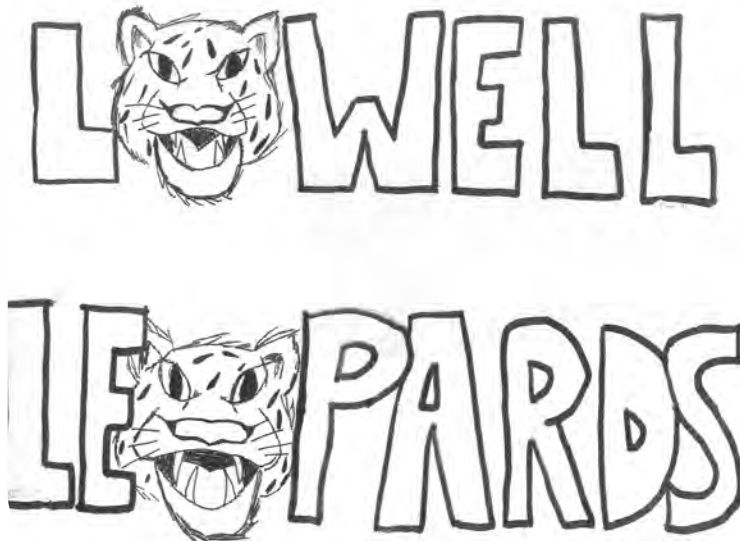


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5th Grader Wins Mascot T-Shirt Contest

By Nick McDermott and Jason Viridi



The winning design for the Lowell Leopard T-Shirt was announced today by the Lowell PTO. Hakeem Alhady, a 5th grader, was the winner of the contest. Alhady's design was chosen from a group of eight entries.

The winner will also be announced through the PTO website and bulletin board and announced over the PA system at the Lowell.

Alhady was excited by the news.

"I felt excited because that was my best artwork I've ever made," said Alhady. According to Alhady, he started the drawing a week before the contest started.

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Lowell Student Starts Petition to Save Victory Field Trees

By Gabe McGeough and Cormac Kennelly

Marina Hebeisien, a third grader at the Lowell School, started a petition in early May to save several trees that are supposed to be torn down to make room for a protective net at Victory Field.

According to Marina, the net would protect people and cars from flying footballs at the new turf Victory football field.

Marina figured out that the trees were being cut down because she saw it in the newspaper and on some signs.

She got signatures from almost the entire third grade and other students at the Lowell School.

She was scheduled to go to the Town Hall to bring her petition to town councilors. We await the decision about whether the trees will actually come down.

Student Musicians Prepare for Spring Concert June 7th

By Nick Hatfield and John Shea

Students at the Lowell School will play in the Spring Concert on June 7. The concert will be held at the Watertown High School Auditorium starting at 7:00 pm. Students are excited about playing in the concert.

"I feel excited that I am playing clarinet and I am going to be playing in my 3rd concert," said Ruben Sara, a fourth grader who started playing an instrument this year.

Nick McDermott, a fourth grader who plays the trumpet, said he was looking forward to the concert.

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HAPPENINGS AT THE LOWELL SCHOOL



Bye, Bye 5th Graders: *Upcoming Activities*

By Ben Bresnee and Hakeem Alhady

Bye, Bye 5th grade. **Graduation** is coming on June 20th, but the year isn't over yet. At graduation we will have a slide show full of pictures of when we were babies. Until then, it's time for the fun things.

The last week of school we will be going to **Fenway Park** on June 15th for a most fun things that we have at our school. We all like this so much because we will do lots of sports and activities. We will also go to the **duck tours** on May 31st. The duck tour is a car and boat combined, and it is a tour of Boston and The Boston Common.

Last, but certainly not least, we have the **5th grade social** on May 20th. This is when all the 5th graders in Watertown meet together at the Middle School. We'll have pizza and dance around to some music, but the real reason why we have this event is to meet different people from the different elementary schools.

We will miss you 5th graders; have fun in middle school.

WHERE DID YOU GO on VACATION????

By Kaitlin Tracy and Dario Christie

Kids from the Lowell went lots of places during last month's school vacation. What should you bring if you were going to one of the destinations from our Lowell School survey or elsewhere? The *Lowell Times* can help you out. You would need to bring different things to have an enjoyable time. And, don't forget your student newspaper!

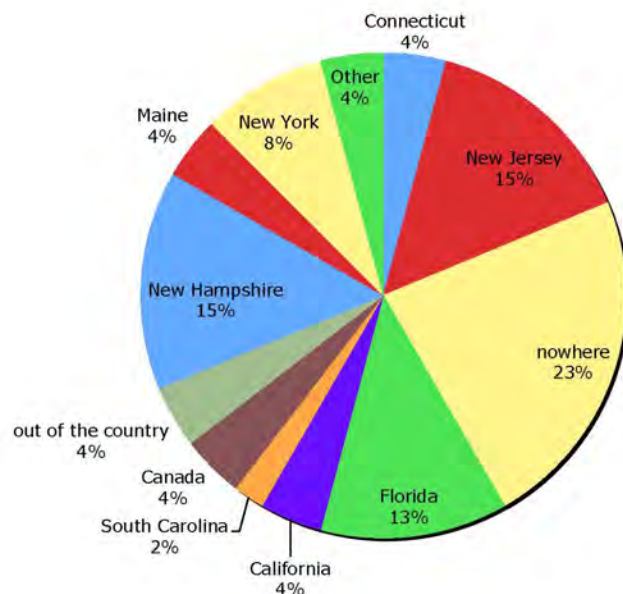
Alaska: 1. A pair of snow pants 2. Long pants 3. Long sleeve shirts and 4. A winter coat

Florida: 1. Bathing suits 2. Shorts 3. Short sleeve shirts and 4. Sun screen

France: 1. Warm clothes 2. English-French dictionary 3. Money - Euros and 4. A Map of France

Aruba: 1. Sun tan lotion 2. Flip flops 3. Bathing suit and 4. Money

Where Lowell Students Went Over April Vacation



Science at the Lowell

Third Graders Show Love of Science at Fair

By Sean Donohue and Evan Fleischer

Mrs. Kherlopian's annual science fair was a great success. Held on April 29 in her classroom, all of the students in her class participated and the projects were all very unique.

Members of the third and second grades were invited to view the projects. Two first grade classes also came to the fair.

Below is a sample of some of the projects that were a part of the fair:



Cormac Kennelly - Cormac's project was a model of the human tongue. It shows which part of the tongue tastes different flavors.

Evan Fleischer - Evan's project was a balloon that blows up by reacting with baking soda and vinegar. Those two items blew up the balloon.

Charlie Richards - Charlie's project was about the inside of your eyeball. It didn't show everything about the eyeball.

Sam Deossa - Sam's project was about a recycle robot. It was remote control to carry trash and recycle it.

Jawad Alhadi - Jawad's project showed two mirrors. It made 6 reflections of an object.

Mrs. Fucci Holds 1st Grade Science Fair

By Lauren Cole

On May 9, 2011 Mrs. Fucci had her annual 1st grade science fair. Mrs. Fucci asked her students to prepare a science experiment and a poster at home. Each day for about a month students presented their experiments, and posters to their class, and they had to conduct the experiment in front of the class. Then, on the day of the science fair they presented their experiments and the parents of the students walked around to see all of the experiments.

The experiments were different and interesting. One of the projects was an experiment on liquid density explaining why some objects float and others don't. The students liked getting to show their knowledge to each other and their parents. At the end of the day, some of the third graders also got to see the experiments.

In the end it was a great learning experience for the students and an awesome science fair.



Arts and Entertainment

Watertown Children's Theater Musical a Hit

By Catherine Holt



From April 1st to April 3rd, the Watertown Children's Theater put on the musical *Singin' in the Rain*.

The performance involved several students from the Lowell including Marcus Moore, Julia Greim, Chloe Ellis, and Catherine Holt.

This musical involves romance, movie stars, secrecy, and a lot of funny jokes and voices.

The Lowell students played fans of Don Lockwood and were crewmembers. About 60 elementary and middle school students were in the play, and some had more than one role.

The entire cast had fun putting it on because of all the new friends, laughter, and 20's style costumes, and how could we forget, "talkies." The movies were just starting up in the 20's, with sound in them.

One participant said, "I loved the cast and all the fun we had together, and I am sad to go. But I will always remember all the nonsense the fans cooked up for Don Lockwood, the star of the show!"

On the last show, almost every cast member was sad to part, but some would meet again in the next productions: *Damn Yankees* and the *Prince and the Pauper*.

Movie Review

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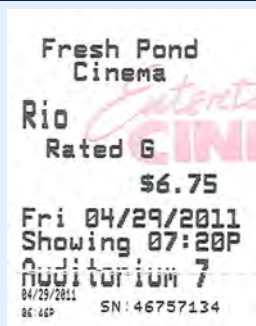
Rated PG

By Ruben Sara

The animated movie Rio is funny, musical, very entertaining and worth seeing.

The story is about a bird named Blu, a rare blue macaw, who goes to Brazil to meet the one other blue macaw known to exist -- so they can save their species. Once in Brazil he has adventures and near misses and learns that he should help others. I liked the movie because the characters were funny and there was a lot music.

The movie features the voices of Will-i-Am from the Black Eyed Peas and actors Jamie Foxx, George Lopez, Jesse Eisenberg and Anne Hathaway. The writers for the story were Carlos Saladanha, Earl Richey Jones, and Todd Jones.



All Schools Art Show Held

By Teddy Seidman and Jawad Alhady

The Watertown School Art Show was held on Feb. 7 at the Watertown Mall and showed Lowell, Hosmer, and Cunniff. Art projects from elementary, middle and high schoolers. Here's what Ms. Locchiatto said about the art show.



Q.) What made you decide to have the school participate in the art show? A) All of the art teachers decided together to participate in the art show. We worked together.

Q.) How long did it take to put the art show together? A.) About 3 months

Lowell School Goes to India

By Jacqui Schwalm and Kristen Tracy

The students at the Lowell school got to see and hear the amazing features of India on Tuesday, May 3rd when the 4th and 5th grades presented their annual World Tour Assembly -- this year to India. Both teachers and students were impressed.

Art teacher Ms. Lochiatto said she was thrilled with the idea of the world tour assembly because the 4-5 team worked together and the students did too.

She also said that she learned about India while she was teaching about it. She said she had a lot of fun teaching about the country.



Mr. Spano, the Lowell's music teacher, said he was happy for several reasons. He was happy with the behavior of both the performers and the audience and he didn't think it could have gone any better.

His favorite part of what he taught was the basic scale work because in the United States we learn music in the same way as children in India. He made this point so the students realized that people all over the world have music, sports, and art just like us. We look forward to our "trip" next year!

Lowell Celebrates Earth Day

By Diana Margaryan

The 4th and 5th grade homerooms celebrated Earth Day last month by having a door decoration contest. The only rule was that the students could only use recycled materials. The second graders were the judges for the contest. Even though all classes received awards, Mr. P's/ Ms. Park's class won the blue ribbon award.



T-Shirt Contest *contd. from p 1*

T-shirts with the design will be on sale within the next few weeks, PTO officials said. Students and parents should visit the website, bulletin board and notices for information about when and where they will be on sale.

PTO hopes that students will wear their new shirts on the upcoming Spirit Day on May 27.

Spring Concert *contd. from p 1*

"It was hard in the beginning but it got easier," he said.

The concert will include performances by elementary bands, chorus and strings from all the elementary schools. The groups from the Lowell will play several songs each including the Beatles *A Day in the Life*, and other familiar music.

Family Fitness Fair Held for the Lowell

By Hannah MacDonald, Kristen Beach and Mia Zarkadas

A fitness fair to benefit the Lowell School was held Sunday, May 15th at the MacDonald Academy of Martial Arts in Watertown Square.

The fair included activities such as a dunk tank, face painting, breaking boards, karate demonstrations, a D.J, music, games, and prizes.

The owners of the Academy, Brian and Tara MacDonald, offered to hold the fair as a school fundraiser.

“We wanted to help the Lowell raise money for the school PTO and to teach about the importance of fitness,” Tara MacDonald.

The MacDonalds have been teaching local children at the studio for 20 years.

One way the fair raised money was by offering “board breaking” lessons. For every \$5 donated to the PTO during the fair, an individual was offered a karate lesson on how to break a board.

Three Lowell teachers, Mr. Gould, Mr. Vachon and Mr. Shpritzer, all volunteered to sit in the dunk tank. Joseph MacDonald, a Lowell fourth grader, performed in the fitness fair as well. The fair was fun for all.

Cool Parent Jobs

By Julia Greim

At the Lowell school kids’ parents have a variety of cool parent jobs from nurses to video tapers. They all are unique in a special way and they are all really awesome and interesting.

A brief survey found the following:

Hannah’s and Joe’s parents own a karate studio and they teach karate. They are both black belts also known as “professionals.”

Lauren’s step dad works at the restaurant Not Your Average Joe’s and he is the assistant manager. He stays up late.

Julia’s dad works for the *Boston Herald* and he makes videos. He also gets to have really fancy equipment and he gets tickets to cool places and posters.

Other parents have the following jobs:

Handyman, director of communication, business owner, restaurant owner, bass player, cancer researcher, salesman, grant writer, assistant principal, teacher, hairdresser, banker, working with computers, real estate agent, environmental help, nurse, FedEx salesman, websites developer.

There are so many jobs to pick from and when you get older there will be a cool job just waiting for you to pick it.

Joke of the Day:

Q: What did one math book say to the other math book?

A: I’ve got problems

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