

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 - Aidan, Jace, Anthony, Amelia, Edyan, and Joshua (left), Mayowa, Anahi, Kevin, Natalie and Payton (middle) Tevin, Zoey, Eli, Bryan, Aisyah, Chasie and Sofie (right). These students were “caught” representing our motto through positive actions. We are very proud of them!

Hello 3rd- 5th grade families!

I want to remind you that our state assessment, the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA), has begun. This is a very important test and we want our students to do well on it. The testing schedule is below and we ask that you do not take vacations or schedule any appointments on testing days. Also, thank you for getting your children to bed early each day before testing and reminding them to do their very best work. If you have any questions about testing, please do not hesitate to call. We want this year’s test to go well and with your support we can better ensure this happening.

SBA Testing Schedule

- 3rd Grade – May 1 Math test**
May 8th Math test
May 14th Writing test – day one
May 15th Writing test – day two
- 4th Grade – May 2nd Math test**
May 9th Math test
May 16th Writing test – day one
May 17th Writing test – day two
- 5th Grade - May 10th Writing test – day one**
May 11th Writing test – day two
May 23rd Math test
May 31st Math test

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May 3rd

Family Fitness Night 6:00 pm

May 4th

Learning Improvement Friday
release at 1:35

May 11th

Moms and Muffins in the
Cafeteria at 7:30 am

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May 17th

PTA Meeting at 6:00 pm

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Kindergarten registration happening now

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2018? Registration began 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.

New school accountability system

In the new accountability system launched this spring, schools are measured on assessment proficiency, student growth, graduation rates, English Learner progress, and school climate indicators, including attendance, dual credit opportunities, and 9th graders on track to graduation. Those guidelines are called the Washington School Improvement Framework and they are intended to help families understand a fuller picture of school success. The district's 2017-18 Washington School Improvement Framework results are available on the [OSPI Report Card](#).

Next year's calendar

The calendar for next school year is part of the negotiations process with the teachers' bargaining unit. Negotiations for that contract have begun. During negotiation years, it's not unusual for those talks to continue into late August. In the past, we have traditionally started school the Wednesday after Labor Day, which would be Sept. 5 this year. The district will use the website, email, phone, text messaging and social media to announce the calendar when contract negotiations are complete.

Summer school registration is open!

[Registration materials are now online](#). Summer programs for high school students include opportunities to strengthen the skills and knowledge required for the district core expectations, repeat courses, extend their interests in academic areas, and take new courses. Tuition-based summer programs are offered for students through Online High School and at Cascade High School. Elementary and middle school summer programs are available for specific students who need academic support.

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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
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