

Lowell Lowdown

MAY 16, 2011

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.



LOWELL SCHOOL WEBSITE:

<http://www.watertown.k12.ma.us/lowell/index.html>



MAY

- ◆ May 17 Tuesday Site Council Meeting in Library 7:00 pm
- ◆ May 18 Wednesday Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Hearing at Town Hall 7:00 pm
- ◆ May 27 Friday Spirit Day - **RED-WHITE-BLUE** Day!
 - *Wear something with a Flag or Red, White and Blue today for Memorial Day*
- ◆ May 20 Friday 5th Grade All Schools Mixer/Dance evening
- ◆ May 25 Wednesday Information Night for Parents @ Middle School 7:00pm
- ◆ May 30 Monday Memorial Day Holiday - No School
 - *Watertown Parade down Mt. Auburn Street starts at 12noon*
- ◆ May 31 Tuesday 5th Grade Field Trip
- ◆ May 31 Tuesday Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Hearing at Town Hall 7:00pm

JUNE

- ◆ Jun 7 Tuesday Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Hearing at Town Hall 7:00pm
- ◆ Jun 9 Thursday End of Year Lowell School Picnic 2:30pm - 5:00pm
- ◆ Jun 14 Tuesday PTO Meeting in Library 7:00 pm
- ◆ Jun 16 Thursday ***RAIN DATE: End of Year Lowell School Picnic***
- ◆ Jun 20 Monday 5th Grade Graduation 1:00pm
- ◆ Jun 21 Tuesday 5th Grade Luncheon/Field Day
- ◆ Jun 21 Tuesday Site Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- ◆ Jun 27 Monday **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!**
- ◆ Sept 7 Tuesday **WELCOME BACK - First day of 2011-2012 School Year**

WE ARE THE LOWELL LEOPARDS!

CHECK OUT OUR MASCOT IN THE DISPLAY CASE AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE SCHOOL!

ALERT!!! LOOK FOR THE WINNING DESIGN FOR THIS YEARS T-SHIRT IN THE STUDENT "LOWELL TIMES"!!



HELP! The lost and found shelves are overflowing! Please take an opportunity to visit the "Lost and Found" area during drop-off or pick-up. The Lost and Found is located on the lower level in the stair well. Upon entering the school at the main doors, proceed straight ahead, through the doors and down the stairwell.

Any unclaimed clothing, lunch bags, water bottles, hats, gloves, mittens and other articles will be donated to a shelter at the end of the school year!



FROM GUIDANCE:

Another pitch for the new Lowell Guidance Blog:

<http://lowellguidance.blogspot.com/> Please check it out if you have not already!

Caring School Community (CSC): We are continuing our lessons in school; please ask your child about what they are learning.

Building Bully Free Schools: After finishing up our Guidance lessons with Grades 3, 4, and 5, I am now visiting the Kindergarten classes while they are at library. I Care Cat® and I are talking about naming our feelings, "reading" our friends' feelings, and learning a fun song from the Second Step® Curriculum. Please ask your child to teach you the song - it comes with some wonderful American Sign Language. We hope to post a video on the Guidance website soon.



As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns!

Ms. Knight

PTO ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is the mission of the PTO to enhance the academic experience and build community among the students, parents and teachers at the Lowell School. As a PTO member, parents and teachers plan and organize a variety of social activities, events and fundraisers during the school year.

If you have any questions about or for the PTO, please feel free to contact any of the current PTO Board members - we would be happy to speak to you! You can find a list of the current PTO Board members on the PTO website at:

<http://teacherweb.com/MA/WatertownLowellElementary/ParentPortal/apt4.aspx>

Family Dues! Just drop your dues in the PTO mailbox or give to any board member. (Yes - we are still collecting for the 2010-2011 school year!)

Elections: If you are interested in running for any of the positions on the PTO, please put your name in the PTO Mailbox at the front entrance.

“END OF THE YEAR PICNIC”

THURSDAY, JUNE 9TH
2:30 - 5:00 P.M.



Rain date: Thursday June 16th



Bring the whole family!

Sausages, hotdogs, fried dough & drinks for sale

DJ and lots of fun activities for the kids

Sponsored by the JR Lowell PTO



Yes, you....we are looking for all of those parents who can help! Volunteering can be whatever you can do, feel comfortable with and want to do.

- Time (an hour at the Ice Cream Social or Faire on the Square),
- A skill (for example the newsletter, Box Tops, organizing, etc),
- Organizing and running or just getting involved in one PTO event (it might be your idea and you want to make it happen),

- Assisting teachers by coming in to help make copies of homework and study papers for classrooms,
- Helping to set up PTO events and school assembly events,
- Being part of the cleanup crew at any event,
- Taking responsibility for the PTO Bulletin Board at the front entrance.

These are just a few of the ways you can help. You are part of the Lowell community. We need your help to be successful and make our school community stronger.

Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others.

-- *Danny Thomas*



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

WINTER BOX TOPS CONTEST WINNERS!

Congratulations to the 1st grade class of Mrs. Peterson-Eacott and Ms. Short! They were the winners of the Winter Box Tops Collection Contest. They won a pizza party with Box Tops prizes. I would like to thank everyone for helping us to reach a milestone this year: over \$1,000 in Box Tops money was earned for the Lowell School! Way to go! Let's beat that number next year. Don't forget to keep on collecting.....there will be a Summer/Fall collection contest with winners!



CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION

The Lowell Elementary School is collecting Campbell's Labels For Education (LFE) this year. Don't throw away any of the LFE's from participating products: Campbell's soups, Franco-American, V-8 products, Pepperidge Farms, Prego Sauces, etc.

For a list of participating products, use this link:
<http://www.labelsforeducation.com/participating-products.aspx>
Want to help? Contact LFE Coordinator: Angela Horrigan
(ahorrigan@gmail.com)

