improving their reading is by exposing them to print constantly. This means that children need access to a variety of books that they can read whenever they want. Also, making sure that the books are interesting and at the student's reading level, will increase interest for reading. Increased reading will lead to improvement in skills over time. Let your children read to each other or their friends. Give them a library in their rooms or somewhere in the house where they have some books that they own and cherish. Involve your children with anything that gets them involved in reading for information that produces a result they're interested in (like buying a certain snack, or convincing you of getting them a certain game, etc...) These things I've mentioned, coupled with the Daily 5 and Café program we use with the students, will ensure that students are provided with what they need. We encourage you to have conversations with your children's teachers to make sure you have all your questions answered regarding what you can do to choose appropriate books for your children. Dearborn residents also have the benefit of free access to the Dearborn Public Libraries. This is a priceless resource that you can use with your children to spend quality time while addressing their school needs. The Henry Ford Centennial Library has many resources with a wonderful children's section designed for supporting students at home or at the library if they stay and read. You may contact the library at 313-943-2330 if you'd like **more information**.

Some Helpful Sites:

Jan Brett: a wonderful site by a wonderful author

<http://www.janbrett.com>

Suessville

<http://www.randomhouse.com/seussville/>

Robert Munsch: listen to him read his books

<http://www.robertmunsch.com>

Dav Pilkey

<http://www.pilkey.com>

Children's Books Forever: Many Hans Wilhelm books to print out or use on SMART Board

<http://www.childrensbooksforever.com/>

freeReading: open source free reading intervention program for preK-6

http://www.free-reading.net/index.php?title=Main_Page

Cando's Helper Page: reading activities for primary grades

<http://candohelperpage.com/index.html>

Into the Book: great site for teachers and students to teach comprehension skills

<http://reading.ecb.org/index.html>

Starfall: interactive books and word games for long and short vowels

<http://www.starfall.com>

Handwriting for Kids: handwriting worksheets and lined paper to print out for manuscript and cursive

<http://www.handwritingforkids.com/hand>

From the Classrooms of:

Kindergarten Teachers:

Giving our Lowrey Polar Bears the opportunity to set growth-oriented goals, and reflect upon their progress in meeting those goals, is fundamental to building a community of growth mindset learners. We set class goals, partnership goals, and individual goals. There is a sense of pride in our student's voice as they share meeting their NWEA or Reading goals. It is important for our students that once struggled to write more than a sentence on each page or read at grade level to achieve success through goal setting.

Becoming aware of their mindset by setting and tracking goals, helps our children build awareness of their growth and celebrate new learning. It can also help our children normalize mistakes as a part of the learning process, reflect upon the challenges in meeting a goal, and learn about ways to be flexible or ask for help.

The kindergarten teachers want to reiterate that it is helpful to give our students a clear way to track their progress in meeting a goal. For example, they might share their plan for meeting their goal with a partner, jot a visual reminder of the goal on a sticky note, tally the number of times they tried this goal, or place a sticker in their writing at each place they met the goal. In our classrooms, we display our goals to remind ourselves that we are a community of brain growers who celebrate one another's growth. We hope that talking to our Polar Bears about mindsets and creating growth goals are helpful in building Lowrey's community of mindset learners.

First Grade:

Hello Friends and Family,

April showers bring May flowers... The month of May is full of excitement for our first graders. We have our field trip to Greenfield Village on Monday, May 9th! Also, some of us have been or will be testing NWEA this upcoming week. Be sure to have your child get good rest and nutritious meals to insure that they will be able to do the **best they can. Continue** to practice at home with them as well. Let's rock this test out of the waters! A month and a half to go before your little ones are big 2nd graders!

Thanks for all your continued support.

Second Grade:

Can't believe it's May already! Students are gearing up to plant this month for science and we are eagerly waiting for Mother's Day! Writing letters and expressing how much we appreciate all that you do!! NWEA testing is scheduled and students are ready to show all that they have learned. We are working hard with writing across the curriculum and using Q.A.R. strategies in reading daily. Oral language has played a positive role with our second graders this year, so please encourage them to continue verbally expressing their views.

Parents we are reminding you to continue to sign planners and reading logs.

Thank you for your support.

Third Grade

Spring time has arrived! Parents it is important to keep your kids' **reading** during this warm and exciting season! The key is to encourage your child to keep reading even when the sun peeks out! There are many ways to motivate kids to read. For example:

- Make reading time fun and a family event by creating a schedule, and reading along with your children. When your child takes notice of how much you enjoy reading, they will want to participate and join in all the fun. In addition, when you set a schedule time for reading, your child will know that he/she is expected to read daily during "schedule time" that they are accustomed to. It's never too late to start scheduling reading time at home!
- Make reading exciting by setting goals and rewards! By setting goals, you are holding your child accountable for their learning. Remember, when setting goals; make sure that the goals are realistic. Additionally, encourage the young learners by setting a reward for each achieved goal. The reward will keep the readers focused and inspired to continue reading.

"The purpose of setting goals is important because it helps us believe in ourselves."

Setting goals for your child is a great way to help encourage your child to accomplish their success. It is also a positive way to inspire kids to aim high and succeed in encouraging possibility.

Fourth Grade:

This month 4th graders will be completing the NWEA. If parents have any questions, please reach out to the teachers. We have upcoming field trips at the end of May to the Toledo Zoo, Sky Zone and Hemlock Park. Please make sure your child practices on Moby Max or Front Row on a daily basis. M-Step will begin on May 9th; more information will be shared soon. Please make sure your child is well rested and eats a healthy breakfast every morning.

Fifth Grade:

Fifth grade is getting excited! There are many fun events ahead. On May 12-13th a group of nearly 40 of us will be traveling to Chicago. This is such a wonderful opportunity for the students and the chaperones that will accompany us. We will see the Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum, Navy Pier, Millennium Park, and the Lincoln Park Zoo. It will certainly be a jam-packed two days. There will be a mandatory parent meeting for all students attending this trip during the first week in May. We will send out a notice with more details closer to the date.

On May 31, the entire grade will be going to Henry Ford's Greenfield Village. This will help us bring to life the past that we have studied all year. June is coming so quickly, but we are planning the annual wax museum, and of course, fifth grade graduation.

With the MSTEP almost finished, and NWEA in a couple weeks, the students have been working extra hard. Having special activities to look forward to encourages the students to give their best for the tests. Thank you for your continued support!

Elementary Physical Education



We just wrapped up our bowling unit!! We had a lot of fun learning how to bowl and playing some fun activities with our bowling skills. You should have all received a coupon from your child that gives you information about a bowling program called Kids Bowl Free. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to be able to bowl 2 free games every day during the spring and summer. If you go to kidsbowlfree.com and register your child(ren) you will receive weekly email passes to go to one of the 3 local bowling alley's. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the school. If you want to bowl, you will have to pay, but if you would just like to watch your child bowl, then you do not have to pay. This is a great way for you and your family to spend time together and to get in some exercise, as well!

Also, as we are approaching nicer weather, please get the children outside to play. The fresh air is great for them, and they can get their exercise in. Every child should get at least 60 minutes of exercise everyday!
Thank you,
Mrs. Murray

The Middle School Vocal Music Students grade 6-8 will be presenting their Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 24th at 10:30 am in the Little Theater. Parents and families are welcome to attend! Come hear your children's beautiful voices! Ms. Pegouske

The 3rd grade music classes will be presenting selections from School House Rock Live Jr. on Friday, May 13 at 1:30 pm in the Little Theater. Parents and families are welcome to attend! Come hear your children sing some great music!! Ms. Pegouske
Thank you!!

* **PTA** will be holding board elections for the 2016-2017 school year on May 17th @ 8:45 in the school cafeteria. If anyone is interested in having a position on the board please email lowrey_pta@yahoo.com all positions are available. President, Vice President, secretary, treasurer, membership, reflections chair.

* **PTA** Mother's Day store will be held on May 2nd through May 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parents are welcome to come and help. Prices ranging from \$.50 to \$20 all proceeds from the store will help with fifth and eighth grade graduation.

*Every Thursday and Friday after school (weather permitting) ice cream will be sold for a \$1

Thank You

Sixth Grade:

The 6th grade has been bustling and busy working on curriculum and preparing for the two standardized tests this spring. The M-Step and the NWEA. As we wrap up the 5th marking period of the school year, we are working hard to cover the last of our curriculum.

The M-Step will take place during the two week block of 4/25- 5/6/16. Students will be testing in the Language Arts, and Math areas for the M-Step. Most students are testing on computers this year, which is the new state-wide initiative. We have practiced using sample tests and gave students the opportunity to explore the new format. We feel students will be prepared and confident to take this new version of the test.

The NWEA for 6th grade will take place in sections throughout the month of May. Science will be testing first, the following week will be Math NWEA, and the last subject for NWEA will be Language Arts.

Eighth Grade

The eighth-graders are relieved to have completed the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress, the M-step, a two-week examination of student skills and knowledge in Language Arts, Mathematics, and Social Studies. In parts of the test, students were required to analyze sources and compose a written response to a prompt. Another section of the test was in the form of a Computer Adaptive Test, a test that selected test questions based on student responses. After a respite of a week, the eighth-graders will be taking the Northwest Educational Association test, (NWEA), to measure student progress in reading and language. This will be the third such test the students have taken this academic year. The tests are important indicators of student ability, and will be used in part to determine course placement in high school.

At the beginning of May, Mrs Makled will be taking a group of students to Washington, D. C. Additionally; Mrs. Makled is retiring at the end of this year. She has been a Social Studies teacher at Lowrey for over twenty years. The students and teachers will dearly miss her enthusiasm for teaching.

Students in Language Arts will be reading a very popular novel, The Outsiders. Students from past years on return visits have often fondly remembered this reading.



APRIL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Kindergarten

**Ahmad Madi
Alzahraa Aldrwish
Elias Alabsi
Zaineb Saleh
Ayoub Abdulsater
Amira Almayahi
Hussam Alnaakeeb
Lara Charaf**

1st Grade

**Hussein Obad
Hussein Alali
Merve Yasarlar
Zahra Alwaeli
Laith Aljanaby
Ali Alabasi
Reem Bazzi**

2nd Grade

**Safa Deeb
Hadi Dabajeh
Amad Alharbi
Zahraa Trad
Sarah Wazne
Khaleel Taher
Ahmed Alwan
Noor Alhajami
Aya Bazzi
Maram Ali
Mohamed Sinahi**

3rd Grade

**Anhar Aldahe
Ali Tarraf
Maha Almathil
Hason Hakim
Sara Badawi
Yasmeena Hammoud
Hiam Alseadi
Fadel Khashafa
Anhar Saleh
Mahdi Aoun
Sulaf El-Husseini
Rabie Hassan**

4th Grade

**Adam Talab
Ali Nasser
Ali Alshawi
Mohamad Kassem
Arkean Benyamina
Huda Jouheir
Reem Kataya
Alaa Sailan
Hadi Hammoud
Mariam Ali
Malak Lahawl
Jawad Aoun
Hassan Ayoub
Zeena Salim**

5th Grade

**Waem Omayan
Mohsen Dhaifallah
Tayba Alwaqedi
Seedra Haider
Ali Habhab
Seukayne Alhabib
Ali Jouheir
Ikhlas Rezq
Raha Subhi
Osamah Alaas
Aya Saad
Jenan Ajami
Asra Gobah
Manar Yaseen
Salasbeel Ahmed**



APRIL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



6th Grade

Hassan Alkefaji
Gadeer Binlam
Zeinab Elachkar
Angelina Gherasim
Ali Mohammad
Daoud Saleh
Fatima Saleh

7th Grade

Omar Abdullah
Mona Alharethi
Mothana Alsoofi
Ayah Bazzi
Hussein ElHabhab
Ayman Saleh
Sereen Zahwi

8th Grade

Iayat Alhuri
Lujane Alsalman
Wassim Alsheikh
Lena Berry
Ayat Dabajeh
Jad Elsaghir
Samira Sofi



May 2016

| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> |
|---------------|---|---|---|--|--|-----------------|
| 1 | 2 <i>PTA Mother's Day store from 9-1pm</i> | 3 <i>PTA Mother's Day store from 9-1pm</i> | 4 <i>Track @ Smith Washington DC Trip PTA Mother's Day store from 9-1pm</i> | 5 <i>PTA Mother's Day store from 9-1pm PTA Ice-cream after school</i> | 6 <i>PTA Mother's Day store from 9-1pm PTA Ice-cream after school Historical Museum 2nd grade field trip (Berro & Sobh) 9:30 - 11:30</i> | 7 |
| 8 | 9 <i>1st Grade field trip to Greenfield Village</i> | 10 <i>6th grade Orientation @10:00 PTA Store 10:30-12:30</i> | 11 <i>Late Start Track meet @Fordson 4:45pm</i> | 12 <i>PTA Ice-cream after school 5th grade Chicago trip</i> | 13 <i>PTA Ice-cream after school 5th grade Chicago trip</i> | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 <i>PTA Election Day @8:45 PTA Store 10:30-12:30</i> | 18 <i>2nd grade concert 1:00-1:30 Auditorium</i> | 19 <i>PTA Ice-cream after school</i> | 20 <i>PTA Ice-cream after school</i> | 21 |
| 22 | 23 <i>Kindergarten Detroit zoo trip</i> | 24 <i>PTA Store 10:30-12:30</i> | 25 <i>6th grade Hemlock picnic 7th Grade field trip CJ Barrymore Track @Woodworth</i> | 26 <i>Parent Meeting 8th grade Hemlock picnic 2nd grade Hemlock 4th grade concert 9:00 - 9:25 PTA Ice-cream after school</i> | 27 No School | 28 |
| 29 | 30 No School Memorial Day | 31 <i>PTA Store 10:30-12:30 Kindergarten Registration begins @9:00 5th grade trip to Greenfield Village</i> | | | | |

