

# 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. These were the winners from (left): Micah, Isatou, Aleah, Kiana, Lalan and Vy. (right): Isaac, Mia, Abigail, Dayana, Isabella and Christian. These students were “caught” representing our motto through positive actions. We are very proud of them!

## The gift of attendance

Absences spike in the weeks before and after the winter holiday as families squeeze in a few more vacation days. Just a few missed days here and there, even excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and put your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school. Put simply, too many absences at any age can affect a student’s chances for academic success and eventually for graduation. This holiday season, give your children the gift of an education and the habit of attendance.

## Graduation rates jump to 95.7%

Our graduation rate jumped even higher for the 11th year in a row. Now 95.7 percent of our students graduate on time! Learn how strategic staff actions helped bring the graduation rate from 53 percent just 15 years ago to this year’s all-time high.

<http://bit.ly/2018gradrates>

**Cindy Foster**  
Principal

### **Dec. 7**

Learning Improvement Friday  
Release at 1:35

### **Dec. 10**

Choir Club Concert, 5:30 pm in the Cafeteria

### **Dec. 14**

Learning Improvement Friday  
Release at 1:35

### **Dec. 14**

Holiday Family Night Movie  
at 6:00 pm

### **Dec. 20**

PTA meeting, 6:00 pm in the cafeteria

### **Dec. 21**

Holiday Sing along 9:15 in the cafeteria

Crazy Sweater Day!

### **Dec. 24 – Jan. 4**

Winter Break  
No School



## Family resources

Could you or a family you know use some help? Find information and links to helpful resources on the district's [Parent Tools webpage](#):

- Washington State Library – local and regional information about services and agencies offering help to families in a variety of ways including food, shelter, clothing, childcare, legal services, employment opportunities, and counseling
- Everett Public Schools Kids In Transition (KIT) program – supports homeless children and youth to continue their education
- Help for military families
- Snohomish Health District for Snohomish County community dental resources for children and adults
- United Way of Snohomish County – 2-1-1 is a free telephone number that is your best "first call" to quickly find the right source of help. The information line is staffed by trained operators from Volunteers of America Western Washington who can connect you to a wide range of community services.

## Snow routes are online

School drop off and pick up locations may change in an emergency situation. If your child rides a bus to school, please become familiar with the [snow route information](#) on the district transportation department's webpage.

## Delayed start or closed schools

If we have to cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:45 a.m., with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media and post the message on our website. **If there is no announcement about Everett Public Schools, school is on the regular schedule.** More information and resources for school closures or delays is on the district website under the *Parents* tab.

In cases of inclement weather or other emergencies, please:

- check your email or phone for district messages
- listen for media announcements
- view the district's website at [www.everettsd.org](http://www.everettsd.org)
- watch district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

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