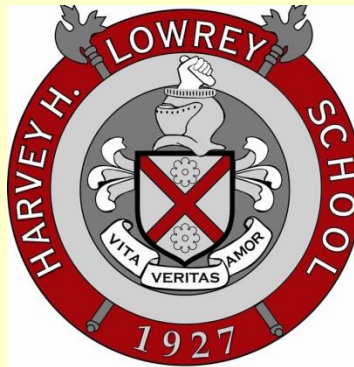


# Lowrey School Newsletter

**NOVEMBER 2016**



*~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:** Families, please be sure to call the attendance office at 313-827-1800 if your child is going to be absent or late before 8:00 a.m. Please note that if your child is late, you must sign him/her into the student 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. It is not permissible for parents to go straight to class and pull their children out of school. We do this for the safety and protection of your children.

**MORNING SUPERVISION:** As a reminder, Lowrey students are not to arrive at school before 7:30 a.m. for middle and elementary school. Students should not arrive early unless they are going to the cafeteria for breakfast or going to morning tutoring.

**DISMISSAL TIME:** We are noticing 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 see parents in the hallways. Teachers are instructed to walk all students outside at dismissal time. We would like all parents to wait either in their cars or outside their child’s exit door.

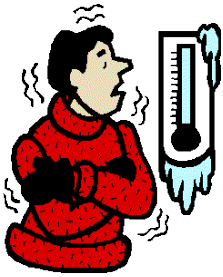
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## **FROM THE DESK OF Elementary Assistant Principal**

### **Dress for the Weather**

As the weather begins to get colder, please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately. Although it will be cold, students will still be outside during morning lineup and lunch recess. Please make sure your child has the proper clothing such as hats, gloves and a warm 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 from their classrooms after school. We want our students to learn to be independent. All students have been assigned to specific 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. Zreik*

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

## **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. Planners should be filled with classroom agendas and homework assignments. Most importantly, all planners will have a FOCUS and TARDY card that supports our POSITIVE—PBIS plan in Middle School. Try to get into 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. Baydoun*



**86<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Day Ceremony**

Parents,

You are all cordially invited to join the Lowrey staff on Friday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, for Lowrey School's 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Day ceremony. The ceremony will be held at 9:00 am outside around our flag pole. If weather conditions are severe, the ceremony will be held in the big gym.



## **From the desk of the Kindergarten Teachers**-Kindergarten is for Language Development

It is familiarity with the English language that precedes and underlies excellent phonemic awareness instruction. It is this familiarity that allows a child's decoding to be error-free and their reading to be fluent. We must skillfully accelerate language learning – both thinking and oral communication – if we are to take a proactive approach to bridge the achievement gap and prevent later reading difficulties. That is why we encourage our children to hear grammatically correct English through their daily instruction and the literature they listen to.

As Kindergarten teachers, we must provide experiences that make language come alive, dramatically articulating and fluently modeling the sounds of language. We invite kindergartners to rehearse language as singers, signers, and storytellers. Lively discussion about quality fiction and nonfiction allows us to connect books with children's lives and provide the vehicle for explicit teaching of comprehension strategies.

We memorize, recite, and perform language. We differentiate instruction, honoring children's initial "magical memory reading" and skillfully transitioning them to guided and independent reading. We are conscious that listening comprehension comes before reading comprehension. Our curriculum invites children to communicate and interact. Developing the child's capacity for language and thought underlies everything we do in kindergarten. Please remember to read to your child (in whatever language you are native to) and continue to help our students become proficient in the English language!!!

### **First Grade:**

#### **Hello friends and family,**

It's an exciting time of year for our friends! Our little first graders have been working extra hard on becoming better readers and writers. Please make sure that they are reading every night and parents that you are signing their reading logs. Also, make sure to practice their sight words daily. We are in the works to planning a field trip. When we gather more details we will send out more information about the trips to come. Look out for it! We hope you have a spectacular day, week, and month to come!

#### **First grade team!**

### **Second Grade:**

November is here and so much has happened! Students are reading and writing in every subject area. We are assessing for report cards at the end of the semester. Students have made great growth and are very interested in learning new things daily! Make sure to schedule your conferences for November, and practice your NWEA skill test daily. We are looking forward to a great Thanksgiving and are very thankful for each other. Parents continue to read daily with your child and sign the reading logs. Once again thank you for all your support!

### **Third grade:**

The third graders recently went on a field trip to the apple orchard. The students had a blast on the tractor ride. They were also able to pick out a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch. In addition to that we had some delicious doughnuts and cider. It was a trip to remember.

As far as curriculum goes, we have been working tirelessly in our classrooms. We began informational writing as well as non-fiction/ informational reading. We are tying in science with our writing by focusing on the different types of animals and their traits. In math we are working on different strategies to add and subtract three digit numbers up through 1,000. Also, we are honing in on how to use CUBES as a problem solving strategy. Students should be circling the numbers, Underling the question, Boxing key words, Eliminating details that are not important and Solving the equation. Lastly, we will be taking our social studies assessment this week and beginning our new unit on the history of Michigan. It is a pleasure to be developing these young minds into intelligent and independent learners.

### **Fourth Grade:**

We have been very busy in fourth grade. In Math, we will be starting Unit 3 for the month of November. Students will focus on prime numbers, composite numbers, factors, comparing numbers, multiplication, and division. In Science, we are starting our unit on Physical Science. Students will investigate the properties of matter with an emphasis on mass and volume. In Social Studies, we will be focusing on Human Geography in the United States. How are people connected to the Earth and to each other? We will investigate stories of immigrants to the United States and describe the impact on culture and the physical environment. Also, we will begin informational writing. Students are working on writing 5 paragraphs using the informational hamburger. Please make sure your child is reading every night for at least 30 minutes. Also, some websites that they can work on at home are: [www.khanacademy.com](http://www.khanacademy.com), [www.mobymax.com](http://www.mobymax.com), [www.myon.com](http://www.myon.com). The weather is changing and it is getting colder. Please make sure your child comes to school with a coat.

### **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](http://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 with you and it will benefit your child to hear about their progress.

## Specials/Middle School



**Computer Applications:** Currently 7th and 8th Grade Computer Application students are working on our word processing unit and we are also learning different keyboard shortcuts and analyzing how they will help us during our daily computer usage.



**Multimedia:** We are currently working on our marketing/advertising unit in which we are creating different flyers and marketing tools for our Dream Business. This will get us ready for our main classroom project called Shark Tank. We are all excited to start our main project!

-Mr. Charara

### **Sixth Grade:**

#### **LANGUAGE ARTS:**

We are currently working on one of the most interesting and fun units of the year, figurative language. Students will be exposed to many different types of figurative language and be able to apply their skills to numerous figurative language activities and projects. Students will be learning how to use evidence from the text they are reading to construct a short answer response. Many of our students have also began their reading logs or their close and critical reading assessments. 6th grade students should be reading for at least 15 to 20 minutes every night. Please continue to check your student's planner every night, and use the teacher's blogs and Remind messages to help keep you informed about the activities and events in class.

#### **SCIENCE:**

Things in our class are going great! We are currently working on environmental science. We are discussing many topics which include identifying interactions of living and nonliving things, ecosystems, food chains and food webs. We are also working on our written responses to explain our thinking, mostly focusing on how to write an extended response. We have been organizing the interactive notebook which includes everything we are learning and working on in class. Students have also been given a text book to use as a resource for learning. They are responding very well to learning more about science.

#### **SOCIAL STUDIES:**

We are getting into Government this week where we will study the purpose of a government, compare the different types of governments and their economic systems. Students will also be making a country of their own as they create an island nation, where they are the government and law makers.

It's Election Season! In some classes, we held mock US elections. Students were also invited to vote for the US president on [Scholastic.com/vote](http://Scholastic.com/vote). This is super exciting because the students are able to choose who they want to be president of the United States! Elections for class representatives for Lowrey Student Council were also conducted. Students wrote speeches and their classmates got to vote. Now, each Social Studies class has a representative and alternate to representative in the 6th grade at Student Council meetings and events.



6th Graders have made such an impressive transition thus far. As we continue to implement organization, responsibility, and respect, our students continue to be responsive. Positive attitudes and smiling faces have made it almost effortless to make connections and bonding easy with these exceptional 6th graders.

This month we are wrapping up our work with area of polygons and the coordinate plane in our geometry unit. Students have been practicing plotting points on the coordinate plane and finding the areas of complex figures using composing and decomposing. Our next geometry unit will be calculating surface area and volume of 3-dimensional figures. In our number systems unit, we continue to focus on operations with fractions and mixed numbers. By this point, students should be able to fluently add and subtract mixed numbers. We will continue to practice multiplying mixed numbers. Once we finish multiplying, we will move into dividing fractions and mixed numbers. Students should continue to practice the skills we are working on in class on Khan Academy. In addition, students should brush up on their basic skills from previous years.



**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC Trip**  
Tuesday 3/28/2017-Friday 3/31/2017  
Informational Meeting Friday 11/16/16  
Little Theater 3:00pm-3:30pm



7<sup>th</sup> grade science is working on developing an understanding that all matter has observable attributes with physical and chemical properties that are described, measured, and compared. Understand that states of matter exist as solid, liquid, or gas; and have physical and chemical properties. Understand all matter is composed of combinations of elements, which are organized by common attributes and characteristics on the Periodic Table. Understand that substances can be classified as mixtures or compounds and according to their physical and chemical properties.



Students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade Math finished up the Number Systems Unit and began working on Equations/Expressions and Ratios/Proportions. Stay updated on all assignments

through the classroom blog. Students are expected to do 60 minutes of Khan Academy every week. Please make sure to continue checking your child's planner daily.



Students in 7th grade Language Arts are working on strengthening their reading and comprehension skills. Students should be reading four times a week, for a minimum of twenty minutes. Students are also required to answer a short prompt to check for understanding. Seventh graders will also be working on mastering the application of their most common literary terms, as well as being able to create the pyramid of action using a narrative text.



7<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies students are learning how the ancient civilizations thrived. They have taken part in QAR to figure out how ancient civilizations were able to make their own food supply and change from hunters and gatherers to farmers. They have learned that humans have domesticated animals, began to live in communities and we will soon see the development of the first ancient cities.

### **Eighth-grade English Language Arts:**

Over the last month, students have been writing and revising argumentative essays on the topic of whether the United States should continue minting pennies. The state frequently tests students in this form of writing.

Additionally, students are preparing guides to identify the parts of speech in magazines. Once the eight parts of speech have been identified, students will tabulate the number of each part of speech and transpose their results into a pie graph. This lesson is designed to give students a practical knowledge of the parts of speech so that, for example, they can judge whether they are writing complete sentences.

Additionally, students have completed reading the play "The Hitchhiker," in which the focus is on foreshadowing.

For detailed instructions on doing homework and class assignments, students have the teacher's blog to refer to. The textbook, Literature, can also be accessed on line at [my.hrw.com](http://my.hrw.com).

### **Math**

8th grade Pre-Algebra is working on Linear Functions and Angle Relation. Algebra is working on Linear Function Essential and Solving Equations (work problems). The Basic Skill this marking period will be adding and subtracting integers. All 8th grade students must do a minimum of 40 minutes per week on Khan Academy. Students have 10-30 minutes of math home a day.





*Lowrey PTA is having a meeting on Friday November 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 A.M.*

It's never too late to become a PTA member, please send memberships with your child or drop them off at the main office. Memberships are \$10 all proceeds go to support your child's school. PTA. will be opening the School store every Friday, help is always needed. Please stop by the office and let them know that you are here to help the PTA. We can be emailed at [lowrey\\_pta@yahoo.com](mailto:lowrey_pta@yahoo.com) or call 313. 428-2492. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook at Lowrey PTA!

## **NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Middle School Picture Day November 21st
- Elementary School Picture Day November 28th
- Veterans Day Ceremony\_ November 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am
- Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences November 10, 16, 17 (By Appointment)
- Late Start November 16<sup>th</sup>
- No School November 8<sup>th</sup>/ Election Day
- No School November 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>

### **Boys Basketball**

Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> Smith @ Lowrey

### **Girls Basketball November**

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> Championship

### **Boys Football**

Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lowrey @ Bryant

Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> Championship

### **Girls Swimming**

Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> Lowrey @ Woodworth



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STUDENT OF THE MONTH**



**Elementary**

**KINDERGARTEN:** Nour Alrobaie, Nora Ali, Hala Saheli, Fatin Saad

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Ishl Wasfy, Elaf Ahmed, Yousif Yasine, Fatema Hachem

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Lara Ryess, Hussein Alali, Laith Aljanaby, Zahra Alwaeli,  
Amr Mubarez, Youssef Al-Dulami, Ali Kdouh  
Ahyleah Wilson

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Ahmed Hamza, Belal Zahwi, Nadine Bousi,  
Ahmed Alibrihaihy, Hamzeh Ahmed, Ala Abdalla

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Fadi Suraimi, Ahlam Alwaseem, Zeina Nasser,  
Abraham Dabejah, Alaina Hazamy, Zeinalabedeem Baydoun,  
Muhammed Charara, Elham Sofyan, Lea Hydous

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Gheith Alharis, Rajia Mohssen, Hawraa Alsaadi,  
Amira Abuhmoud, Rawan Faki, Aishah Mohsen  
Amir Alkadhum, Emman Ajami



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**Middle School**

**6th Grade**

Farah Aldulaimi  
Ali Almayahi  
Mahdi Nasrallah  
Waem Omayan  
Khalil Saad  
Refeda Saleh

**7th Grade**

Reeham Aljahmi  
Hanan Alwaseem  
Malak Elammar  
Basma Eldorr  
Nabil Elmallah  
Jana Ibrahim

**8th Grade**

Mothana Alsoofi  
Sukeina Ammar  
Ali Bazzi (229)  
Zeinab Bezih  
Ayah Elayyan  
Bushra Mohamed

