



# LOWREY SCHOOL

*May, 2017*

Dear Lowrey Families:

Our students have worked very hard over the past few months, and they have so much to be proud of! Last month, we discussed the tradition at Lowrey School and our Polar Bears have continued to make positive strides in and outside of our building.

Lowrey School is currently in test mode! The 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, over the next several 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 again this year, and our elementary students and staff will be planting new flowers around the entire building on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Please look out for a letter from your child's teacher. 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 continuing with our new program here 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 areas stay clean! Our students and staff are excited to show their pride and love for Lowrey School!

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, Lowrey School will hold our 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Lowrey families would donate a flat of red or white flowers to our school for us to plant. Teachers have sent home a letter informing parents about this wonderful project. Our official planting day is on Monday, May 8th. If you would like to be a part of this amazing initiative please let your child’s teacher know. Our goal is to beautify Lowrey in time for our parade.

Our annual Clean-Up Parade will take place on Wednesday, May 10th at 9:30 am. We will be lining up on Bingham Street and walking towards Hemlock and back down to Jonathan. This parade helps our students understand the importance of taking care of their world. 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 Lowrey to always look its best because we truly believe that our students only deserve the best.

Additionally, we want to remind all of our incoming Kindergarten students about our annual Jump Start program. This program will begin on August 21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 11:00 am. All incoming Kindergarten students are welcome to attend. Students will be able to familiarize themselves with the classrooms, and cafeteria while building daily routines before the official school year begins. We look forward to seeing you over the summer.

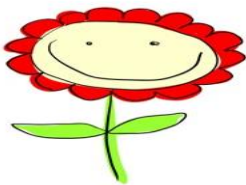
If you have any questions regarding anything at all, know our door is always open to you. Please feel free to email, call or make an appointment and we will be happy to support you.

Thank you,

**Zahra Zreik**

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, snowing or below 20 degrees. 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.

**Dismissal Time:**

Lately, we have 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 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.

**Bus Riders:**

If your children ride the bus, they must report directly to the bus at dismissal time. This will ensure that the bus is departing the school and dropping off students at home in a timely manner.  
Please make sure your children are appropriately dressed while they are waiting for the bus in the morning.

**Appropriate Dress**

As the weather is getting warmer please ensure that your child is coming to school with the appropriate clothing. For your child's safety we want to remind you that elementary students are not permitted to wear open sandals unless they wear socks. Pants and shorts should fit at the waist and be worn at the waist. The bottom of the top garment and the top of the lower garment worn must meet and overlap or be tucked inside one another. Students are expected to dress in such a manner that they will not be disruptive nor infringe upon the health and safety of themselves or others.

**Response to Bullying:**

You can support us by making sure that your child doesn't bully others emotionally or physically, and also by ensuring that they don't stand by or be part of bullying. Although this problem isn't unique to our district, we are addressing it with passion to ensure our students have a safe and healthy experience at school. Please contact your child's teacher or principal if you have any questions, and we will be happy to talk to you about ways you can address these issues with your child.

**Mr. Baydoun and Mrs. Zreik**  
**Lowrey Assistant Principals**

**Dear Kindergarten Parent(s),**

Your child has had a great year in Kindergarten! It is important that your child continue learning throughout the summer. We will be providing a packet as a tool to help your child practice skills and concepts that are essential for first grade. In addition, please visit the Michigan State Department of Education's website to view the first grade Common Core Standards and Parent Engagement at <http://www.michigan.gov/mde>.

**Other things you can do over the summer with your child:**

- Read to your child every day, to improve reading skills.
- Have your child read to you every day, to improve reading skills.
- Visit the local library and join the summer reading program, to improve reading skills.
- Take your child to local zoos, museums, and parks, to improve social studies and science skills.
- Make sure your child spends at least 60 minutes each day engaged in some kind of exercise, to promote health and improve gross motor skills.
- Encourage your child to read everyday material such as: cereal boxes, recipes, magazines, newspapers, billboards, and signs, to improve reading skills.
- Ask your child to help write birthday cards, grocery lists, and thank you notes, to improve writing skills.
- Have your child keep a journal of what he/she is doing during the summer months!

We hope you enjoy your summer!

Kindergarten Teachers

**\*\*\*Kindergarten Graduation will be on June 14<sup>th</sup> in the Little Theater @8:30am\*\*\***

**Hello First Grade Families,**

This year has gone by so quickly. It seems like yesterday when your little ones entered our rooms for the first time. It has been our pleasure to watch them mature and grow into independent learners. It has been an exciting time. Our last field trip is in May to Greenfield Village. We have been learning about life in the past and how it compares to life in the present. Our trip will really help them see and experience the differences. Summer will be here soon. Please remember to read with your child to help maintain all the knowledge they have learned. Write words, stories, math problems or geometric shapes with chalk outside. Use trips to the store to reinforce money skills. Enjoy going through the scientific process with little experiments. There are so many child friendly experiments online. Don't forget to utilize the computer websites as well. Thank you for sharing your children with us!!!!

Sincerely,  
First Grade Teachers

**Second Grade:**

Second graders have been working hard on their NWEA! We will continue to test students during the month of May. Students are working hard with vocabulary, reading daily, and working on their multiplication and division math skills. The second grade concert will be on Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup>. We will also be going on a field trip to Hemlock Park on Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup>, a reminder letter will be sent home that week. Second grade teachers would also like to ask parents that if your child is going to fast during the month of Ramadan to please send a note with the student letting us know. Have a Happy Ramadan and keep up the good work!

Thank you,  
Second Grade Team 😊

### **Third Grade:**

The third grade team is so proud of all the hard work our students are putting forth in the classroom. We know they will perform their very best on the M-STEP this month. We encourage all students to get a good amount of sleep and eat extra nutritious meals. This is a very important time of the year and is crucial that our students are present. Not only are we taking the M-STEP, but there are other assessments that need to be done in order to wrap up the year. Along with the end of the year comes the annual trip to Hemlock Park, which is scheduled on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Every third grader has made such incredible gains academically and socially. We are looking forward to see just how far our students have come this year!

### **Fourth Grade:**

Fourth grade has been busy wrapping up NWEA testing and preparing for M-STEP. The M-STEP test will begin on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and will go through Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure that your child gets a minimum of 8 hours of sleep each night, has a well-balanced breakfast, and packs snack for the day. We will begin testing promptly at 8:15 each day, please make sure that all students arrive to school on time. Our end of year field trips includes Hemlock and Sky Zone (tentatively). June will consist of review and projects.

### **Fifth Grade:**

Fifth grade students just completed taking their M-STEP and are preparing for our end of the year NWEA testing. We are confident that all of our students have improved tremendously this school year. Additionally, we will be preparing for our annual Wax Museum. Students will be researching about a person that they admire and has influenced the world in some way. Fifth grade graduation will take place on June 15th in the little theater at 9:00 o'clock, Please be prompt. We will nominate one student for the Principal Award and one student for Faculty Award. We look forward to seeing our wonderful parents.



### **Elementary Physical Education**

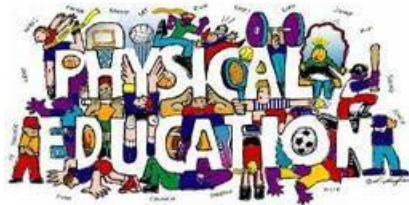
We just wrapped up our bowling unit!! We had a lot of fun learning how to bowl and playing some fun activities with our bowling skills. You should be receiving a coupon in the next couple of weeks that will give you information about a bowling program called Kids Bowl Free. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to be able to bowl 2 free games every day during the spring and summer. If you go to [kidsbowlfree.com](http://kidsbowlfree.com) and register your child(ren) you will receive weekly email passes to go to one of the 3 local bowling alleys. 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, it's free. 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! But also please remember to put sunscreen on them as well--the recommended SPF is 30.

Thank you, Mrs. Murray

**Middle School Physical Education:**

MS PE Department is starting to go outside and enjoy the beautiful weather. Long distance running, football, softball, and swimming is our focus! We are continuing to encourage fitness activities at home with siblings, and guardians! Please join in the fun of exercising at least 30 minutes per day with your child!

-MS PE Staff



**Music:**

Lowrey Middle School will be presenting the musical *Shrek Jr.* on Thursday, May 11 at 6:00 pm and Friday, May 12 at 6:00 pm in the Little Theater. **Tickets are \$5 general admission.**

Come and enjoy our students presenting this beautiful, heartwarming story of true friendship and acceptance!

Elementary 2nd grade concert: May 17th at 1 p.m. & 4th grade concert: May 18th at 1 pm.



Here's  
What's  
Happening!



## SCIENCE

The 6th grade students have finished taking their final NWEA test for the year. In the next coming weeks we will be working on earth science. We will be reviewing the earth's interior and plate tectonics. Next week we will be studying the rock cycle. As we finish up the curriculum, we will be completing a series of hands-on activities that will model scientific phenomena. Please continue to monitor student connect for any issues regarding grades. As the year comes to a close please make sure that your student continues to put in effort. Remember it is not over yet!

## Math

6th grade students have finished their final NWEA assessment for the year. We will be starting M-STEP in the next upcoming weeks. Students should be diligent in completing their Khan Academy, iLearn, iBlog, Prepdog, and other assignments in order to fully prepare and review for the test. In class, students will continue to review for M-STEP, work on the Ratios and Proportions Unit, and work on the Number System Unit. Proportional reasoning story problems, fraction/decimal/percent conversions, and measurement conversions are all examples of the types of problems students will practice. Students will finish off the year with the Statistics and Probability Unit and complete the Number Systems Unit. Please continue to monitor student planners, iBlog, Remind, and Student Connect to keep up to date with student progress.

## Arts Language Zone

6th grade students have just taken their final NWEA assessment of the year. Next week, they will complete their MSTEP assessment. Following that week, we will jump back into identifying the different narrative points of view, continue working on new Greek and Latin root words, and mastering the identification of the four different types of sentences. The end of the year will bring more work with Argumentative writing and work in our Literature Book. We look forward to a productive end of the year in ELA classes.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

With Mr. Salamey, students have been working diligently learning how to read maps. Although, we still have much work to do as far as learning how to read different maps, students have been doing a great job! This unit is something a little different because most students have little to no experience reading maps, or how to use a map key. This it makes it fun and extremely satisfying when they are able to answer questions simply by using the map key.



Getting Ready for the  
M-Step



In Science, we are done with NWEA testing. We are reviewing for the upcoming Mstep. Students will be taking the Mstep Tue 5/2-Thur 5/4. We want all of Lowrey School students to do their best!! It is important that students:

1. Learn to stay focused
2. Read the questions first
3. Pay Attention to Keywords in directions



In Math we finished up our NWEA testing. We are reviewing for the Math M-Step, which will take place the week of May 15th. Our students are working very hard and we are so proud of them. We are going on a field trip to C.J. Barrymore's on May 23rd and to Hemlock Park on May 25th. All permission slips need to be returned to their Math teacher NO LATER than May 12th!



In Social Studies we are learning about ancient Egyptians and their daily lives. This is a very interesting chapter because students get to take a look in the lives of these ancient people who have contributed some of the biggest contributions to the human race. Soon, we will be skipping some chapters to talk about the 3 main monotheistic religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. This will take our 7th graders to the end of the school year. Students will finish up with a project on all three religions.



Seventh graders in Language Arts are working on their narrative skills. Students have been working diligently on writing a personal narrative about a time that was sentimental to them. After we have completed NWEA and MSTEP testing, we will continue to look at different narratives by different authors. Students will also continue to utilize [www.noredink.com](http://www.noredink.com) to practice their grammar skills.



# 8th Grade

## 8th grade:

**Pre-Algebra** students will finish the school year with exponent and scatter plots.

NWEA testing for math will be given the week of May 8. All students are to continue with Khan Academy till June 2, 60 minutes per week.

**Algebra** students will finish the year with quadratic equations. The final exam for high school credit will be the window of May 31-June 2.

## Eighth Grade:

Eighth grade is reading The Outsiders, a novel about gangs in the 1960's that has been very popular over the years. To help students keep track of their reading, a handout has been updated this year to guide students through the novel. Simultaneously, students are writing persuasive essays on which character Anne Frank or Bruno (a character in the movie The Boy in the Striped Pajamas) cared more for others.

At the Awards Ceremony, June 16, the last day of school, an eighth grader will deliver a Farewell Address. All eighth graders are invited to write a speech. The speaker will be chosen based on the quality of the speech and the ability to deliver it.

On Wednesday, May 24, eighth graders are scheduled to picnic and play on Hemlock Park for a class outing.

## PTA:

The PTA has been busy preparing for our mother's Day store. This is an opportunity for your kids to get things for their special mothers. We will be selling, flowers, mugs, baskets, Teddy bears and chocolate. Our price ranges from \$.50 to \$20 all proceeds from the sale will go towards end-of-the-year activities, field trips and fifth grade and eighth grade ceremonies. The store will be open from May 8<sup>th</sup> through May 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM - 1 PM. Help is always needed. – Thank You ❤️



# Congratulations



## May/June ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

### Kindergarten

Zeinab Rida  
Yousif Subhi  
Adam Wasel  
Ayah Jassar  
Mona Atallah  
Henan Alwaqedi  
Ruhaf Mohamed  
Hadil Hachem  
Ali Alomeiri

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Noor Algasid  
Daifallah Kobaree  
Rihanna Masri  
Taim Omayan  
Mahfouz Aljahmi

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Fatima Badreddine  
Yara Albadani  
Naghham Jouni  
Abdulrahman Albeshari  
Ali Hussein  
Mehdi Albiraihy  
Marah Jaber  
Selena Fneich  
Aya Hazamy  
Azzam Obaid  
Manar Aljahmi  
Ahyleah Wilson

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Zainb Mufadhal  
Soora Alghazally  
Hadi Deramsis  
Noor Alhajami  
Jannat Jamalaldin  
Cerina Abdulkarim  
Noor Alnaser  
Hassan Almayahi  
Fayad Fayad  
Hailah Kobaree

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Ishaq Gobah  
Maria Saad  
Amani Alsaadi  
Amram Saif  
Anhar Saleh  
Ibrahim Nadi  
Samiyah Siddiq  
Wesam Altaleb  
Saja Alomari  
Alaa Saeed

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Alaa Bazzi, Tasneem Omer,  
Khaled Alawdi, Amriah Ahmed,  
Mariam Bzaih, Sandra Jarrar,  
Fawaz Fawaz, Ahmed Allahibat,  
Fatima Fardous, Alaa Aldahe,  
Adham Saeed, Sajad Aljanaby,  
Hadi Hammoud, Hassan Ayoub,  
Camille Wilson, Mahdi Esmail,  
Abrar Mohsen, Alfadhli Saleh,  
Mohamad Nasrallah



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## 6th Grade

Daniel AhmadShehady

Alaa Albeshari

Rana Mohsin

Abraham Muthana

Aya Seklawi

Manar Yaseen

## 7th Grade

Khaled Almurisi

Rayan Assi

Manar Atallah

Zain Davanzo

Meshal Ghalib

Aya Tarhini

## 8th Grade

Fatima Ajami

Mustafa Alnasri

Zeinab Alzayadi

Roukaya Fayad

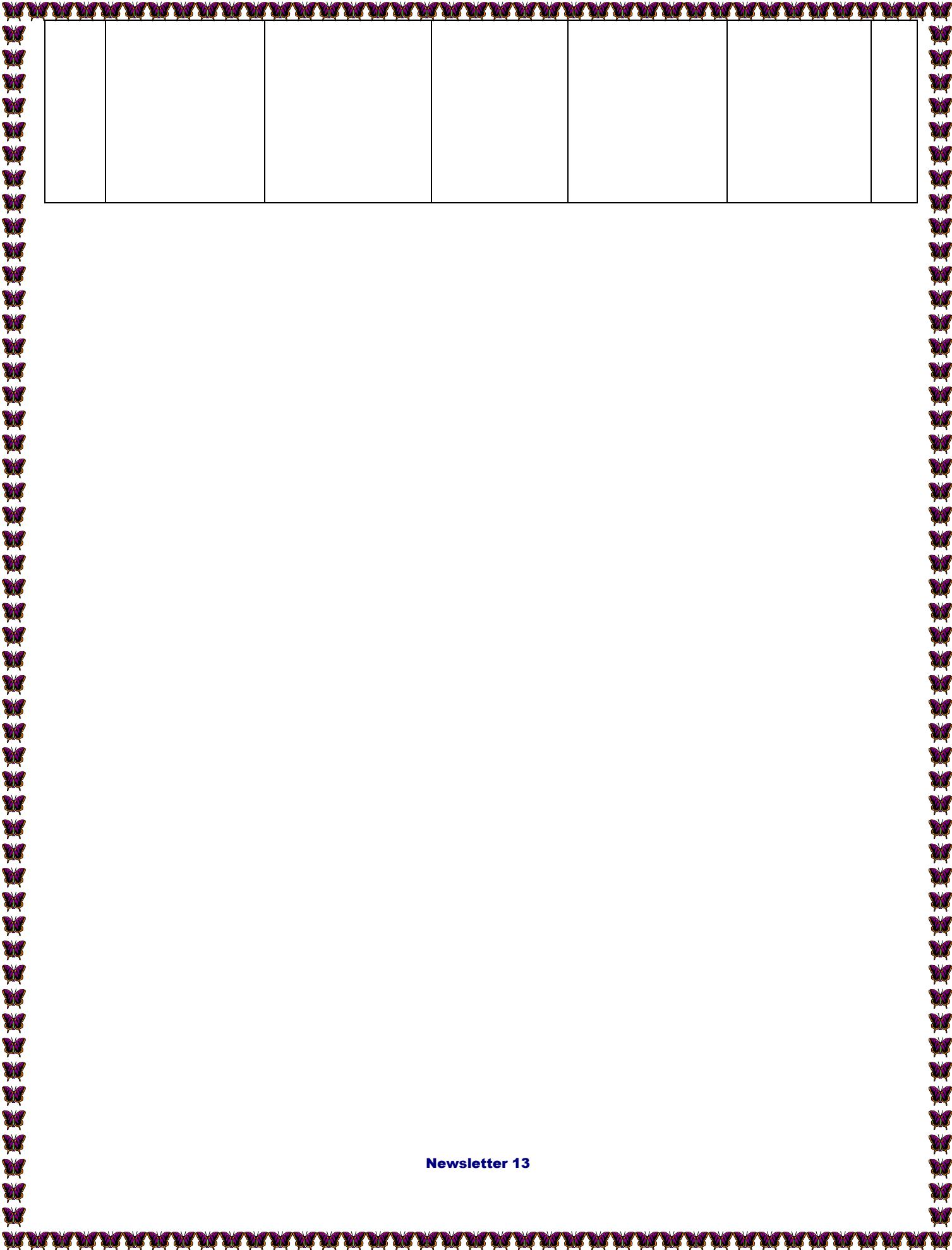
Saada Hachem

Narges Ismail



# MAY 2017

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT
	1 Track meet VS. Bryant @Dearborn High	2	3	4 5th Grade field trip to Chicago  Track meet VS. Woodworth @Lowrey	5 5th Grade <b>return</b> from field trip to Chicago  PTA mother's day store 9-1pm opens	6
7	8 K-5 <sup>th</sup> planting with NJHS  Track meet VS. Unis @Fordson	9 <b>Teachers Appreciation week</b>  1 <sup>st</sup> grade field trip to Greenfield Village 9-2:30pm	10 <b>Clean up Parade</b> K-5 <sup>th</sup> @9:30 w/ NJHS	11 Shrek Musical @6 in little Theater Admission \$5	12 Shrek Musical @6 in Little Theater  Last Day PTA mother's day store 9-1pm	13
14	15 Kindergarten Testing  Track meet @Smith  5 <sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Greenfield Village @9:30-2:15	16 Kindergarten Testing	17 <b>LATE START</b> Kindergarten Testing  2 <sup>nd</sup> grade concert little theater @1	18 Track Meet Vs. Stout @Edsel 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade concert in little theater @1pm K field trip to Detroit zoo	19 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Hemlock Trip	20
21	22 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Cedar Point 6 <sup>th</sup> grade movies & skating	23 7 <sup>th</sup> g. CJ Barrymore 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> graders Hemlock picnic 9-2:30p	24 Track City Meet dismissal @10:30 6 <sup>th</sup> grade Hemlock 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Hemlock Picnic 9-2:30pm	25 PBIS celebration for elementary students	26 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	27
28	29 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	30	31 8 <sup>TH</sup> Grade Assembly for Promotion Ceremony	<b>June 15</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade in Little Theater @9am	<b>June 16</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony @9am in Little Theater <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!</b> 😊	



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