LOWREY SCHOOL

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday-Friday March 21st – 25th BOOK FAIR

Media Center

Late Start Dates

Wed. March 9 Wed. April 6 Wed. April 13 Wed. May 4 Wed. May 11

Wed., March 9th Wed., April 6th No Kindergarten classes

Thursday, March 10

Parent Meeting 8:45 a.m. Parent Walk Through

Monday, March 21

Kindergarten Roundup

Monday, March 24

Vision Screening

Wed., March 30

Elementary Conferences 4:00 – 7:00

Thurs, March 31

MS Conferences 3:00 – 6:00 PM

Friday, April 1

Elementary School Pictures

<u>Mon., April 18</u> – Mon., April 25

No School Spring Break

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Lowrey Families:

March is truly an exciting and busy month. We are happy to see the sun is creeping through and that spring is just around the corner. Hopefully with the weather getting better, we will be seeing more active parental involvement. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some special activities going on this month. On Thursday, March 10th, we will be having our yearly Parent Walk Through. We want you to experience our School Improvement Strategies in action. We make it our mission to continuously bridge the gap between home and school. This is a great opportunity to see and observe what your teachers are doing in their classrooms with your children. You will be able to take these wonderful strategies home with you to help support you child succeed in school. In addition March is reading month! Please make it a point to READ more to your children this month and demonstrate your LOVE for reading...you truly are your child's first teacher! Lastly, I would like to give a SPECIAL thank you to our wonderful PTA for doing such an amazing job in our school. Your passion and commitment is greatly appreciated! Thanks again for all you do!!

For your future planning, the last day of school for this year will be Wednesday, June 8th for Kindergarten students, Thursday, June 9th, 2011 for Elementary and Friday, June 10th, 2011 for Middle School. Students in all grade levels will have to take the final exam the last two weeks of school in order to qualify for the next grade level. No exceptions or accommodations will be made to students who will stop coming to school before that time for any unexcused absence.

Mrs. Younes

LOWREY SCHOOL NEWS

SNOW DAYS

If you suspect school may be closed for a snow day, please visit Dearborn schools website at www.dearbornschools.org or view the local news channels to find out Thank you.

ABSENCES

If your child is absent, please call the school attendance line at 313-827-1801 or the main office at 313-827-1800.

KINDNESS CHALLENGE

Lowrey School staff is launching a month long "Kindness Challenge" in the elementary school. It begins March 1st with an assembly in the little theater. The theme of this is I've Got Your Backs. This foundation was founded by the sister of a Dearborn teacher whose son died suddenly of HINI. Her son, Isaac Loughrige, was a truly amazing person. You can read more about him at this web site http://ivegotyourbacks.org/

At this assembly, our students will be given information and an opportunity to sign up for the challenge of logging kind acts for 30 days. More information will follow; including where to get the logs and what to do with them when they are done. There will be some incentives for the students as well. Thank you, The Kindness Challenge Committee



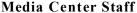
MARCH IS READING MONTH

"ADVENTURES IN READING!"

We are sure that you will agree that reading is important EVERY month! Since March is National Reading Month, Lowrey School will be giving special emphasis to activities that promote reading as a fun and enjoyable experience. Our theme this month is: "Adventures in Reading." A calendar and letter will be coming home explaining all the fun activities that will be taking place such as guest readers, Dr. Seuss' birthday, Friday fun days, and ending with a "Read-In." Please take some extra time this month to go on an adventure with your child and READ!!

THINK SPRING, THINK BOOK FAIR

Lowrey School will hold its Book Fair in the Media Center during the week of March 21-25th. The hours will be 8:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday, and on Friday from 8:00 a.m. -1:30p.m. Hope to see you there!





Dear Parents, friends and relatives of 1st and 2nd grade students at Lowrey School:

You are invited to a concert featuring your 1st and 2nd grade students on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at the Lowrey Little Theater. **Students in the following classes will attend the concert at 1:00 p.m.** Mrs. Awada, Mrs. Bettinger, Mrs. Hammad, Ms. Grogorian and Mrs. Lineberry. **Students in the following classes will attend the concert at 1:45 p.m.** Mrs. Shell, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Keebler and Ms. Wentland. Thank you from Mrs. Carson, Vocal Music Teacher @ Lowrey Elementary School.

Congratulations to the band and string students! They performed wonderfully at the pep assembly on Feb. 18, 2011. Great Job! Mrs. Pegouske

LOWREY SCHOOL – NEWS

Did you know that March is Music in Our Schools Month?

Following is some valuable information for parents and students about the benefits of being in music class. The benefit is for all music students, either music connections or instrumental music! If your child is already a music student at Lowrey, keep encouraging him/her in music! If your child is not in music classes, be sure to enroll him/her next year!

What is true of all the arts is **supremely** true of music. When a child studies music, significant elements of his or her education find focus and expression:

- Developing the ability to understand and use symbols in new contexts;
- Discovering the power, precision, and control of mathematics in unexpected ways;
- o Finding and directing personal creativity;
- Exercising the diverse skills of problem-solving;
- o Experiencing the joy of self-expression;
- Growing into the liberation acquired through self-discipline;
- Participating in the deeply human satisfaction of shared work and the gratification of challenges met.

In addition to these characteristics fundamental to education, music shares with the other arts a resource that is of paramount importance to the education of the young: Music is a highway for exploring the emotional and aesthetic dimensions of experience. Indeed, here is where music and the other arts make their unique and most visible contribution. Education without music shortchanges our children and their futures. Education with music offers exciting possibilities in two directions. As we look to the future, educational research on the nature of intelligence and brain function give promising indications that could change the face of education. And as we look around us in the present, we see connections between music education and changes in students that offer direct and immediate benefits, not only to them, but to the educational enterprise as a whole.

Happy Music in Our Schools Month! Ms. Pegouske

Adapted from The School Music

Program: Description and Standards

A Rationale for Music Education

Why should music be included as a basic part of the curriculum?

- 1. Music is worth knowing.
- 2. Music is one of the most important manifestations of our cultural heritage. Children need to know about Beethoven and Louis Armstrong as well as about Newton and Einstein
- 3. Music is a potential in every individual that, like all potential, should be developed to its fullest.
- 4. Music provides an outlet for creativity, self-expression, and individual uniqueness. It enables us to express our noblest thoughts and feelings.
- 5. Music teaches students about unique aspects of their relationships with other human beings and with the world around them, in their own and other cultures.
- 6. Music opens avenues of success for students who may have problems in other areas of the curriculum and opens approaches to learning that can be applied in other contexts.
- 7. Studying music increases the satisfaction students derive from music by sharpening sensitivity, raising their level of appreciation, and expanding their musical horizons.
- 8. Music is one of the most powerful and profound symbol systems that exists.
- 9. Music helps students learn a significant lesson--that not all aspects of life are quantifiable.
- 10. Music exalts the human spirit.

LOWREY SCHOOL SHINING STARS

FEBRUARY 2011 "Students of the Month" Lowrey Middle School

6th Grade 7th Grade 8th Grade

Zahra Abdo Mohamed Ahmed Sheyma Alesseng

Sabah Boussi Mithak Alasnag Intisar Fawaz

Jena Kabbani Yara Bazzi Dena Omar

Ahmed Ridha Fatima Dakroub Kareem Saleh

Hadi Sleiman Mahmoud Mohammad Sarah Yassine

Hassan Sleiman Zeinab Nasser Ibrahim Zeitoun

ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
STUDENT OF THE
MONTH
FEBRUARY, 2011

KINDERGARTEN MONIER ALDUAIS ZEINAB ALEMARAH

1ST GRADE TARIK ABUHMAD MARWA ALTAMIMI

JANA ALDEN DANIA JABBAR

2ND GRADE ALI ABOUALAYOUI ZEINAB ELHOURANI ZAIN ALSAYED KHALIL HAMMOUD

3RD GRADE TAGAREED ABDO MARYAM OLAYAN,

JADON GHERASIM IBRAHIM SAAD, HOUDA TAMER

4TH GRADE HEMAN AYA AOUDE, ALI

ALABOODY, AYA BERRO, FATIMA SAFA

5TH GRADE NOUR ABDALLAH, AYAH CHAMI AMANI BERRY

ALSHAMI