

LOWELL WEEKLY MEMO OCTOBER 30, 2009



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

Remember to "fall back" and change your clocks back an hour on Saturday night.



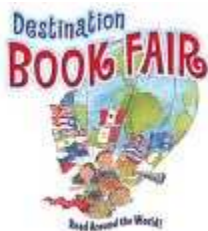
GIFT CARDS

Include some gift cards in your Thanksgiving plans. You'll be putting money you have to spend to work for the Lowell PTA. Orders are due Tuesday, November 3. Need cards right away?

We have the following gift cards in stock.

\$25 Jewel	\$25 Dominick's
\$10 Starbucks	\$25 Starbucks
\$50 BP Amoco	\$10 Borders
\$25 Borders	\$25 Chili's

Simply contact Kristen Vecchio at 630-681-0042 or kvecchio67@comcast.net.



Lowell's Fall Book Fair

Lowell will be having a Scholastic Book Fair November 9-12 in the LLC. The fair will be open during the school day Monday through Thursday as well as

during Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday evening. Come and get a head start on your holiday shopping!

We are still looking for parent volunteers to help at the fair during the lunch hour and after school, especially for Wednesday and Thursday.

GENTLY USED HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

We are looking for gently used Halloween costumes for next year. There are always children who's families cannot provide costumes, so please consider donating them to Lowell.

JAMBOREE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Jamboree needs a coordinator, 2 or even 3 people can share the responsibility of coordinating Jamboree. All other positions are filled. This is our biggest fundraiser at Lowell & pays for many of our PTA sponsored funds such as field trips. If chairs are not found soon, we will have to cancel Jamboree this year! Contact Amy Coyle (630.510.1869 or amy.coyle@gmail.com) if interested. It's all laid out, we just need a few willing coordinators.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Mark your calendar! Picture retakes will be on Thursday, November 5th at 11am to 1:30pm. Please bring in your old pictures or if you were absent there are forms in the office.

CAMPBELL UPC LABELS

Don't forget to send in your Campbell UPC labels this year! We use the points to buy Equipment for the school.



COOKS NIGHT OUT

Join us at Noodles & Co., Thursday, November 19th.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 2	Report cards go home
Nov 4	Battle of the Books
Nov 5	PICTURE RETAKE DAY 11-1:30pm STAR READING Fall Conferences 4pm to 8pm
Nov 9 -12	BOOK FAIR 9:30 to 4pm
Nov 11	Board of Education Meeting Johnson Elementary School
Nov 12	Fall Conferences 4pm to 8pm BOOK FAIR 6pm to 8pm Orchestra rehearsal @ Franklin Middle School 4pm to 5pm
Nov 13	PTA Meeting 9:30 am
Nov 14	Girls on the Run Race
Nov 16	Orchestra rehearsal @ Franklin Middle School 4pm to 5pm
Nov 18	Orchestra Concert 7pm at Hawthorne
Nov 23 -27	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break
Dec 17	Winter Concert 7P.M. at Wheaton Evangelical Free Church
Dec 21-Jan 1	WINTER BREAK

NOTES FROM MRS. DESALVO

Character Counts!

Respect is the pillar of character during the month of November. Our Character Counts Committee is asking everyone to wear yellow on Monday, November 2 to show your support for respect. The poet, Ralph Waldo Emerson, connects respect with people in his quote, "What lies behind us and what lies in front of us are small matters compared to what lies within us."

Respect begins with treating others the way that you would like to be treated. Being kind is something that is easy to do. Respectful people are polite and use kind words when speaking to others. They don't tease others. People are valued for what they are inside, not how they look on the outside. What lies within all of us is the capacity to be respectful to others as well as to ourselves every day that we live.



Christmas Sharing

Christmas Sharing is a joint endeavor between local churches and District 200 schools to provide some extras to needy local families. Lowell will be collecting the following items until December 7th.

- Canned/boxed food/ baby food
- New toys/new underwear/ and socks
- Paper products/toilet paper/paper towels/diapers
- Soap/shampoo/kitchen cleaner
- Donations can be dropped off in the Lowell office



COATS, SNOWPANTS, BOOTS, ECT.....



If you have any coats, snow pants, boots or gloves that are in good condition we could use them. These items will be used to help some of our Lowell population who is in need of winter attire. Please bring in your donation to the Lowell office. Thank you again for your generosity.

PE NEWS

The following is an overview of the first quarter Physical Education units.

During the first nine weeks kindergarten - second grade has been working on spatial awareness, body parts, directions, pathways, levels, locomotor movements, throwing and kicking skills. At the first and second grade levels basic movement and locomotor skills are on the report card under Basic Movement/Locomotor Skills. Throwing and kicking skills were evaluated this quarter. Throwing grades were placed on the student report card under Ball Handling **Skills** and kicking under Striking Skills. The awesome Kindergarteners will receive grades at semester time.

Third - fifth graders completed fitness, football and tennis units during the first quarter. On the student report card, the fitness grade was placed on the report card under Fitness. The football grade was placed in the Ball Handling Skills area and tennis grades were placed in the Striking Skills category.

If you have any questions please contact Maryanne Minser or Les Orlow at Lowell School.

Lowell Physical Education Department