

LOWREY NEWS

September/ October Newsletter 2017



Dear Lowrey Families,

Happy fall! Welcome back to another wonderful school year. The Lowrey staff and I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all. We are excited about another safe, happy, and successful school year. The excellent learning and productivity of our Lowrey community is well underway already as we move into October. We look forward to working closely with all of our families to ensure a successful and amazing school year. Our goal is always to establish effective and dependable school-to-home communication. This monthly newsletter, parent monthly meetings, and Coffee with the Principal are just a few of the ways we strive to keep you informed and involved in our daily operations. In addition, know that you are always welcome to call and set up an appointment to meet with me, Mrs. Zreik or Mrs. Sabbagh, our Assistant Principals at Lowrey.

As most successful schools do, we kick off the school year with our code of conduct assemblies. It is vital for you to be aware of all the policies and rules outlined therein. The contracts you have each submitted, signed by both you and your children indicate your committed understanding and agreement to adhere to the rules. The code of conduct is in place to ensure that we can function during the school year in the most safe and efficient manner possible. We encourage you to keep a copy of this and to be familiar with the code of conduct as it can be very helpful in avoiding confusion, disappointments and frustrations.

We pride ourselves in reaching out to our families with warmth and sincerity with hopes of fostering great relationships between school and home. As with all good relationships, we hope for a most constructive collaboration with all of you in nurturing and building mature, respectful and successful students.

I have provided you with several free educational websites that are aimed toward enhancing your children's education and learning. Please encourage them to read and sharpen their skills at home as much as possible.

Lastly, please share in our excitement and dedication to creating a fabulous learning environment and community by becoming actively involved in our PTA. Join the other wonderful parents that go above and beyond to make all things possible for our students.

*Mrs. Rima Younes,
Principal*

Principals Note

I would like to welcome back Mrs. Zreik, our elementary principal to another wonderful school year. Additionally, I would like to welcome Mrs. Sabbagh to Lowrey Middle School. Mrs. Sabbagh will be serving our community as our new assistant principal. Mrs. Sabbagh brings years of teaching experience and administrative experience to Lowrey School. She is incredibly dedicated and committed to serving your children and will work tirelessly to securing their success. Please be sure to take a moment to introduce yourself to her and welcome her to our Lowrey Family!



Mrs. Sabbagh



Mrs. Younes



Mrs. Zreik



FROM THE DESK OF Elementary Assistant Principal

Dear Families,

Welcome back to another successful year. I am so excited to continue my career at Lowrey. It is an honor to serve you all, and a pleasure to work so closely with your amazing children to ensure they are as successful as possible.

You will soon begin to notice a change in our very warm weather. For the comfort and wellbeing of your children, please be sure to encourage them to come to school in layers. A light jacket, sweater or hoodie will help to keep them warm while they wait outside at their entry door. Students will not be allowed to wait in the building unless the temperature is 20 degrees or below.

It is very important to keep up with your child's progress while they are in school. High parent involvement in schools is linked to student achievement. Here are some helpful tips to help you stay involved in your child's education:

Daily mandatory checks of your child's homework folder and/or planner

Keep up on school news on our school blog: lowrey.dearbornschools.org

Attend our monthly parent meeting (September 27 at 8:30 am)

Join our Lowrey PTA (\$10 per family)

As always, if you have any concern or questions, please call the office at 313-827-1800.

We are always available to help support your children.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Zahra Zreik

Assistant Principal

Lowrey Elementary School

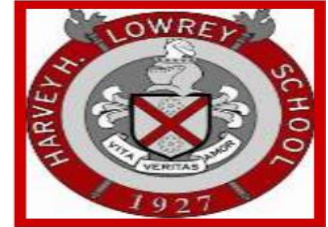


Halloween Parade



Tuesday, Halloween Parade. KG-2nd grade will walk in the parade from 2:00 - 2:30. 3rd - 5th Grade may dress up in the afternoon, but remember no masks, weapons, face paint, are allowed. Students may pass out treats at the end of the day (2:30-3:00). If you have any question, please call the office at (313)827-1800.

Letter from our new Middle School Assistant Principal Mrs. Sabbagh



Dear Lowrey Families,

It is an absolute pleasure to be able to be in this position to introduce myself to you. I have spent the past 10 years involved in education as a classroom teacher, teacher leader, and an administrative intern at both the elementary and middle school level in the Dearborn District and could not imagine a more enjoyable career. The ability to interact and be involved with students on a daily basis is both rejuvenating and rewarding! One of my core philosophies I have learned through my years is that building strong relationships can lead to great successes. I will always have the interests of the students as my primary focus and I will push them to grow and achieve goals that they did not think were even possible. I will work with our wonderful teaching staff and administrators to ensure that we continue to be a high achieving school!

Communication is critical to me so please do not hesitate to call, email, or personally speak to me when you see me. I welcome any and all contact with parents, students and members of our wonderful community. As you know the saying, "it takes a village to raise a child...."

Thank you for giving me this wonderful opportunity and I look forward to meeting you in the coming days, weeks and years. Go Polar Bears!

Respectfully,

Mirvat Sabbagh
Assistant Principal of Middle School
Lowrey School
Email: sabbagm1@dearbornschools.org



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!!!

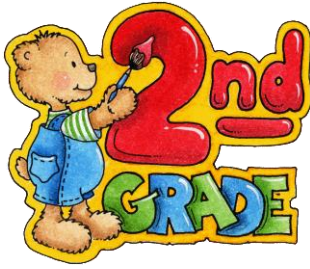
Writing is the key that unlocks the alphabetic code. So, collaboratively the Kindergarten teachers' definition of excellence includes cooperative learning, rich experiences in the arts, science exploration, respectful and supportive parent connections, a language-intensive "writing-to-read" environment, 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!!!

Hello First Grade Families,



We have had a great start to the new school year! Your child should be bringing home a reading bag daily. Please have your child read the books for at least 20 minutes each night. A parent should sign the reading log after your child reads. Please ask your child questions after reading. What did the story make you think about? What part of the book did you like the best? Why? Who are the characters? What is the setting? Your child is also bringing home written homework. Remember to provide a quiet place for your child to work. White boards, chalk or games help with spelling and writing practice. Making learning fun goes a long way. Don't forget to read with and to your child. Share a book together and let your child see you enjoy reading as well. It is going to be a great year of learning and independence!!

SECOND GRADE TEAM:



What a wonderful start to the year! Students are quickly establishing routines, making friends and writing about their experiences. Open house was a big success with a great turnout of caring parents showing interest in their child's education. NWEA testing has been in place to show a true measure of where to begin with each child. Teachers are working hard with Daily 5 reading strategies, reading groups, math, social studies, and writing! A

special thanks to parents for making sure all reading logs and planners are signed daily. You are a big part of their success!

THIRD GRADE TEAM:



It is hard to believe we are entering the month of October! We have had a wonderful start to the school year and we thank you for all your support and patience! We have established quality routines and procedures to ensure the safety and education of our students. Please remember to check your child's planner every night. This is a great way to communicate with

parents/guardians. There is a place on the bottom for you to sign daily. If you have any questions or concerns, please write a note in the homework planner. Please continue to encourage your child to complete homework assignments and review content each evening. In the third grade, we are focusing on becoming Power Readers. Therefore, it is important for your child to read each night to support the reading instruction we are providing at school.

OCTOBER TIP

Research shows that students who read 30 minutes or more per night have an increased vocabulary and comprehension of written text because of an increased degree of exposure. Please make sure you encourage your children read for at least 30 minutes per day.

Lowrey School Reading Policy

1. Reading book bags will go home daily
2. Students must read books:
2-5 (30+ minutes daily)
 1. Students will complete a reading assignment daily
 2. Book Logs-- Signed daily by parents

FOURTH GRADE TEAM:

4th Grade



Welcome to 4th Grade! Our school year is off to a great start. We started NWEA testing. Your child has taken the Reading, Math, Language, and Science NWEA. Reading books should have already gone home. Make sure your child is reading 30 minutes every night. Be sure to sign their planners and reading logs every day! Homework packets are sent home on Monday and are due

back on Friday. Make sure your child is completing a portion of the homework packet daily. In Math, we started our unit on angles, lines, and 3 digit addition and subtraction. Unit one test will be on lines, line segment, rays, points, parallel lines, perpendicular lines, and intersecting lines. In Science, we started our unit on Energy. We have discussed Kinetic and Potential Energy. We will be focusing on the different forms of Energy. Spelling tests are every Friday. Please make sure your child is on time (8:00 am) to school daily.

FIFTH GRADE TEAM:



Welcome back to a great school year! 5th grade is filled with fun activities and many new things to learn, so we have no time to waste! NWEA took place the first couple weeks of school and will continue for a few weeks until all students have tested. Snack is an essential part of the day as it energizes students and helps them focus, so please be sure to send a snack each and every day with your child. We do not eat lunch

until 12:00, so they get hungry and may not be able to concentrate. Only healthy snacks will be allowed in class, no chips, soda, cookies or candy are allowed. In math, 5th graders will be learning all about numeric operations, place value, decimals, estimation, and multiplication in next months to come. In science we will be learning about the scientific process and matter! In social studies, we are studying about our government and the Constitution. We are working on narrative writing and learning new strategies for reading. So far it has been a great start to the school year. Please be sure to sign your child's planner each day after they complete their homework. They **MUST** read each day for at least 30 minutes and answer questions about their book. As you know at the end of the month is Halloween. 5th graders will be allowed to wear costumes, but not to school. They can change after lunch. Please no masks or face paint or anything that is inappropriate for school, such as blood and weapons. We look forward to an amazing year with your children, thank you for putting your trust with the Lowrey family; we guarantee they are in **GREAT** hands :) Thank you for everything you do for our school!

Instrumental Music

Calling all 5th graders! Now is the time to sign up for 5th grade instrumental music. You may choose to play the violin, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, or trombone. Classes are once a week for 45 minutes during the school day on Wednesdays. 5th graders were sent home with an informational handout. Please return it to sign up. Questions? Please e-mail haleyj@dearbornschools.org

Lowrey Elementary Physical Education



Dear Lowrey Elementary Families and Community,

My name is Sean Loconsole and I am the new elementary physical education teacher. I am very excited and looking forward to a fun exciting year in physical education. Your students and children have already been active in physical education. For the first couple weeks of school, students have been getting acclimated to classroom rules and procedures of physical education class. Students have also been learning about their health, cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength and muscular endurance, and how to stretch their muscles properly. Moving forward, we will begin our soccer unit for the first marking period. Students will be learning the instep kick, the soccer dribble, and also be learning about teamwork and sportsmanship.

Helpful Educational Websites for your children

Thank you for making Lowery School an exceptional place.

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>

<https://www.funbrain.com>

www.timeforkids.com

www.pbs.org/

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/student-activities/>



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Kindergarten

Ali Mteirek
Hayssam Bazzi
Malak Awada
Batoul Doulani
Manal Said
Shahd Sadeq
Prince Abdallah

1st Grade

Mohammed Ahmed
Adam Wasel
Ayah Jassar
Younes Hussain
Aisha Alsuraimi

2nd Grade

Ayat Obad
Hussam Alnakeeb
Hana Shukr
Aya Salmassi
Elaf Ahmed
Abdelmalek Albeshari
Maya Mehanna
Abraham Ajrouche

3rd Grade

Jana Nasser
Rawan Alnamer
Hadi Idriss
Nour Nasrallah
Amr Mubarez
Nawal Abuhmoud
Laith Aljanaby
Zeina Fares

4th Grade

Belal Zahwi
Ali Saad
Hadi Rayes
Farah Yahya
Safa Deeb
Nancy Hammoud
Raghad Abusabha
Arwa Ghaleb

5th Grade

Khaled AlSameai
Mustafa Harajli
Adam Elamine
Michael Alammari
Mariam Ajrouche
Mina Aljibory
Saja Alomari
Mohammed Islim
Ahlam Alwaseem
Zeinab Ajrouche
Edris Almraisi



Language Arts: Welcome back to another wonderful year here at Lowrey Middle School. We could not be more excited to start the school year with our new 6th graders. As you know, starting middle school comes with lots of change. Over the past month, we have been working hand in hand with our students to get to know each other. We have done multiple hands on activities to

build a strong bond to take us throughout the school year. Our students have learned to transition from class to class, open their lockers, and even make new friends. We have delved into our fall NWEA testing. Once our NWEA assessment is complete, we will move right into working in our stations, writing our journal squares, and even learning new Greek and Latin root words. You can keep in touch with all three of our 6th grade Language Arts teachers through their iBlog, REMIND application, and email.

Social Studies: Welcome back 6th graders! The Social Studies class is off to a great start this school year. We have been working on getting to know the teacher and other students, setting goals to accomplish in the content area, and the middle school norms and procedures. Also, this week we celebrated "Constitution Day" and students are working with partners to complete their posters of their understanding of the key concepts in class. Finally, we are in the process of electing classroom delegates for Student Council here at Lowrey School. We reviewed how they have the choice to run for office, presentation of their individual speeches, the voting process, and responsibilities if they are elected as a classroom delegate. The past few weeks have been fun and it just keeps on rolling from here! The Social Studies teachers use I-Blog, email, and the Remind App for updates and special announcements.

Math: Welcome back! We are so excited for this school year! Students have completed the Fall NWEA. For the first few weeks, we have been focusing on organization, classroom procedures and expectations, and building responsible and respectful communities. We have been reviewing some basic skills from 5th grade as well. Students are now beginning work on our Number System and Ratios and Proportions units. Students should be completing their Khan Academy assignments and practicing iLearn on a nightly basis. Math teachers work hard to keep their iBlog updated. Students should utilize their planners and the blogs in order to keep up with their assignments.

Science: Welcome back! The science class is off to a great start and we are looking forward to having an exciting year! For the next few weeks we will continue working on our classroom rules and expectation and setting up our interactive notebook. Please check

it to see what we have been doing in class. Science students have completed the NWEA. Also this week the students were introduced to the idea of "Everyone is a Scientist". We completed an activity called "Saving Sam" in which students had to apply the scientific process to complete. It was funny watching them complete this task. The students are looking forward to having more hands-on activities to learn and so am I. Just remember to always check iBlog for any classroom news.

7th Grade



Language Arts: Welcome back students and parents. Students have been focusing primarily on classroom procedures and expectations, organization skills, rebuilding stamina, and establishing healthy relationships with one another. Students are starting to wrap up their fall NWEA assessments. Please feel free to reach any of the 7th grade Language Arts teachers via iBlog, email, or REMIND.



Math: Welcome back students and parents! In math we have been working on our basic skills: rounding rules, interpreting decimals, converting improper fractions and mixed numbers, as well as adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. We have set up our homework in iLearn and finished NWEA for the fall. Please feel free to reach out to any of the 7th grade math teachers via iBlog, email, or Remind!



Science: The 7th grade Science Team (Mr. Cook, Ms. Haddad & Mrs. Skaf) are working with our students to help them learn how classify substances by their physical and chemical properties, and explain the relationship of elements to the periodic table. The students are actively engaged in hands on-classroom activities. The 7th grade team will be using Science Room 4 for labs and classroom activities.



Social Studies: Off to a great start. We are reviewing map skills, and starting with chapter 1 Ancient Civilizations. Please be sure to sign up for our blogs to stay informed about all assignments.

8TH GRADE

Eighth graders began the school year by becoming aware of classroom routines and getting acquainted with their classmates. Also, students were seated in groups in the classrooms because working in groups is highly prized at Lowrey. In this way, students learn to depend on their classmates to help solve problems and they come to realize that reading and writing are social activities. Teachers used various ways to introduce working in groups. One teacher used a card game, Blink, to impress upon students to need to understand instructions before they begin group activities, to have a leader in the group to expedite organizing the group, and a recorder to document accountability of each group member.

Eighth graders are currently reading the play The Hitchhiker, which focuses on foreshadowing--hints in the play that suggest what will happen. There is also a heavy emphasis on vocabulary with teachers creating word walls.

The week of the 18th is devoted to Northwest Evaluation Association, NWEA, tests of students' reading and language abilities.



Computer Applications: 7th and 8th Grade Computer Application students are working hard and learning basic computer skills to help them increase their knowledge of computers. Keep up the great work students!



Multimedia

Multimedia: Multimedia students have been eager to start our different multimedia activities and we will soon be working on different projects including skits, slideshows and different multimedia initiatives!



Middle School Students of the Month

6th Grade

Amira Abuhmoud

Samera Alwaseem

David Ballard

Rawan Fakih

Hadi Hammoud

Alaa Sailan

7th Grade

Noor Algharib

Anna Algobay

Mahdy Bazzi

Hanin Mohammed

Hadi Reda

Neveen Sobh

8th Grade

Awssan Alghufri

Meriam Awada

Sarah Hachem

Aya Hazime

Hussein Horani

Aya Islim



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September/ October



Mon, Sep. 25	Tue, Sep. 26	Wed, Sep. 27 Parent Meeting @8:00am Auditorium Girls' Volleyball Lowrey @ Stout	Thu, Sep. 28	Fri, Sep. 29 Football Lowrey @ Woodworth Girls' Volleyball Bryant @ Lowrey Pizza for Snack Elem.
Mon, Oct. 2 All kindergarten and young 5's field trip to Irwins Apple Orchard and Cider Mill .	Tue, Oct. 3	Wed, Oct. 4 Girls' Volleyball Bryant @ Woodworth	Thu, Oct. 5	Fri, Oct. 6 NO SCHOOL for Kindergarten & Young 5's Football Unis @ Lowrey Girls' Volleyball Woodworth @ Lowrey
Mon, Oct. 9	Tue, Oct. 10	Wed, Oct. 11 Girls' Volleyball Lowrey @ Unis	Thu, Oct. 12 3 rd grade field trip to Blake's Apple Orchard	Fri, Oct. 13 <u>½ Day All Students</u> Football Lowrey @ Salina Girls' Volleyball Lowrey @ Salina
Mon, Oct. 16	Tue, Oct. 17	Wed, Oct. 18 <u>*Late Start*</u>	Thu, Oct. 19	Fri, Oct. 20 Girls' Volleyball Stout @ Lowrey
Mon, Oct. 23 Cipriano Run 4:00 MS & 4:50 EL (Parents please come to Ford Field and show your support) Berro , Fire Safety Field trip 9:30-11:30 Hankard , Fire Safety Field trip 12:30- 2:30	Tue, Oct. 24 S. Beydoun , Fire Safety field trip 9:30-11:30 Howard , Fire Safety Field trip 12:30 – 2:30	Wed, Oct. 25 Girls' Volleyball Lowrey @ Bryant Dillon , Fire Safety field trip 9:30-11:30	Thu, Oct. 26	Fri, Oct. 27 Football Lowrey @ Stout
Mon, Oct. 30	Tue, Oct. 31 Halloween parade 2-2:30pm K-2 nd Lowrey Hallways			