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School Year 2018-2019

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James Russell Lowell Elementary PTA

Founded in 1939

California State PTA Mission Statement

The mission of the California State PTA is to positively impact the lives of all children and families.

Purposes of the PTA

To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship and throughout the community;

To raise the standards of home life;

To advocate for laws that further the education, physical and mental health, welfare, and safety of children and youth;

To promote the collaboration and engagement of families and educators in the education of children and youth;

To engage the public in united efforts to secure the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social well-being of all children and youth; and

To advocate for fiscal responsibility regarding public tax dollars in public education funding.

Message from the School Principal

What an exciting time this is for both our kinder students and parents. This is definitely a time that will be remembered by all. These memories show up through the years in pictures and stories that are told by family and friends. I still remember when my son started kinder and gave both my wife and I the “thumbs up” as he went into the class while we all wiped away tears. That day was the beginning to something that supersedes this day, yet defines it in our memories.

I look to all of you and encourage you to walk this path with your child every step of the way, share in their experiences and successes, all the while knowing that there will be times that they’ll need your help in getting back up and giving it another try.

Here at Lowell we’re a family in every definition of the word. The proverbial “hand-off” of your child that occurs every morning is taken with great care and concern for their safety and education. We have and always will do great things here at Lowell, which has never changed. The Lowell Sea Stars welcome all of our new students and parents as new members of our Sea Star Family.

Enjoy the journey this year, kinder is the first step in many for all of our new students as they learn the building blocks of what is possible.

Warmly,
Lester ‘Dow’ Lawson
Principal
(562) 433-6757

Message from the PTA President

Welcome to a new school year at Lowell! For our new families, we are so happy to have you join the Lowell family! For our returning families, welcome back for another fun-filled year!

Families, teachers, and staff are the backbone of our strong and supportive community at Lowell. Without this community, we could not organize and hold the wonderful events we enjoy throughout the school year or fund the programs that enrich our children’s educational experience.

Luckily, family involvement is a long tradition at our school and one of its greatest strengths. We encourage you to look for opportunities this year to volunteer and share your experience and talents. We are always in need of more hands to help and if each of our Lowell families volunteered to help with one PTA activity outside of the classroom, imagine how amazing our year could be! So, whether you can only donate your time (big or small), your money, or your resources, or maybe a little of each – there is a place for you! We need every person in our community to make this year as wonderful as it can be. We look forward to creating enriching and fond memories for our families during our time together at Lowell.

Please don’t hesitate to reach out to us with any questions, suggestions, or to volunteer in any way that you can!

Best wishes for a wonderful year,

Taryn Bagwell
PTA President
pres@lowellpta.com

Lowell Daily Schedules

Kindergarten

Early Bird: 9:00 am - 12:40 pm

Late Bird: 10:40 am - 2:40 pm (Thursdays 2:30 pm dismissal)

Grades 1-3 9:00 am - 3:05 pm (Thursdays 2:30 pm dismissal)

Grades 4-5 9:00 am - 3:10 pm (Thursdays 2:30 pm dismissal)

Lunch Schedules

Kinder (Early) – 12:20 pm - 12:40 pm

Kinder (Late) – 12:50 pm - 1:10 pm

Kinder SDC – 11:50 am - 12:40 pm

Grade 1 – 11:50 am - 12:40 pm

Grade 2 – 12:00 pm - 12:50 pm

Grade 3 – 12:10 pm – 1:00 pm

Grade 4 – 12:30 pm - 1:10 pm

Grade 5 – 12:20 pm -1:00 pm

Minimum Days

Kinder dismissed at 12:40 pm (Early Bird) and 2:40 pm (Late Bird).

Grades 1-5 dismissed at 2:00 pm with advance notice given to parents.

Lowell PTA Calendar ~ 2018-2019

August

29 We. First Day of School

29 We. New Parent Orientation 9:30 & 11:00am

29 We. Minimum Day (2:00pm dismissal)

September

3 Mo. Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)

6 Th. Back to School Night 6:00-8:00pm

11 Tu. Executive Board Meeting (6:30pm, Library)

20 Th. Room Rep Meeting (6:30pm, Library)

21 Fr. Room Rep Meeting (9:15am, Cafeteria)

21 Fr. School Site Council Meeting (Elections)

26 We. ***PTA Meeting (6:30pm Library – Budget Approval)***

26 We. Minimum Day (2:00pm dismissal)

27 Th. Dining for Dollars (Ruby's)

October

TBD 5th Grade Fundraiser

5 Fr. Individual Picture Day (Free dress)

9 Tu. Executive Board Meeting (6:30pm, Library)

9 Tu. School Site Council Meeting

10 We. National Walk to School Day

12 Fr. Class Picture Day (Uniforms Only)

15 Mo. MTM Assembly, 2:25-3:05pm

15 Mo. MTM Training, 3:30-4:30pm

15 Mo. Reflections Submission Deadline

17 We. Membership Surprise Assembly

19 Fr. Pizza/Movie Night

- 22-26 Red Ribbon Week
- 23 Tu. ***PTA Meeting (6:30pm Library)***
- 24 We. Red Ribbon - Crazy Sock Day
- 25 Th. Pumpkin Carving (6:00-8:00pm)
- 26 Fr. Red Ribbon - Red Shirt Day
- 31 We. Halloween Shirt Day

November

- TBD Dining for Dollars
- 5-13 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 5-13 Minimum Days (2:00pm dismissal)
- 1 Th. Reflections Reception, 6:30pm
- 2 Fr. Reflections Display in auditorium, all day
- 6 Tu. Teacher Luncheon
- 12 Mo. Veteran's Day (NO SCHOOL)
- 13 Tu. Executive Board Meeting (6:30pm, Library)
- 13 Tu. School Site Council Meeting
- 14 We. Jog-a-Thon
- 15 Th. Blanket them with Love (5:30pm, Cafeteria)
- 16 Fr. Individual Picture Makeup Day (*Uniforms Only)
- 19-23 Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL)
- 27 Tu. ***PTA Meeting (6:30pm Library)***
- 29 Th. Jog-a-Thon Incentive Event (4:30-6:30pm)
- 30 Fr. 5th Grade Panoramic Picture

December

- 3-7 Book Fair
- 3 Mo. MTM Assembly, 2:25-3:05pm
- 3 Mo. MTM Training, 3:30-4:30pm
- 5 We. Winter Read Aloud (7:00pm, Auditorium)
- 6 Th. TKTC Performance (6:00pm)
- 7 Fr. TKTC Performance (6:00pm)
- 11 Tu. School Site Council Meeting
- 11 Tu. Executive Board Meeting (6:30pm)
- 13 Th. TKTC Performance (6:00pm)
- 14 Fr. TKTC Performance (6:00pm)
- 21 Fr. Shirt Day (red/green/blue/holiday)
- 21 Fr. Minimum Day (2:00pm dismissal and no playground supervision after school)
- 24-4 Winter Break

January

- TBD Ice Skate Night
- 7 Mo. School Resumes
- 8 Tu. Executive Board Meeting (6:30pm, Library)
- 11 Fr. MAD Science Assembly
- 15 Tu. School Site Council Meeting
- 21 Mo. MLK Day (NO SCHOOL)
- 22 Tu. ***PTA Meeting (6:30pm Library)***

- 25 Fr. Authors and Illustrators Night
- 30 We. National Geographic Geography Bee

February

- TBD Dining for Dollars
- TBD Career Day
- 11 Mo. Lincoln's Birthday (NO SCHOOL)
- 12 Tu. School Site Council Meeting
- 12 Tu. Executive Board Meeting (6:30pm, Library)
- 13 We. Roller Skate Night (6:00-8:00pm)
- 14 Th. Valentine's Day Blood Drive
- 14 Th. Shirt Day (red/pink/white/valentine)
- 18 Mo. Washington's Birthday (NO SCHOOL)
- 22 Fr. Dad's Donut Day
- 22 Fr. Variety Show Practices Begin
- 25 Mo. MTM Assembly, 2:25-3:05pm
- 25 Mo. MTM Training, 3:30-4:30pm
- 26 Tu. ***PTA Meeting (6:30pm Library)***

March

- 5-6 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 5-6 Minimum Days (2:00pm dismissal)
- 8 Fr. Lowell Spring Auction
- 12 Tu. School Site Council Meeting
- 12 Tu. Executive Board Meeting (6:30pm, Library)
- 12 Tu. Science Fair Reception
- 13 We. Science Fair Walk Through for classes
- 15 Fr. Shirt Day (St. Patrick's theme)
- 15 Fr. Variety Show Tech Rehearsal
- 22 Fr. Variety Show Performance
- 26 Tu. ***PTA Meeting (6:30pm Library - Elections)***
- 29 Fr. Mom's Muffin Morning
- 31 Su. Summer Camp Fair

April

- TBD Dining for Dollars
- TBD Autism Awareness Assembly
- TBD Dirtbags Game Night
- 8 Mo. MTM Assembly, 2:25-3:00pm
- 8 Mo. MTM Training, 3:30-4:30pm
- 8-12 Book Fair
- 9 Tu. Executive Board Meeting (6:30pm, Library)
- 12 Fr. Shirt Day (College Theme)
- 16 Tu. School Site Council Meeting
- 18. Th. Earth Day Activities
- 19 Fr. Admissions Day (NO SCHOOL)
- 22-26 Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)
- 30 Tu. ***PTA Meeting (6:30pm Library)***

May

TBD SBAC Testing
TBD Movie Night
TBD Carnival
3 Fr. Stars Wars T-shirt Day
4 Sa. Chess Tournament
6 Mo. MTM Assembly, 2:25-3:05pm
6 Mo. MTM Training, 3:30-4:30pm
13 Mo. Teacher Luncheon
14 Tu. Executive Board Meeting (6:30pm, Library)
15 We. Chess Awards Ceremony
18 Sa. District Science Fair
22 We. Minimum Day (2:00pm dismissal)
22 We. Open House
24 Fr. Shirt Day (red/white/blue)
27 Mo. Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)

June

3-7 Teacher Appreciation Week
4 Tu. ***PTA Meeting (6:30pm Auditorium)***
13 Th. 5th Grade Promotion
13 Th. Last Day of School
13 Th. Minimum Day (2:00pm dismissal and no playground supervision after school)

Lowell Elementary School Staff List 2018-2019

Principal:	Mr. Lester 'Dow' Lawson
Counselor:	Mrs. Terri Phelps (Th, F, every other M)
Secretary:	Mrs. Jackie Scarborough
Int.Office Asst.:	Mrs. Diane Heath
Nurse:	Ms. Jannette Jeffrey, RN (M, Th)
Health Asst:	TBD (Tu, W, F)
Psychologist:	Ms. Lynn Saroyan (Th, F)
Library:	Ms. Lucy Renshaw (W, Th, F)
RSP:	Ms. Michelle Provost
Literacy:	Ms. Vicki Bloomberg
Literacy:	Mrs. Kristie Kaiser (50%)
Speech:	Ms. Suzzane Sasoon, Dawn Warmbrand
OT:	Mr. Arnel Calvario
Music (Instr.):	Mr. Bob Gallandt, Instrumental (Tu)
Music (Vocal):	Mrs. Eunice Cho, Vocal (Th)
Tech. Lab:	Mr. Curtis Guinn III (M-F - 8:00-12:50 p.m.)
Custodian Super.:	Mr. Julio Hernandez (7:00-3:30)
Custodian:	Mr. Thy Soy (2:00-10:30)
Custodian:	Mr. Alvaro Marin (2:00-10:30)

PLAYGROUND

Playground Supervisor:	Sandi Mousa	(562) 433-6757 ext. 233
Playground Coachies:	Jessica Alcantara	Alyssa Alcantara
	Sharon Fido	Quinn Ranson
	Mariana Ruiz	Maria Santos Rudd
	Carina Smith	Christopher Talag
	Pat Tisa	

Playground Schedule (Grades 1-5)

Monday – Friday – 8:40 am – 4:00 pm
(There is no playground supervision before 8:40 am)

KIDS' CLUB (562) 434-7968 ~ Day Care 7:00 am to 6:30 pm

Ms. Rosann Balance, Co-Supervisor
Ms. Jeanette Nailor Ruiz, Co-Supervisor
Ms. Amy Munoz, Lead Assistant
Ms. Jenny Ing, Assistant

Lowell Faculty

KINDERGARTEN

1 -- Mrs. Judy Faris

2 -- Mrs. Karen Serrano

5 -- Mrs. Tracy Reeder

10-- Ms. Michelle Williams

3 -- Mrs. Cassie Ward (TK)

GRADE 1

24 -- Mrs. Norma Kacoullas

25 -- Mrs. Anne Hughes

28 -- Mrs. Jeanne Spicer

GRADE 2

30 -- Dr. Mary Brennan

32 -- Mrs. Linda Nyquist

33 -- Mrs. Melissa Sipowicz

GRADE 3

25101 -- Mrs. Melissa Osorio

25102 -- Mrs. Kathy Rigdon

25103 -- Mrs. Cindy Garrison

GRADE 4

B-6 -- Ms. Amy Bond

B-7 -- Mr. John Brunner

25104 -- Ms. Sandi Romero

GRADE 4/5

25105 -- Mrs. Laura Rivera/Mrs. Edina Wade

GRADE 5

25108 -- Mrs. Erin Wilson

25106 -- Ms. Wendy Becker

25107 -- Ms. Nancy Schmitt

SPECIAL EDUCATION

18 -- Kim Crecelius – K/1 MM

B-5 -- Mrs. Katelyn Alvarado – 2/3 MM

B-3 -- Mrs. Rhonda Hildreth - Int. MM

B-4 – Ms. Vianna Payne – ED

AIDES

Joshua Alvarez

Deborah Bliss

Tameka Harris

Marisol Reynoso

Julia Ambrose

Gretchen Carroll

Katrina Johnston

Jazmin Valdez

Mayra Bahena-Coronado

Irene Guoz

Gabriella Reynoso

Lowell PTA's 2018-2019 Executive Board

Elected to serve for the 2018-2019 school year, here are your PTA Executive Board members, along with their contact information. Please contact them with any questions or ideas you may have and introduce yourself at one of the PTA meetings this year!

President:	Taryn Bagwell	pres@lowellpta.com
Vice President:	Kara Camper	vp@lowellpta.com
Executive Secretary:	Macy Jelinowicz	secretary@lowellpta.com
Treasurer:	Sandee Paige	treasurer@lowellpta.com
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Communications:	Leeanna Izuel	comm@lowellpta.com
Membership:	Nina Mehigan	membership@lowellpta.com
Head Room Rep:	Nathalie Soussan	roomrep@lowellpta.com
Technology Use Committee:	Gaea Ray	techuse@lowellpta.com
Historian:	Liz Barnett	historian@lowellpta.com
Parliamentarian:	Amber Emigh	rules@lowellpta.com
Auditor:	Cameron Hernandez	auditor@lowellpta.com
Teacher Rep:	Edina Wade	teacherrep@lowellpta.com
Advocacy:	Michael Hale	advocacy@lowellpta.com
Principal:	Lester 'Dow' Lawson	llawson@lbschools.net

Committee Chairs

Event	Chair/Co-Chair	Email
After School Enrichment	Liz Barnett	afterschool@lowellpta.com
Auction (Spring)	OPEN	auction@lowellpta.com
Authors & Illustrators' Night	Jennifer Cops	authorsnight@lowellpta.com
Auto Dialer Coordinator	Jackie Scarborough	jscarborough@lbschools.net
Book Fair	Ashley Sheldon	bookfair@lowellpta.com
Career Day	OPEN	careerday@lowellpta.com
Carnival	Sandi Mousa	carnival@lowellpta.com
Chess Club	Mr. Brunner	chessclub@lowellpta.com
Dining For Dollars	OPEN	dining@lowellpta.com
Directory	Kara Camper	vp@lowellpta.com
Dirt Bags Night	Todd Martin	dirtbags@lowellpta.com
Donut Day/Muffin Morning	Jan Rice	donuts@lowellpta.com
Earth Day	Green Team	earthday@lowellpta.com
Facebook Coordinator	Gaea Ray	socialmedia@lowellpta.com
Fifth Grade Activities	Danielle Van Divort	5thgradeactivities@lowellpta.com
Food Finders	Tina Morrison	foodfinders@lowellpta.com

Garden Coordinator	Virginia Purnell	greenteam@lowellpta.com
Grant Writing	Phil Hernandez	grantwriting@lowellpta.com
Green Team	OPEN	greenteam@lowellpta.com
Handball Courts	OPEN	handballcourts@lowellpta.com
Health and Safety	Mr. Brunner	healthandsafety@lowellpta.com
Honorary Services Awards	Kara Camper	hsa@lowellpta.com
Hospitality	Jan Rice	hospitality@lowellpta.com
Ice Skate Night	Danielle Van Divort Sabine Cain	iceskate@lowellpta.com
Jog-a-Thon	Amber Emigh	jog@lowellpta.com
Kinder/New Parent Orientation	Cameron Hernandez	kinderorient@lowellpta.com
Legislative Advocacy	Michael Hale	advocacy@lowellpta.com
Logo Wear	Danielle Van Divort Sabine Cain	logowear@lowellpta.com
Lost and Found/Used Uniforms	Rickey Goodling	uniforms@lowellpta.com
Meet the Masters	Mieke Dumont Layna Blurton Adam Wheeler	mtm@lowellpta.com
Parent Education	Kyle Blake	parented@lowellpta.com
Passive Fundraising	Erin Hopkins	rebate@lowellpta.com
Pizza/Movie Night	Gisella Tellez	pizzanight@lowellpta.com

Pumpkin Carving Night	Becky Cortese	pumpkin@lowellpta.com
Recycling	Michael Dixon	recycle@lowellpta.com
Reflections	Gaea Ray Taryn Bailey Bagwell	reflections@lowellpta.com
Roller Skate Night	Danielle Van Divort Sabine Cain	rollerskate@lowellpta.com
School Photos	Erin Trachy	schoolphotos@lowellpta.com
Science Fair	Richard Camper	sciencefair@lowellpta.com
Special Education Support	Angelina	specialedsupport@lowellpta.com
Summer Camp Fair	Nathalie Soussan	campfair@lowellpta.com
Variety Show	Mellisa Hovard Kelli Darling Joanne Perry	varietyshow@lowellpta.com
VIPS Coordinator	Diane Heath	vips@lowellpta.com
Used Book Sale/Swap	Becky Yamarik	usedbooks@lowellpta.com
Webmaster	Gaea Ray	webmaster@lowellpta.com
Webstore Coordinator	Holly Torpey	webstore@lowellpta.com

PTA Membership

Please show your support for Lowell by joining our PTA. Membership:

- Benefits your child and Lowell by raising the level of family participation
- Adds your voice to discussions regarding activities and events held throughout the year, fundraisers, how to spend PTA funds, etc.
- Strengthens our voice with the district, as well as on county, state, and national levels, in support of our children and their public education
- Gets you connected
- Increases our volunteer numbers, which is critical to the success of Lowell's programs and events

Join Lowell's PTA ONLINE TODAY. Membership has its rewards...for students, parents and more! Come to the PTA meetings and be an advocate for your child!

1. Go to www.lowellpta.com
2. Find the PTA logo and "Click here to Join the PTA"
3. You will be redirected to the Lowell Sea Star Store
4. Click on My Account
5. Sign in or Register for an account
6. Click on My Family to continue setting up your account and Add Family - children, spouse, grandparents, and any others.
7. Return to Home page
8. Start adding Student PTA Memberships, Adult PTA Memberships, and any other items to your cart. (Make sure to select your child/children's teachers in order for your child to receive credit towards membership drive rewards.)
9. View Cart when you are ready to check out, double check that the various PTA Memberships you have selected are "FOR" the correct members of your family
10. Check out

For more information, contact: membership@lowellpta.com

HIGHLIGHTS OF SOME SCHOOL AND PTA EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Attendance Awards

By law, the school is required to maintain records of student attendance. Twice a year, those students with perfect attendance are recognized in class. Children receiving a perfect attendance award are particularly proud of being recognized for their achievement in front of their peers.

Authors & Illustrators Night

This event is a wonderful opportunity for students to get to work with authors and illustrators of children's books. Each author/illustrator leads a workshop with a group of children where they work on an activity. This is a very fun evening. Reservations are required, space is limited and they fill up fast! Look for more info as the event approaches.

For more information, contact: authorsnight@lowellpta.com

Back to School Night

Back to School Night is an evening during which parents and guardians are invited to come to school and hear from their children's teachers what is in store for the coming school year. Please plan to attend, and secure a babysitter early, as this is an evening just for the adults. This year, as last, in order to get a jump-start on building the school/home relationship, Lowell's Back to School Night is earlier in the year than usual – Thursday, September 6th. It is intended as a meet-and-greet informational session and should not be used for private conferences with your child's teacher. School-wide Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for mid-November, but if you need to meet with your child's teacher earlier, coordinate that with the individual teacher. Also during Back to School Night, teachers will be soliciting volunteers for their classrooms. All teachers' requirements and procedures are a bit different. This is the time to ask your questions and figure out how you can best support your child's education.

Book Fair

Book Fair is a week-long event that takes place twice a year — once in the fall and once in the spring — and is a fantastic event that benefits students and teachers. The cafeteria is transformed into a mini book store and students can browse and shop for their favorite books, titles, and authors. During the Book Fair week, each class will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair “privately” as a class to look around and purchase any books of interest. Best part of all is proceeds from the Book Fair go right back to the classroom and teachers!

For more information: please contact: bookfair@lowellpta.com

Box Tops

Lowell PTA continues to raise funds by collecting and redeeming Box Tops For Education that are found on hundreds of your favorite products – from groceries to school supplies to underwear! During the 2017-18 school year, we earned almost \$2,000 with Box Tops! With close to 700 students at Lowell, we certainly can earn more this year!

Each Box Top is worth 10 cents to our school, so check all boxes and wrappers before you put them in the recycling bin. New products are constantly being added and as of press time include: Avery, Hefty, Betty Crocker, Yoplait, Scott, Hamburger Helper, Green Giant, Land O Lakes, Ziploc, Hanes and more!! Cut out the Box Tops *with the expiration date intact*, and send them in to your child's teacher. (Keeping a snack size baggie and scissors in a kitchen drawer makes it easy to collect them!) Please check expiration dates before turning in the Box Tops – those dates really do matter. **Ask neighbors and relatives to save box tops for our school, too!**

A way to earn Box Tops for Lowell before actually clipping any of them is to register your Ralphs Loyalty Card at www.rewardyourschool.com. That way, our PTA earns Bonus Box Tops electronically when eligible products are purchased, **and** then we earn 10 cents **again** when the actual Box Top is turned in! Are you thinking that a 10 cent Box Top isn't worth finding, cutting out and turning in? Think again: Lowell PTA has earned more than \$10,000 since 2004 – one 10-cent Box Top at a time!

For more information, contact: boxtops@lowellpta.com

Carnival

The Lowell Carnival is a school event that draws in the entire community. In true Carnival style, there are games, bounce houses, fun contests, food and of course, a prize booth. Each class sponsors and hosts a carnival game booth. Traditionally taking place in May, Carnival is a great way to wind down the school year, have fun together and raise some money for our school. See you at the Lowell Carnival!

For more information, contact: carnival@lowellpta.com

Chess Club

The Lowell Chess Club is open to all Lowell students in grades 1 – 5 regardless of their level of experience. The most advanced students will form the Chess Team. The club meets before school on days of the week that will be announced.

For more information, please contact: chess@lowellpta.com

Dad's Donut Day

Dad's Donut Day is one of the best ways to start off the morning! Kids gather in the cafeteria with their dad or grandfather or uncle and have a donut to kick off the day. There's coffee for the dads and juice for the kids too. It's a great chance for the dads to get together and catch up while hanging with their kids. Come join us for Dad's Donut Day!!

For more information: please contact: donuts@lowellpta.com

Dining for Dollars

Dining for Dollars events are held once each month. When you dine (eat in or take out) at the participating restaurant on the specified day, the restaurant donates a percentage of the proceeds of your meal back to Lowell. The donation is typically 20% but can be as much as 50%. You dine, they donate – it's the easiest way to give to Lowell!

For more information: please contact: dining@lowellpta.com

Green Team

Growing, Conserving, and Learning-by-Doing

We are so proud to be a nationally recognized Green Ribbon Award winning school. Lowell's Green Team supports many important eco-activities, including the Learning Garden and a kid-powered recycling program.

The Lowell Learning Garden

Over the past ten years, the Learning Garden has become an integral part of the Lowell community, the result of efforts by Lowell parents to create a hands-on, science-based learning environment that teaches students about plants, environmentalism, and healthy eating. All students come to the Garden with their classrooms for an academic curriculum that combines fun and enrichment.

The award winning Learning Garden features several raised beds in front of the school and along Monrovia (adjacent to the cafeteria) as well as a full outdoor classroom with raised beds, a solar powered bench and other "classroom" attributes. The Learning Garden's outdoor classroom is located next to Kids Club and the bungalow classrooms.

There are many exciting green adventures planned for this year, with garden and recycling lessons for every grade level. This year's highlights include:

- Garden lessons linked to Health, Social Studies, Science, and Math lessons (even field trips to the Farmers Market and the Colorado Lagoon)
- A Zero Waste Lunch initiative where we have reduced our lunch waste by about 90% (we used to throw away an average of 175 pounds a day at lunch...yikes!)
- Car-free days and weeks where we work to reduce our carbon footprint, promote physical fitness, and reduce traffic jams at drop-off
- A Schoolyard Habitat Project on the slope along Nieto, where students and volunteers are working to re-introduce native plant species to support local wildlife and provide a landscape that reflects our native ecology

For more information: please contact: greenteam@lowellpta.com

Ice Skate Night

Come out and ice skate with your friends. Whether your style is hockey, figure or just making it around the rink in one piece, it's a fun night for everyone! Pre-sale tickets are available.

For more information, contact: iceskate@lowellpta.com

Jog-a-thon

Jog-a-thon is an annual fundraiser that encourages kids to move and exercise. while raising money for our school. During Jog-a-thon, the school is transformed into a running track and each grade will run laps to raise money. Jog-a-thon has grown to be one of Lowell's strongest fundraisers; and earning pledges can be done via an online automated program. Start training for Jog-a-thon and get in shape to raise money for your school!

For more information: please contact: jog@lowellpta.com

Meet the Masters

Meet the Masters (MTM) is a wonderful classroom art program funded by the PTA. Volunteers teach MTM lessons in the classroom - usually parents, which makes it a great way to be active in your child's classroom. Throughout the year, students learn about five different artists during school-wide assemblies (four artists for kinders). The volunteer "teachers" also attend this assembly as well as a short workshop, during which they learn about an artist-inspired art project that will be utilized in the classroom. Projects are varied in order to be grade-appropriate. Your child will create four or five wonderful "works of art" that will help them learn not only about famous artists but also about various art techniques. During the school year, Meet the Masters projects are displayed on a bulletin board inside the front hallway – so stop by to admire the talents of Lowell's artists! Sign-up sheets to help with this program will be in your child's classroom on Back to School Night.

For more information: please contact: mtm@lowellpta.com

Mom's Muffin Morning

Muffins sound good for the name, but it's actually donuts... Grab one with your coffee in the cafeteria before school starts and enjoy a fun morning with your kids and other moms. Best part is there's no clean up and the dads serve the donuts and coffee! Mark it on your calendar and join us for Mom's Muffin Morning.

For more information, contact: donuts@lowellpta.com

Picture Day

Class pictures and optional individual pictures will be taken, with different package options for purchase.

For more information, contact: schoolphotos@lowellpta.com

Pizza/Movie Night

Come enjoy a night of family fun! Pizza/Movie Night is a community event for our Lowell families to come together and catch up with old friends and meet some new ones while munching on pizza and enjoying a family-friendly movie under the stars. Bring a chair or a blanket and join us on the playground! Popcorn and concessions are offered for \$1 each. This is not a fundraiser, just a fun family event to celebrate friendship.

For more information: please contact: pizzanight@lowellpta.com

Pumpkin Carving

A true Lowell tradition of costumes, fun and family! Kick off the Halloween season with a night at Lowell by carving a pumpkin, wearing a costume and dancing to the tunes of a DJ. Enter your pumpkin creation in the carving contest or enter yourself in the costume contest! Either way, it is a night of fun and festivities. Please bring your own pumpkin and tools to carve.

For more information, please contact: pumpkin@lowellpta.com

Reflections

Reflections is a national PTA arts program designed to honor, recognize and support arts in the schools. Each year, a theme is chosen and students are encouraged to submit an original creation to reflect the year's theme. The original creation can be in the areas of drawing, painting, writing, music, dance, video or other visual arts. All entries will be collected and reviewed and the original work that best reflects the theme will be chosen to represent Lowell at the district, state and national levels. Participation in the Reflections program is purely voluntary and open to all grade levels, including kindergarten.

For more information: please contact: reflections@lowellpta.com

Roller Skate Night

Boogie on down at the roller rink with your wheels on. A fun family event for everyone! Pre-sale tickets are available.

For more information, contact: rollerskate@lowellpta.com

Read Aloud Night

Come to school in your pajamas and listen to stories! Watch for posters at school, check the Lowell Log and watch the weekly Room Rep emails for more details.

For more information, contact: bookfair@lowellpta.com

Summer Camp Fair

Looking for summer activities for your kids? Can't decide which group or camp to enroll in? Summer Camp Fair is your answer. A free event to the entire community, the Summer Fair gathers organizations and groups that run summer camps and activities for kids. Come gather information or start signing up at the Fair. If you want to make your summer fun, visit the Summer Camp Fair.

For more information, contact: campfair@lowell.com

Variety Show

Calling all acts!! Let the star inside of you shine with a musical act, dance routine, magic show or any other talent you may have. Perform solo or with a group — whatever you choose, the Lowell auditorium will be your stage to shine like a star. Have you always wanted to participate but are unsure of what to do or who to perform with? Contact us and we can help guide you! Don't miss out on the fun! See you on stage.

For more information, contact: varietyshow@lowellpta.com

Additional Information

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Senator Janet Nguyen (R)
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US House of Representatives (47th District California)
Congressman Alan Lowenthal (D)
www.lowenthal.house.gov

Senate
Senator Diane Feinstein (D)
www.feinstein.senate.gov

Senator Kamala Harris (D)
www.harris.senate.gov

Miscellaneous

Poison Control Center
800.222.1222

Suicide Prevention Hotline
800.273.8255

Graffiti Removal Hotline
562.570.2773

Animal Control
562.570.7387

Long Beach Police Department (East Sub-Station, non-emergency)
562.570.5880

Long Beach Fire Department (non-emergency)
562.591.7631

Southern California Edison
1.800.611.1911

City of Long Beach Utility Services (Gas, Refuse, Water)
562.570.5700

Long Beach Memorial Medical Center
2801 Atlantic Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90806
562.933.2000

Dignity Health – St. Mary Medical Center
1050 Linden Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90813
562.491.9000

City Library (closest to Lowell):
Bay Shore Public Library, 195 Bayshore Ave. 90803, 562.570.1039

City of Long Beach Parks Directory
<http://www.longbeach.gov/park/park-and-facilities/directory/>