

P'ville Newsletter

Safe ~ Respectful ~ Responsible



Dear Pawtucketville Families,

We welcome our students and families back for the 2018-2019 school year! We have many new families joining the Pawtucketville family this year and I extend a special welcome to them. We aim to create an inclusive and connected school that serves the needs of our students and families.

The Pawtucketville staff encourage all members of our community to practice the following all school rules to keep our school safe, welcoming, and focused on learning:

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible

The Pawtucketville staff deliberately set out to create a caring and welcoming community for all our students. We will continue with morning meetings in every classroom across the school this year. Teachers and students use this morning meeting time to discuss school wide themes, classroom issues, and to engage in activities to enhance student social and emotional learning. The theme for September is "Safety". Ask your child what they have learned!

In addition to our morning meetings, all school assemblies and buddy room meet ups, we have added another layer this year to help us build community: Community Meetings. These monthly meetings will bring students and teachers together by grade level to explore issues related to the specific age group. We hope this multi-leveled approach to nurturing a school community will lead improve both the social and academic learning throughout the school.

A few important reminders as we start the year:

- **Student Absences:** Please call in all absences to the absence line: 978-937-7667 option 3
- **Facebook:** If you are on Facebook, "Like" the Pawtucketville Memorial Elementary School page to receive updates about events.
- **Email:** Please share your email address so we can send out bulk emails regarding emergencies, events, etc.
- **Morning Drop Off:** Students should disembark from the car anywhere along the curb of the building--you do not need to wait to get close to the entrance door.
- **Afternoon Pick Up:** Please park and walk to the building for afternoon pick up.

As always, please contact me with questions or concerns...no matter how big or small. We aim to provide an inclusive community school that is responsive to the families we serve.

Mark your calendar: September 20 from 6:00 - 7:30 is our Open House for students in grades 1-4 and the Ice Cream Social for students in all grades.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mathew McLean
mmclean@lowell.k12.ma.us
 Principal



Important Dates

10th ~ PTO Meeting 6:30

19th ~ Early Release 1:30

19th-20th ~ Book Fair

20th ~ Open House 6:00

20th ~ Ice Cream Social

28th ~ All School Assembly

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Kindergarten

We are so excited to have begun the new school year! We are beginning the school year talking about rules, building routines and getting to know one another. This year is going to be filled with a lot of learning and fun! We want to remind any kindergarten parents that haven't signed up yet to be sure to sign up for class DOJO. This is really helpful when we are trying to send out whole class reminders and other important information to parents. Thank you!

~Kindergarten Team



First Grade

Welcome to First Grade!

First Grade has gotten off to a very successful start. The children are transitioning very well from Kindergarten. Our first field trip is the last full week of September. A permission slip went home and we are looking for CORI'd chaperones to join us on the trip.

Homework will be starting this week. In the homework will be a reading log. Reading is the single most important thing your child can do to meet with success in first grade.

Open House/Ice-Cream Social Night is a great chance to hear about all of our curriculum. Please try to attend this night. It is Thursday, September 20th. Notices and phone calls will go out so you can mark your calendar. Not only is this a great family event, it gives you a chance to visit your child's first grade classroom and meet us! The teachers look forward to this every year. This is the night we have the opportunity to share a lot of information with you. We are looking forward to seeing you all then!

~First Grade Team

ART ROOM

"Every child is an artist." -Pablo Picasso

We have started making art: kindergarten built line sculptures; first grade used dots and lines to create an abstract painting, and second, third, and fourth are designing their sketchbook covers. The Ice Cream Social and Open House will be Thursday, September 20, 2018. Line sculptures by kindergarten artists, abstract paintings by Hunt's first grade artists, puffy paint ice-creams by Martin's second grade artists, and a collaborative line by Callahan's third grade artists will be on display!

~Ms. Amlashi



Second Grade

The Grade 2 Teaching Team is excited to be back for the 2018-2019 school year. Mrs. Mary Ellen McNamara has joined our Grade 2 Teaching Team. She has worked for many years in Lowell Public Schools, and recently worked at the Greenhalge School. Mrs. Kerry Marshall, Mrs. Brittany Martin, and Mrs. Lorna Mendonca make up the rest of the Mainstream Team. There was a change made to the Grade 2 schedule this year. Our Specials will be from 10:50 to 11:35. Recess is from 1:10 to 1:30 and Lunch is from 1:30-1:50. The Team is very pleased with this change. (We love it!) We are finding that this change is working out very well, because the day is broken into chunks of time that maximize teaching and learning for our students.

In Literacy, our big focus will be on setting up class routines. This is important because it helps foster independent literacy behavior. In Interactive Read Aloud, the focus will be on using key details to recount a story. The key details include descriptions of the characters, setting, and major events in a story. The focus of Writing Workshop will be the importance of story structure. This means including important details and chronology to make stories clear to the reader. Students will write several personal narratives.

In Math, the big focus is place value and building fluency with sums and differences to 100. The students will be learning many strategies to help them to compose and decompose numbers. We'll be working on building fact fluency through 20. Our first Math Bee, featuring addition facts, will be scheduled for Thanksgiving week. Get a jump start, and practice studying your math facts now!

Dismissal Grade 2 "Walker Students" are dismissed through the side door in the front, close to the gym, at about 3:25. If there is a change in Dismissal plans, please send a note or call and leave a message. We can not rely on a child telling us about a change.

Thanks to all of you! We are so thrilled at the amount of school supplies such as paper towels, wet wipes, and tissues that you have donated to our class rooms this year. You have been ever so generous! We are off to a super start. We appreciate your generosity!

~Second Grade

Third Grade

Welcome back! We are so excited to start the 2018-19 school year. The children have been quickly learning the routines of the classroom. In math, we will be beginning multiplication and division. **It would be helpful if all of the children had multiplication and division flash cards. We will be using them soon and will use them all year.

In writing, we are working on personal narratives. The reader's workshop is well underway. The students are learning to choose "just right books" and to improve their reading stamina and fluency.

A few reminders-please send in a healthy, allergy aware snack daily. Also, please remember to send in a note with your child if he/she will be changing his/her normal dismissal routine. If your child takes the bus, we must have a note in the morning saying he/she will be a walker that day.

The temperatures in the rooms fluctuate throughout the day. Sending in a sweatshirt with your child would be helpful.

Thank you for your help with these matters.

We look forward to a successful year!

~Third Grade Team



Fourth Grade

Welcome Back! The children are off to a wonderful start! We have been practicing routines and procedures with them each day and they are catching on quickly.

Please be sure that your child is practicing their multiplication facts each night. Many of them know the facts, but they're a little rusty this time of year!

It is also important that your child has a quiet and comfortable spot at home to read. They are expected to read for a minimum of 20 minutes each night. Reading each night helps build vocabulary and improve fluency and comprehension.

Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns regarding your child. We look forward to a fabulous school year!

~Fourth Grade Team

Music Room

Welcome Back! I am very much looking forward to the new year! This year your students have a lot to look forward to.

Fourth grade will have some exciting performance opportunities, and special groups they may join. Keep an eye out for notices and in the newsletter for information on these groups and their performances.

Third grade has already gotten a great start to the year. We will be playing recorders for most of the year. Every students will need his/her own recorder, a letter went home with all of that information. They all seem very excited to start playing their new instruments and earn their recorder belts!

Second grade will be learning to read music, identify instruments in the orchestra, and of course lots of dancing!

First grade will learn to read rhythms, identify classroom instruments and techniques in playing instruments, including their singing voices.

I can't wait to meet the new Kindergarten class and begin to teach them to dance, sing, and begin to read music. It's been a great summer and I hope we are all energized for a fantastic music filled year!

Please feel free to contact me at jknight@lowell.k12.ma.us.

~Ms. Knight



LITERACY

Congratulations to all of the students who completed their summer reading work. These students will be recognized at the All School Assembly on Friday, September 28th.

The Book Swap is open daily from 9:10-9:25. Students are welcome to stop by to swap books. Also, if you have any gently used children's books your children are no longer reading, please consider donating them to the Book Swap.

~Mrs. Gregoire

Nurse's Corner

September Health News

All students are required to have an updated immunization record on file in order to stay in school. Updates include MMR, DTaP, IPV, and the chicken pox vaccine. In addition to these boosters, school age children should have had the Hepatitis B series completed. Please forward any updated vaccine records to the school nurse.

Allergy & Asthma season is always challenging for our students diagnosed with asthma or reactive airway disease. Monitor all symptoms closely and follow your health care provider's advice. Medical care plans, rescue inhalers, and Epi pens are a necessity, and may save a life!

If your student has a health condition or needs special care during the school day such as medication, treatments, or monitoring, please inform the school nurse. Individual health care plans help keep your students safe and healthy. Physical exams are required for children in grades K, 4 and newly entered to the Lowell Public Schools. Please forward updated physical exams to the school nurse.

PLEASE have a current and working phone number in the school office in the event your child needs your attention.

~Nurse Jill



Parent Liaison

Welcome back to school...I hope you all had a fun-filled summer! We have many events planned for the 2018-2019 school year and I am looking forward to another AMAZING year!

It's important to be involved in your your child's school. Volunteering is a great experience for you and your child. Parent volunteer forms will be going home with students soon. Remember, all volunteers MUST have an approved CORI on file. All parents, grandparents and guardians are welcome to attend PTO meetings...we are always interested in new ideas and feedback.

Our annual Open House and Ice Cream Social is on Thursday, September 20th at 6:00 pm and our Scholastic Book Fair will be open to purchase books if you choose. This is a great event to see your child's classroom and enjoy some ice cream with friends and families in our community.

Please feel free to contact me at ccote@lowell.k12.ma.us or (978) 937-7667 ext.11005 with any questions or concerns.

~Mrs. Cote

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