

Lowell Leopard News

LOWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Lowell Motto

I work hard. I show respect. I make good choices. I am a Lowell Leopard!



Congratulations to the winners of the motto rewards program - (left) Hugo, Jalaya, Marysol, Finley, Michelle, Kensington and Guadalupe. (middle) Ethan, Rabbia, Nicholas and Makenna (right) Nathan, Malaiyah, Jennifer, Davian, D'Artagnan. These students were "caught" representing our motto through positive actions. We are very proud of them!

Announcing Lowell and Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) Upcoming Performance

Our production this year is Gulliver's Travels. The synopsis is stated below - remember MCT takes the original story and add twists to accommodate 60 actors. Please begin talking up the play with your kids. All students in K - 5 are allowed to audition if available for all rehearsals.

Gulliver's Travels

With his ship wrecked and his trusty computer JCN on the fritz, brave explorer Gulliver finds himself lost in space with nothing but an invisible force to guide him! While transporting from world to world under the control of the Manical Scientist of Lapunta, Gulliver discovers fighting aliens, arrogant Horse Leaders of the foolish Yahoos, larger-than-life royalty (in more ways than one) and robots - all who need just as much help from Gulliver as Gulliver needs from them! Tune in as this sci-fi spin of the timeless tale of Gulliver's Travels will take you out-of-this world!!

Here is a heads up on our play timeline:

Feb. 23rd - More information and permission forms to audition for the play sent home in Thursday envelopes. March 1st - Permission forms need to be returned by noon to office; everyone who turns in a completed form by this date will get to audition. March 16th - Reminder notes going home to all who are auditioning. March 19th - Auditions after school will cast 60 actors (everyone who auditions may not get a spot). March 19th to March 22nd . Rehearsals 2:50 - 7:30 pm. March 23rd - Performance at Civic Auditorium at 6:30 pm

Cindy Foster
Principal

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Mar. 9

Learning Improvement Friday
release at 1:35

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Dr. Seuss Family Night at
6:00 pm in cafeteria, Reptile
man will be here!

Mar. 15

PTA Meeting at 6:00 pm

Mar. 19-23

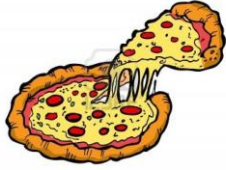
Missoula Children's Theater
week auditions

Mar. 23

Early Release at 12:20 pm for
conference prep.

Mar. 26-30

Early Release at 12:20 pm for
conference week



Joe Neigel Talk
Friday, March 16, 5:45, Pizza Served
Speaker at 6:00 – 7:30
Parenting strategies on dealing with the effects of trauma



Senior Scholarship Opportunity

Do you know a senior who is graduating this year from a high school in the Everett School District? Please let them know of this wonderful opportunity. Applicants must have attended Lowell Elementary School of the Everett School District No. 2, Everett, Washington for at least one full year. Marsha Cogdill taught at Lowell many years and upon retirement, set up a \$1,000 scholarship fund. The Marsha Cogdill Scholarship is offered to one Everett School District High School graduate. The scholarship is to be used to attend an accredited two or four year College, University, or Vocational Technical School. Applications may be found on Lowell's website. **Applications are due to the office at Lowell Elementary no later than Friday, April 13th, 2018.**

Kindergarten registration begins this month

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2018? Registration begins March 5, at all 17 district elementary schools. Which school will your kindergartner attend? To find out, click on *School and Route Finder* under the *Parents* tab, or call transportation at 425-385-4144.

20th annual student art shows

Everett Public Schools, in partnership with Everett Public Schools Foundation, is pleased to display the work of student artists at the Community Resource Center. See the art on display during regular business hours (7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) or during a reception.

- High school Art Show: April 10-26, reception on April 24
- Middle school Art Show: May 3-18, reception on May 14
- Elementary school Art Show: May 23-June 7, viewing only



Classified Employee Week

March 12-16, help us recognize the important work classified staff does for schools and students every day. We encourage you to take a moment and say thank you to office staff, crossing guards, paraeducators, maintenance staff, bus drivers and the many other classified staff who help schools and the district function smoothly.



Bond and Levy update

The Feb. 13 election results show a **55.3** percent vote for the district's [Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy](#), and a **55.4** percent vote for the [Capital Bond](#).

To pass, the Replacement Levy requires 50 percent plus one, and we surpassed that percentage by about 5.3 points as of Feb. 16. It is heartening to see a majority of voters are aware of how important Replacement Levies are to quality education for our communities' children.

For school Capital Bonds to pass, they must secure a SUPER majority, or 60 percent plus one, of voter approval. The results show the Bond down about 4.6 percent. There are some votes yet to be counted. Depending upon how many voters submitted ballots late last week, and how they voted, the Capital Bond approval percentage could go up. You can be certain we will be closely watching the ballot counts later this week, and what impact those counts have on the bond approval rate. By the time you are reading this, the results will be certified.

Whatever the results, I extend a big, heartfelt thank you to the hundreds of volunteers and staff who made telephone calls, waived signs, pressed doorbells, put up signs, signed and mailed postcards, maintained web pages, designed mailers, made community presentations, made staff presentations, made PTA presentations, answered emails, returned phone calls, raised funds, donated funds, wrote letters to the editor, wore buttons, and spent countless hours involved in the election process. I especially thank the Citizens Committee co-chairs, Caroline Mason, Angela Steck, Michelle Nims, and EEA president Jared Kink for the remarkable leadership, planning, organizing, and persistence that makes such a huge difference in a community-wide effort like levy and bond elections.

Thank you as well to thousands of voters who cast ballots supporting the Levy and the Bond. Your majority support of schools and students is truly heartening to all of us who work daily with our nation's future.

Our community's support of schools has produced very positive results over the decades. We have one of the state's highest graduation rates, and we are making progress to close the education gap among diverse groups. This board and district have a documented track record of fiscal accountability and are committed to that accountability, transparency, and stewardship of these public funds. Members of the board, who contributed huge amounts of time to make the ballot measure decisions, and the entire district are grateful for our community's past and present support of schools and of students. We are committed to our responsibility of ensuring the highest quality education for each student.

Dr. Gary Cohn
Superintendent

Everett Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Affirmative Action Office – Carol Stolz, cstolz@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106
- Title IX Officer – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063
- ADA Coordinator – Becky Clifford, bclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250