

Lowell Lowdown

September, 2008

James Russell Lowell School is a community of learners.

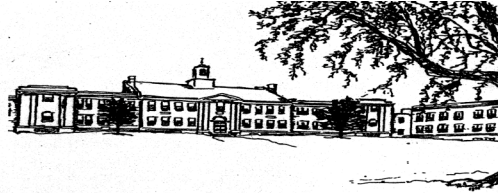
As a caring and responsible community:

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.



Back To School Night

Please join us next Tuesday Evening for our Parent Back to School Night. This is a night for parents to meet the classroom teacher and hear about routines and curricular expectations. Here is the schedule.

6:30-7:00 p.m. Visit PreK-Grade 2

7:00-7:30 p.m. Information tables* and 'Meet and Greet' in the cafeteria.

7:30-8:00 Visits to Grade 3 -5

*If you would like an information table for your program that serves our children or parents, please contact the main office.

PTO News

Visit our table at the back to school night for important information!

Next Meeting-October 14th -7pm

Site Council News

October 15, 2008 7 p.m. District Wide Training for all School Site Council members @ WHS lecture hall.

Coming Up

Family Breakfasts- Great way to meet other parents and students. See website for schedule.

Fall Festival-October 17th

Election Day Bakesale- Nov 4th- sign up sheets will be available at all events.

Drop and Go

The Drop and Go Zone on Lowell Ave is tremendously beneficial to the neighborhood and families. It reduces the number of parked and stopped cars in the surrounding neighborhood and helps parents get on with their day.

However, for it to be truly effective, I respectfully ask you to adhere to the following:

1. **Pull as far down on Lowell Ave** before your student gets out of the car. This will minimize the back up on York Ave.
2. **Do not get out of your car.** Teach your child how to exit the passenger side car quickly and independently. Many people are in the queue and moving it along quickly is only fair to all.
3. **Do not wait for your child to enter the building.** Holding up the entire line of cars is unfair and unnecessary. Many staff are watching and helping students.
4. **Please do not pull around another automobile** when you are in the line in order to move forward. This potentially endangers our children.
5. **Watch the two crosswalks on Lowell Ave.** They are very active.
6. **Go Very Slowly,**
Children are Everywhere!
7. **If you can not abide by these considerations,** please feel free to park your car legally on a side street and walk your child to the school doors.