

Lowell Lowdown

May, 2009

James Russell Lowell School is a community of learners.

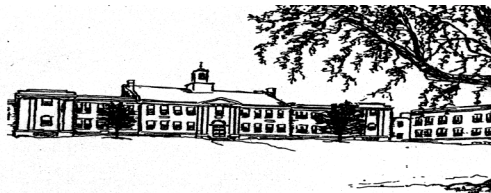
As a caring and responsible community:

We **care** about ourselves, others, and our learning environment,

We **share** our thoughts and feelings in kind and respectful ways,

We **dare** to try our best, be creative and explore new ideas.

We care, share, and dare.



Important Dates to Remember

June 1st & 2nd PK/K screening , no PK/K classes

June 18th 5th grade graduation @ 1 p.m.

June 10th All Elementary Concert @ 7 p.m.

June 23rd Last full day for PK & K

June 24th Last full day for Grades 1-5

Support J.R. Lowell School Barnes & Noble Bookfair

@ The Charlesbank Bookshop
43 Leonard Street
Belmont Center

June 5th 9:00 am-9:00 pm

June 6th 9:00 am-6:00 pm

June 7th 9:00 am-5:00 pm

* Make a purchase and raise \$ for our school. A percentage of book sales comes back to us.

* At checkout, mention supporting the J.R. Lowell School.

* Tell friends, family & neighbors - all are welcome.

* Purchase: birthday gifts, graduation gifts, Father's Day gifts or summer reading.

* Teachers have identified books for children to read over the summer as well as books they'd like to add to their classroom/school library.

PTO News

Upcoming events:

Watertown Pride Spirit Day is 5/29

New PK/K Teddy Bear Social, June 2nd @ 6 pm

Charlesbank Book Store Fair June 5-7th

Last PTO/SSC June 9th @ 7 pm

End of Year Picnic – June 11th @ 2:30

Talent Show 6/19 - open to all!

For ESL Families

Summer will be here soon! Are you wondering about summer schools and camps for your children?

What: ELL Parent Meeting

Why: To Talk about Summer Programs for Children

When: Friday May 22, 2009 at 8:20 am to 9:00 am

Where: Lowell School Room 116

Main Office Requests

Please let the main office know ASAP if your student(s) will not be attending the Lowell School next year. A delay in notifying us may postpone the process of transferring your student's records into the fall season.

Please make sure to check the Lost and Found before the school year ends, as we will donate any unclaimed items to a charity. There are lots of items on the shelves!

Class Placements for Next Year

The process of creating classrooms for next year has begun. Teams of teachers work together considering academic and social needs of students to form balanced classes. Priority is given to the academic programming needs of students. In addition, children participate in a class-based activity that helps them identify positive 'work buddies'. Care is given to try and place each student with at least one good work buddy. Parental input is then considered and adjustments can be made as long as the fine balance that has been achieved through the whole process is not disturbed.