



LOWELL WEEKLY MEMO

OCTOBER 2, 2009

Wednesday, October 7th is International Walk/Bike to School Day!

Lowell staff will celebrate this festive occasion by meeting students at several locations, and walking with them to school. Around 8:40am on Wednesday morning teachers will be at: Washington/Evergreen, Washington/Indiana, Washington/Illinois, Washington/Willow, Washington/Liberty, Evergreen/Prospect, Illinois/Prospect, Liberty/Summit, Michigan/President, and Indiana/President.

Choose the closest corner to your home or the one on your regular path to school. Look for the crowd and join us RAIN OR SHINE. Everyone is welcome including parents, siblings and neighbors. The more the merrier! Bring signs or balloons to let everyone know we're getting fit and saving money by walking. There will be a breakfast fruit/grain bar and fruit juice for all children on their arrival to Lowell, compliments of Danada Jewel (shop Danada Jewell!) and So-dexo food service. Wheaton College coaches and players will also be at Lowell scouting for fit healthy students! See you on Walk to School Day, Wed., October 7th.

Did you know?

In 1969, 42% of students between the ages of 5 and 15 in the U.S. walked to school. But in 2001, only 16% of students between the ages of 5 and 15 walked to school.

Less than half of students who live within a mile of school walk or bike to school even once per week.

Between 1976 and 2004, the percentage of overweight children ages 6 to 11 almost tripled.

In 2005, the average annual cost per student using bus service was \$737.

Studies in some cities show that 17 to 26 percent of morning rush-hour traffic can be school related.

If half of the students in an average sized elementary school walked to school, their impact could eliminate more than 39 tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year. This is the equivalent of the carbon-removing abilities of 1,000 trees!

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Please remember that all parents who drive to pick up their students should pick them up at door 1 on Illinois Street. Do not drive and park on Willow Street after school because we do not have adult supervision in that area and there is a lot of traffic.

If you are walking your children home from the President St. exit, please do not take children across the Willow St. parking lot through the bus driveway. The buses and daycare vans are moving in that area and some staff members are pulling out of the driveway at that time.

Walkers who leave at President Street should use the Willow St. sidewalk to go west and do not cross Willow in the middle of the street due to the traffic. Thank you so much for helping to keep the children safe at arrival and dismissal times.

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

Put money you already spend to work for the Lowell PTA by purchasing popular gift cards such as Jewel, Starbucks and Borders. Orders are due Tuesday, October 6th. Questions? Contact Kristen Vecchio at 630-681-0042 or kvecchio67@comcast.net. Look for more opportunities to order in November.



Cook's Night Out!

Home Run Inn Pizza is back!

One of CNO's biggest sellers wants to make a Grand Slam this year. Join us in participating for a good cause. Our PTA staff who make our many activities possible is offering to our family and friends a Take N' Bake pizza to be picked up after school on Oct 22nd in the Gym. Order forms will go out next week. Contact Vicky Letizia at 630-462-0248 or Ann Rambasek at 630-621-6852

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct 6 2nd grade field trip walk to Wheaton College
ELL Family Night 5:00pm
- Oct 7 Walk to School Day
Battle of the Books
- Oct 8 Star reading
- Oct 12 *NO SCHOOL* Columbus Day
- Oct 14 Battle of the Books
Board of Education meeting at Hubble Middle School
- Oct 15 1st grade field trip
Morton Arboretum 9-2pm
- Oct 21 Battle of the Books
- Oct 22 Sally Foster pick up 3:30-5:00
- Oct 26 5th grade field trip
Lincoln Marsh

Notes From Mrs. DeSalvo

Our Character Counts trait for October is fairness. Fairness means that people should always play by the rules. Taking turns and sharing with others is a fair way to live. Fair people are open-minded and always listen to others even if they don't agree with them. Most importantly, you should treat other people the way that you want to be treated.

Please remember that we will continue to go out for recess every day unless it is severely cold or raining. Children need to bring jackets, hats, scarves, and gloves as needed.

COAT DRIVE

Jericho Road Church will be helping Beth White & the Lowell staff organize the annual coat drive which helps many families at Lowell School. We are in need of new or gently used coats, boots snow pants, hats & gloves. Especially helpful are warm gloves for playing in the snow. You may send them to the Lowell School office or contact Linda Oddo at lindaoddo@sbcglobal.net. Linda will also pick up items.



Halloween Costumes

Should be in Good Taste

There is a certain amount of respect and responsibility in selecting costumes for school wear.

Weapons of any sort are not allowed.

Blood and guts need to be toned down. Save these things for home parties and trick or treating, they are inappropriate for school. Thank you for keeping these pointers in mind when dressing your child and for setting a good example for our children.

The Lowell Halloween Parade is on October 30th at 2:00pm

BOX TOPS

Please turn in your Box Tops that you may have collected all summer long. Lowell School gets 10 cents for every non-expired coupon. It really adds up! Collection is ongoing throughout the school

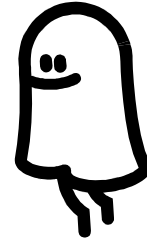
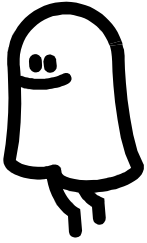
EMAIL MEMO

Parents please let the office know if you signed up to have the Lowell Weekly Memo emailed to you and you have not received a Memo. We are having a few problems but are working on them. Thanks for your patience.

STAR READING

STAR Reading begins this Thursday, October 8th in the LLC during recess and after school. Folders went home today for each student signed up. If you did not receive your folder or would still like to sign up, please contact Tammy Brokaw at 630-588-8845 or

t_brokaw@ameritech.net.



Fitness Festival

All District 200 students and their families are invited to run or walk!!!

Date: Saturday, October 10, 2009

Time: 9:00 – 10:30

Where: Old Hubble Middle School Track; 603 S. Main Street, Wheaton

This fitness run is sponsored by the DuPage Heritage Gallery, located in the DuPage County Center. The Gallery is dedicated to bringing the stories of DuPage County greats to life. Red Grange, nick-named the “Galloping Ghost,” is the legendary football player who went to high school in Wheaton, played football for the University of Illinois and played professionally for our very own Chicago Bears. To read more about the Gallery, Red Grange and other Wheaton heroes, go to www.dupageheritage.org

We encourage everyone to participate in The Fitness Festival. THIS IS A FREE EVENT. You can run or walk as little or as much as you like. You do not need to stay the entire time. Every participant will receive a certificate, race number and toe token. Students have the option of collecting pledges (a dollar amount per lap or a lump sum). Students who donate \$20.00 or more in pledges will receive a medal delivered several weeks after the event. 60% of the money collected will go directly to Lowell P.E. to purchase awesome equipment used by your children every day. 40% goes to the DuPage Heritage Gallery. Pledge money is turned in to Mrs. Minser or Mr. Orlow.

Make checks payable to DuPage Heritage Gallery.

With or without pledges, please come, run and have fun.

Hope to see you there!

Mrs. Minser and Mr. Orlow

Pre-registration

Event # _____

Child's Name _____ Grade/Teacher _____

Please Check One: _____ I plan to participate in Galloping Ghost.

_____ I plan to participate and collect pledges.

Mrs. Minser will send pledge cards and number tags home after I receive signed permission slips. Please bring pledge cards and number tags on the day of the walk/run.

Waiver – In consideration of my signing this agreement, I hereby for myself, my heirs and administration assume any and all risks which might be associated with the Fitness Festival. I waive and release any and all right and claims for damages which I have against the organizers and any others connected with this event. Their representatives, successors and assignees for any and all injuries or damages of any kind whatsoever suffered by me as a result of taking part in the fitness Festival and any related activities.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____