

The Lowell School

Elementary/Middle School Activities



FIELD TRIPS

Throughout the school year, individual classes will go on field trips related to the current curriculum, for fun, or to celebrate holidays. You will receive individual permission slips describing each trip, the date, and cost, if any. There may also be trips planned by the Art and/or Music Teachers.

STUDENT COUNCIL

There is a structured campaign and election to select Student Council officers. The council meets on a monthly basis with the staff advisor. The student council sponsors various events during the school year, and raises money for charitable organizations.

SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

The School Newspaper is written and published by the students and offers current news around the school, advice and puzzles. It is written four times a year.

AMBASSADOR CLUB

The Student Ambassadors are selected by Mrs. Price and Ruth Joseph. These students help out during Open Houses and school assemblies. In addition, they attend the New Student Breakfast held every year in May where they meet and greet new students accepted to Lowell and answer any questions they or their parents may have.

YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

The Yearbook Committee works with Mrs. Psilakis in gathering articles and helps with the layout of the actual yearbook.

STUDENT MENTORING PROGRAM

Students from the upper grades read and assist our 3rd and 4th graders at different times during the year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Student volunteers work with younger students at a local public school one time per week. In addition, charitable donations and visits are made throughout the year to local food pantries, children's hospitals, VA hospital, and Senior Citizen centers. Donations have also been made to St. Jude's Cancer Research Hospital, and The Smile Train.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Interested students compete with other non-public schools in intramural basketball games. These games take place during the school day.

THEATRE PROGRAM

Interested students audition for a part in the school play held each year in April. There is a morning and evening production. Students give up their Friday afternoon privilege for rehearsals, under the supervision of a hired Children's Theatre Director. In addition, there is a set designer crew to create the scenery. Some previous productions have included Annie, Fiddler on the Roof and Into the Woods. This year's production is Beauty and the Beast. Family and friends are encouraged to attend the evening performance.

SCHOOL CHORUS

Interested students may join the school chorus. Practices are held during homeroom in the morning and at certain times during lunch. Students perform at the winter holiday show as well as the student talent show held in the spring.

HOLIDAY SHOW AND BASKET RAFFLE

All classes and the chorus perform songs related to the various winter holidays. Parents and friends are encouraged to attend. After our students have performed at the holiday show, they have the opportunity to win a gift basket. Raffles are sold prior to, and on the morning of the show.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Guest speakers are brought in to speak with or perform for the students. Past speakers have included children's book authors, motivational speaker, David Roche, and actress Gwendolyn Briley Strand who performs a one woman show about Harriet Tubman.

LUNCH SALES

Individual classes hold lunch sales to raise funds for their classroom. The monies raised go towards class trips or holiday celebrations. There are also sales by the students in the F.A.C.S. classes. Lunch sales range from \$1.50 - \$3.00. They will appear on the monthly calendar sent home each month with your child. Students may also order Chinese Food from a local restaurant and pizza on Fridays.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Many of our students don't have the time in the morning to eat breakfast before the school bus comes to your home. Breakfast is sold every morning until 8:30. Students may purchase bagels, cereal and hot and cold drinks.

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT DAY

Students are permitted to wear costumes to school on Halloween. Students are NOT permitted to go out to lunch on Halloween. Pizza is provided or students may bring lunch from home. All students go Trick or Treating in the building before and after lunch.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Students and their families are asked to donate food at Thanksgiving. All food collected is donated to local charitable organizations.

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

A Valentine's Day dance is held in the gym. A local D.J. is hired and refreshments are served.

DIVERSITY CELEBRATION AND LUNCHEON

All classes select a culture and do an in depth study of all aspects of the culture, such as climate, housing, religious beliefs, family structure, political system, foods and social activities. Each class makes a presentation of the culture they have selected. Families contribute special "favorite dishes" to share with their fellow students at our Diversity Luncheon.

AWARDS DINNER

The Awards Dinner is held every June, at Leonard's of Great Neck. This event gives the students the opportunity to dress up and be recognized at a formal awards presentation. It is a sit-down three-course dinner, and a D.J. is hired to make it a wonderful celebration. Parents must accompany their child, and friends and relatives are welcome. The cost of the dinner is approximately \$35.00 per person, including your child.

FIELD DAY

Field Day is held the last week in June. The students are given the opportunity to play and compete in a variety of sports activities. Lunch is provided to all students.

GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL PERSON DAY

Students invite a Grandparent or Special person in their lives to come to the school to visit their classroom, meet their classmates, and show them around their wonderful school. There are individual classroom presentations.

STUDENT/PARENT APPRECIATION DAY

Every spring, students and their parents are invited to enjoy a morning of bowling and a pizza lunch back at the school.

GRADUATION

There is a formal Cap and Gown Graduation Ceremony for 8th graders. It is held in the chapel of the Bayside Jewish Center, usually on the last day of school for students. There is an informal reception held afterwards in the ballroom for the graduates and their guests. There is a \$25.00 graduation fee for the student. The school pays for all additional expenses.

OVERNIGHT TRIP

In May of each school year, students are selected to attend an overnight trip to Club Getaway in Kent, Connecticut. The student selection is based on appropriate behavior throughout the school year and the ability to function independently, away from home. (Third and fourth graders are not selected to attend) The approximate cost is \$140 - \$170. Six to seven Lowell staff members accompany the children as well as assigned staff from Club Getaway. Students stay in their own cabins with adults close by.