



"Enriching Our Children's Learning and Growth Through Fun and Discovery"

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IT'S FINALLY HERE!!! ENDLESS SUMMER



LOWELL BAYSIDE ACADEMY 2011

DON'T FORGET YOUR CLASSROOM DRINK DONATIONS

ALL drink donations can be brought to the cafeteria during the week of May 30 through June 3. Kinder--juice pouches; 1st grade--12 oz. bottled water or juice pouches; 2nd grade--12 oz. bottled water; 3rd grade--6 pack cans of sprite and/or 7 up; 4th grade--6 pack cans of coke and diet coke, or peps and diet pepsi; 5th grade: 6 pack cans of orange fanta and grape fanta. Thank you so much!!!

Classroom Baskets due to cafeteria between 2:00 and 2:30 on Friday, June 3. Please contact Melanie Brossus directly at 562-494-7887 or brossus5@verizon.net with questions. Contact Barbara Bell at carnival@lowellpta.net, Jo Stephanie Francisco at jostephanief@yahoo.com, or Aimee Duree at aimeeduree@me.com with all other questions about the ENDLESS SUMMER.

**Saturday, June 4th
10:00am to 3:00pm**

New this year--Food Truck Court!!! Just like summer at the beach, run over to the Ice Cream Truck for a cool treat; order up a cone of tasty French Fries; grab a hotdog/hamburger from the Firemen's Grill; Snack Shack and Kut and Sow sandwich stand too. And all food can be purchased for \$\$\$ cash this time. Make sure your board shorts have good pockets to hold your change! (No ticket pre-sales for food.)

SO MUCH FUN UNDER THE SUN

CRAFTS FOR TICKETS

Photo Booth, Leis, Hair Spray and Sunglasses
New Airbrush Art Tattoos (for cash only)

BLOW UP RIDES & WATER FUN

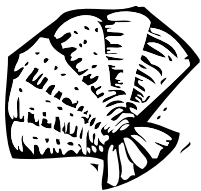
Remember to get your wristband for maximum fun value--
Obstacle Course, Slip n Slide, L'il Kid Zone

Entertainment Schedule:

- 10:00 DJ Marty of Sound Entertainment cranks up the tunes to get the party started
- 10:30 Hughes Middle School Pacific Islander Club dances
- 11:00 Cakewalk and Hula Contests
- 11:30 Parent Band "DAD COMPANY"
- 12:00 More Hula, Cakes and Dancin'
- 12:30 Parent Band "Mini-Van"
- 1:30 More Walkin', Hula and Dancin'
- 2:00 Singing Workshop led by Naomi Starr

**AND ALL THE GREAT CARNIVAL GAMES YOU LOVE!
FILL STAMP CARDS TO WIN COOL PRIZES LIKE
BLOW UPS AND SQUISHIES.**

**CARNIVAL TICKETS FOR SALE THE
DAY OF THE EVENT.**



Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

As this school year comes to a close, I want to thank you for your unfailing support and involvement in our children's education. Our students have made amazing academic progress under the guidance of our outstanding teachers and staff while enjoying many wonderful programs and activities supported by you and the PTA. These programs enriched all aspects of our educational program. Highlights this year included many, many field trips, the expansion of the learning gardens, a sold-out Authors and Illustrators Night, a well-attended Science Fair, Meet the Masters, an active physical education program, SmartBoards and a tremendous effort to update our technology lab with new computers, software, and a plan to use it well.

I want to extend a very special recognition to Mr. Mogi who is retiring this year. For the last 18 years Mr. Mogi has touched the lives of over 500 Lowell students. We will miss his calm presence, his ability to reach all students and his love for dogs! Enjoy your endless summer vacation along with many happy hours at the dog park!

Many thanks are extended to our PTA Board who under the strong leadership of president, Mrs. Jackie Taylor, worked so well together to oversee numerous activities and to ensure that the PTA remained financially healthy. It was a pleasure to work with Mrs. Taylor who worked daily to make sure all aspects of the PTA ran smoothly, efficiently, and focused on what's best for children. She will be missed for many reasons, including her "hands-on" Friday afternoon recycling duties.

It is also time to say goodbye to our 141 fifth graders and wish them every success as they enter middle school. Take good care of our children and yourselves until we see you all again on the first day of school, September 7, at 9 am.

Warmly,
Laurie Murrin

PS Classroom assignments will be mailed by September 1, 2011.



PTA President's Message

I said I wouldn't, but I can't help myself.

It is the most common mantra heard around campus to date: "I can't believe we are to this point in the year already". I am saying it too. Wow! Did this year slip by! This is my last Log entry as PTA President. I told myself I was not going to be cliché and do the predictable "what I learned and advise for the coming year article". Well, I can't help myself, it's just screaming to be let out. Soooooo.....

What have I learned this year?

- *I have learned that not all fires need to be put out, some need to smolder a bit and be allowed to burn out.
- *I have learned to keep my mouth shut.
- *I have learned that common sense usually wins out.
- *I have learned to hear (not just listen).
- *I have learned that the job will take as much time as I allow it to.
- *I have learned that not everything is the President's job. Delegate.
- *I have learned how easy it is to say "we can't" or it won't work" and how hard it is to let people try.
- *I have learned that I rarely, no matter how hard I try, get my Log entries in on time.
- *I have learned that most problems can be discussed in length on the playground but very rarely get solved there.

What did we do right this year?

- *We worked together as a team very well; Board and the Association alike.
- *We were fiscally responsible and kept a balanced budget. (Hello Sacramento!)
- *We raised a boat load of money.
- *We had fun.
- *We held the gossip to a minimum.
- *We brought amazing and wonderful programs and activities to our school.

Where did we fall down?

- *We didn't get huge turn outs at the PTA meetings. (I am sure there are more but I am not inclined to point out our short comings.)

Do I have any advice for the incoming Board?

- *Trust each other. You all have the same common goal.
- *Disagree!
- *Save disagreements for the Board room.
- *Always encourage new ideas.
- *Change is a good thing but change for the sake of change is just dumb.
- *Seek out tribal knowledge.
- *Not everything is a PTA matter.
- *Stick to the PTA mission.
- *Get your Log entries in on time.

Do I have any advice for the Association?

- *Read the Log.
 - *Get involved in as many things as you can. You won't regret a single minute of it!
- Yes, I could go on and on, but I have also learned that things will progress as they should regardless. So, may I just say that it has been an amazing year. I have truly enjoyed being your President. Thank you for the honor and privilege of working with and for the Association. I will hold my memories and lessons close to my heart and take them out and review them often in the years to come. Enjoy every day here at Lowell. It is an amazing and unique school and your stay here is much too brief.

Respectfully,
Jackie Taylor
PTA President

**Last PTA Meeting of the School Year
Tuesday, June 7 at 6:30 pm
Library**

Spring Music Concert

Lowell's Instrumental Music Concert featuring all Lowell musicians and their instruments will be held on **Wednesday, June 1 at 6 pm** in the Lowell auditorium. Our instrumental music program is under the direction of Mr. Bob Gallandt who leads our 135 Lowell musicians. **Beginning strings and winds will play at 6 pm. and orchestra (2nd and 3rd year players) and advanced winds will play at 7 pm.**

Vocal Music Concert

Lowell's Vocal Music Concert featuring our 4th and 5th grade chorus will be held on **Thursday, June 9 at 6 pm** in the Lowell auditorium. The Lowell chorus is under the direction Mrs. Eunice Cho.



ANOTHER CHANCE TO GET PINNED!

If you missed the PINZ sale before spring break, you have another chance to get pinned. PINZ will be for sale at the Lowell Carnival! With all new designs and limited quantities, you will want to get your favorite PINZ before it sells out. Keep them for yourself, or trade with friends, PINZ are a fun way to show your style. Buy one for \$1, or three for \$2, but whatever you do, don't head into the summer without one! Look for our table at the carnival. Cash only, please. A percentage of sales will go to the Lowell PTA.



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK JUNE 6TH ~ 10TH



Please check with your Classroom Representatives for details on what your class is doing for your teacher(s) and the other great support teachers at Lowell for Teacher Appreciation Week. Remember that there are many teachers and staff who impact our children and they all need to be appreciated! There will be a collection box in the office for the support teachers starting Thursday, June 2nd through Wednesday, June 8th. All money that is collected will go towards individual gifts for each of them.

Thank you,
Lisa Briskey and Rena Johnson
Room Rep Co-Chairs
roomrep@lowellpta.com

Changes for the 2011-2012 School Year

Due to budget cuts, the class size for kindergarten, first, second and third grade will be 30-1. Fourth and fifth grade classes will remain at 35-1. Each kindergarten teacher will have her own classroom. This will result in a schedule change. Kindergarten classes will have two start times: 8:30 or 9:30. Students will either attend from 8:30-11:50 or 9:30-12:50. At the current time Lowell is scheduled for 27 classes: four kindergarten classes; four, first grade classes; four, second grade classes; four, third grade classes; three, fourth grade classes; four, fifth grade classes; and four special education classes.

Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action. These actions shape and mold the present into a future of which we can all be proud. ~ Helen Dyer

Help Wanted:

Reflections: A National PTA Art Program
Spring Fundraiser/Auction: Adult event fundraiser
Recycling: Maintain our recycling program on campus.

If you would like to see where we can fit in your talents and passions please contact Ways and Means Chair, **Chelsea Welsh** at Ways@lowellpta.com or activities@lowellpta.com

Your opinion counts! Have a say in the 2011-2012 Budget.

The Budget Committee will be meeting over the summer to put together the Budget for the 2011-2012 school year. They need your help. What programs did you really like this year? Which programs were not your favorites? Your input will help them create a budget that accurately reflects the desires of this Association.

Following is a list of 22 of the events and/or programs the PTA sponsored this year. Please rank them from 1 - 22 with 1 being your favorite and 22 being your least favorite. Feel free to comment about the programs as well.

Event	Rank	Comments
Movie Nights		
Meet The Masters		
Pumpkin Carving		
Jazz Angels		
PE		
After School Enrichment		
Dads Donut & Moms Muffin Day		
Field Trips		
Authors & Illustrators Night		
Technology & Tech Support		
Dance		
Character Education		
Earth Day		
Variety Show		
Summer Camp Fair		
Science Fair & Mad Science		
Pizza Night		
BMX		
Disability Awareness		
Garden		
2 nd Language Support		
Teacher Wish lists		

Is there a program or event that we missed? Please tell us about it.

Suggestions –

Please return completed survey to the PTA lockbox in the workroom by Friday, June 10.

Kindergarten Orientation

It's that time of year again to start thinking about our new group of little ones coming to Lowell. The new Kindergartners are coming and we need your help. We will be having our annual Kindergarten Orientation on the first day of school, Wednesday, September 7 at 9:30 am for new and returning families. If you are friendly, informative, and can lend a helping hand we would love for you to join us. Please contact **Cammie Cassiano** (ccassiano@verzion.net) or **Jen Rose** (jennyjumpup@verizon.net) if you would like to be part of the Kindergarten committee. Have a wonderful summer and see you in September.

5th Grade Parents – Last Call!

There's still time to help.

- Class Picnic – email Lori Doty at loricruzdoty@me.com
- Class Games – email Melanie Brossus at brossus5@verizon.net
- FUN days - Wendy Parden at wendyparden@rocketmail.com

5th Grade Activities Meeting
Monday, June 6 at 9 am Lunch benches

Check out The 5th Grade Activities website for full calendar of events. Information is always being updated!
http://web.me.com/kimlowery1/The_5th_Grade_Give/
user name: the5thgradegive
password: lowell

Questions? Email **JoAnna Baker** at jbaker@jhproperties.org or **Signe Cascell** at scascell@msn.com.

5th Graders... Dates/Times to Remember

<u>Wednesday, June 15:</u>	9:15 am – Awards Assembly in Auditorium
<u>Wednesday, June 15:</u>	11:30 am – Play day and Lunch at the park 2:00 pm – Students return to school
<u>Thursday, June 16:</u>	10:00 am – Slide show for students in Auditorium 11:00 am – Slide show for parents in Auditorium 11:30 am – 5 th Grade Promotion Ceremony and Refreshments



CALLING ALL 4TH GRADE PARENTS

You are invited to sit in on our final 5th Grade Meeting so you can get a jump start on next year! Please join us for the 5th grade activities meeting:

Monday, June 6 at 9 am
Lunch Benches

If you cannot make the meeting but would like to help with the 5th Grade Promotion on Thursday, June 16, please contact **Karen Blair** at karensblair@verizon.net.

Last Call For Lost and Found!

Don't leave those sweaters, jackets and lunch boxes at school over the summer! Parents and kids, please come and check the lost and found before vacation is here! **Lost and Found will be emptied on Monday, June 13**, and all items will be donated to charity. The Lost and Found area is located in the hallway between the cafeteria and the auditorium. Questions? Contact **Eileen Matos** 987-0404 or **Anne Shull** 438-1500.

Operation Trick-or-Treat



Gently used costume items needed for Operation Trick-or-Treat. Lowell's 2nd Grade Brownie Troops are gearing up for the 2nd annual Operation Trick-or-Treat: Children Helping Children Unmask Halloween Fun, a service project they founded to help children from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Long Beach dress in costume for Halloween. Troops 7893, 143 and 33 have placed a collection bin in the hallway just outside the office. If you have gently used costumes and/or accessories that you would like to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. Halloween costumes from infants to adult sizes welcome. For more information on Operation Trick-or-Treat, please call **Dove Mayo** at (562)301-9090.



Congratulations to PTA Service Award Recipients!

The year is almost over and looking back, this year's PTA events have been a huge success! They couldn't have been successful or even possible without the hours and hours of time put in by dedicated volunteers. Recently, the PTA sent out a survey asking "Who did you think deserves special recognition for their time and commitment to our school?" At our last PTA meeting of the school year, on Tuesday, May 31, we will have the opportunity to say "thank you" to all of them. Here are the award recipients...

Very Special Person Awards were presented to:

Linda Reisian
Michele Sullivan
Diana Infante
Michelle Wells
Kim Erkman
Lisa Briskey
Heidi Tavernetti
Naomi Star

Honorary Service Award was presented to:
Mark and Helen Vidor - The Art Theatre of Long Beach

Continuing Service Awards were presented to:

Signe Cascell
Robyn Goodmanson
BA Laris

Golden Oak Service Awards were presented to:

Mr. John Brunner
Jackie Taylor

And to all of our many PTA volunteers and supporters; our kids thank you, our school thanks you, and the PTA thanks you. We could not have done it without you.

Our Handball Courts Need Your Help!

Calling all artists...Lowell's handball courts are in need of a makeover. As you can see, the handball courts were painted by past students of Lowell and we would love to carry on this wonderful tradition. However, we need help with the artistic part. If you are that person; we need you. Our plan is to brainstorm ideas over the summer and implement our "painting plan" in the fall once the handball courts are repaired. Please contact **Cammie Cassiano** (ccassiano@verizon.net) or **Cindy Malinauskas** (cindy_malinauskas@hotmail.com) to help with this wonderful project.

Upcycling

On the way to the Landfill...a funny thing happened.

I was pleased when fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Romero, asked for a demo of the chip bags and other waste being reused. So, on a non-test Friday during testing season, we washed and dried and cut and folded and made bracelets (to varying degrees of completion). It was great fun!

If you would like to connect about the upcycling project, feel free to email **Trish** at handmadepenguin@yahoo.com. To date over \$320.00 has been earned for a local non profit from simply sending in the raw material.



Technology at Lowell

Greetings Tech Enthusiasts!

What an outstanding school year it's been to move Technology Use forward at least a decade here at Lowell!

Wow! While you and your kids are basking in the joys and cares of summer freedom, we'll be happily overseeing that our new Technology Lab is brought online successfully; the new classroom printers are delivered and set up for every teacher; the new SMART boards, laptops and doc cameras are installed; our new software is tested--some will even be accessible from your home computers; the new tech curriculum lessons are tweaked and twitched; the new training schedule is readied for staff and Tech VIPs; and... it's such an exciting list that goes on and on, as we work to meet the tech needs of our teachers, administrators, students and YOU.

We have come so far and achieved so much, only because of your fabulous commitment and support.

A few quick highlights from this year:

- Tech Use Committee reinvented itself to support a longer-term technology vision and be the recommending resource to Cabinet, overseeing the whole "Tech Pie", vetting solutions, and encouraging sustainability
- Lowell Friends of Technology formed as a sub-foundation of Long Beach Education Foundation, providing for the tech needs that directly touch Lowell students
- LFOT launched its campaign to modernize the Tech Lab with 40 new iMacs, new software, and fresh décor
- Tech Lab layout designs were considered, a final plan selected, new computer tables ordered
- Site inventory was completed and over 80+ (1999-2002) computers were sent packing to the District Warehouse
- Over 40 relevant software packages were identified, reviewed and priced in the areas of math, reading, keyboarding, spreadsheets, multimedia, mapping, browsing, utilities, etc...
- Curriculum Planning included representation from every grade level, plus Principal and parents
- A new Tech Curriculum Scope and Sequence chart was created, mapping out achievement goals at each grade level, and generating standardization
- Tech Use Plan recommendations for 2011-12 were delivered to Cabinet covering: Curriculum, Hardware Projects, Software/Content, Connectivity, Use & Safety, Tech Support, and Training
- And a budget planning document was delivered to LFOT and PTA to consider funding Lowell's tech initiatives in the upcoming school year

If you have an interest in helping identify creative tech projects, tech curriculum opportunities, or training to become a Lowell Tech Volunteer next year... we want to hear from you! Contact **Principal Murrin** at lmurrin@lbschools.net.

Lowell Friends of Technology

Thank you again for your generous donation to the Lowell Technology Lab. We are delighted to share the following update regarding our fundraising and installation timeline. We have achieved so much in such a short period of time; it is truly amazing and inspiring. The vision of the Lowell Friends of Technology was to deliver a brand new Technology Lab for our students to use at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year. With the support of parents, Mrs. Murrin, the PTA, The Long Beach Education Foundation and businesses, we are well on our way.

Fundraising - How did we do it?

Our goal of \$60,000 was set to cover 40 computers, 2 printers, software and any necessary modernization to make our Technology Lab state-of-the-art. As of March 31st we were pleased to announce that an order for all 40 iMacs could be placed. Based on our research, Apple's Education pricing was the best value. We raised most of our funding through a simple check drive, keeping our overhead low and ensuring that all that we raised went straight to the Lab. Of the funds received, 75% came from Lowell Families, 12% came from corporate matching funds and 13% came from community businesses. We would like to formally thank F&M Bank, The Art Theatre, Long Beach BMW and the PCH & Second street project for their generous donations.

The Technology Lab-What will it look like?

With the new computer tables sponsored by the PTA, the lab should be a fresh and interesting place for students. Using the modern looks of Google and Facebook HQs as inspiration, our committee selected bold new wall colors to make the room retro-cool for the kids.

Future Events

Tech VIPs, a parent-volunteer group (similar to Meet the Masters) will allow tech savvy parents an opportunity to directly support students in the new Lab. We will let you know more when we have more information.

F&M Bank has formed a long-term partnership with Lowell. They have donated the money for 5 computers. Details of a long-term program, where F&M Bank will continue their support for Lowell's technology, will be released shortly.

We will be inviting you to our "Ribbon-cutting" ceremony in the Fall where the new computer lab will be unveiled.

Please feel free to contact us. We will keep you updated on the Computer Labs progress.

Thanks again for your generosity. Lowell Friends of Technology

Robot Team News – Another Step Forward

By this goes to publication, the robot team applications will be in and sorted by the moms and coaches. If you wanted to get your application in, but haven't yet, please call us for the team status or simply go ahead and send in the team application. There is a teeny-tiny possibility that there is an available space on the team. Join the fun!

Before we jump into the 2011-2012 school year, we would like to take a moment to acknowledge a few of our avid volunteers for our first and ongoing Robo Rally team.

- Terry Wells is a five year FLL robotics coach and will be returning for another session with our Robo Rally team. Terry gives much of his time to help our group get to competition. Thanks, Terry!
- Jackie Taylor was our project coach for the 2010-2011 school year and will also be returning to coach our Robo Rally team. Jackie lent much of her enthusiasm to the team last year. We look forward to her help in the fall. Thanks, Jackie!
- Michelle Wells is our Secretary/Communications mom and co-founder of Shared Science. Anyone who had participated in the Shared Science program at Lowell or at one of the other locations we served will know Michelle. She gives much of her time, passion and ability to help with the organization, curriculum, logistics and delivery of our in-school programming. Thanks, Michelle! We are able to do what we do much because of you!
- <Your Name Could be Here!> is a key volunteer in our fall Robotics team. S/he has graciously accepted the role of <project or robot or core values> coach for the Lowell team! We look forward to working with <Your Name Could be Here!> in the fall!

Got questions? Ask one of the Shared Science Moms, **Michelle Wells, Jennifer Crans** and **Trish Tsoiasue**. Prefer the phone? Call **562-522-0595**. Or Email? info@sharedsciencefun.org. Looking forward to a truly exciting fall challenge!

Lowell Learning Garden News



Wow, what a wonderful year we've had in the garden with the fantastic Lowell students. Between all of us gardeners, we manage to see pretty much every one of the kids at some time in the Learning Garden. We get so much reaffirming feedback from them, that it hardly seems like a labor at all.

The May Garden Clean-Up was a great success. Girl Scout Troop #203 replanted some Butterfly Milkweed in the Monarch Way station to keep the butterflies coming, and they cleaned and planted all around the Pollinator Garden and beyond. Thank you girls for your truly meaningful community service. At the Clean-Up we also tidied the Colonial Herb Garden. Great student helpers put together our new tool shed. Thanks to Ryan McKinney, Brendon Quinn, Braden Kirk, Dylan Byrne and Shae and Hank Taylor for doing such handy work in the garden.

When we return to school and the learning Garden in September, we are hopeful that we will be able to inaugurate our new Outdoor Classroom next to Kids Club. If all goes well with funding this summer the kids at Lowell will be able to have lessons on benches, with a teacher table, learning wall, shed and planting beds within the campus boundaries. Any teacher may take advantage of the outdoor space for any kind of lesson they wish. So cross your fingers and look for summer emails requesting help with the build! Thanks to Kelly Cernok, Mai Pare, Kelly McKinney, and Kevin Motschall for all your work towards the vision of a true outdoor classroom.

So summer is upon us and you may be wondering how to stay in touch with your inner green thumb, even if you are not out in the Learning Garden. Here is a little summer reading list that you may enjoy:

Animal, Vegetable, Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver

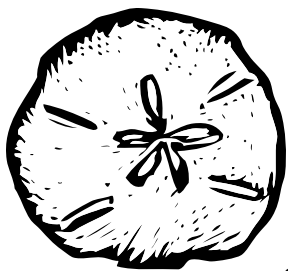
The Omnivore's Dilemma by Michael Pollan (There is a kid's edition too!)

The Vegetable Gardener's Bible by Edward C. Smith

Hardy Californians, A Woman's Life with Native Plants by Lester Rowntree (She wrote children's books too!)

Happy reading, happy gardening and happy summer!

The Garden Team, **Karen Taylor, Holland Brown, Susan Bos, and Jacqui Viale**



Lowell Students Donate 1,323.5 Hours!

Every year we honor those students who volunteer their time and effort for community service. These students have participated within their classrooms and out in the community and have turned in their service logs. Students participated in a wide variety of volunteer activities including: making cards for the military, making lunches for the homeless, collecting canned goods, toys, and clothes, peacemaker and valet parking duties, beach clean-up, visiting the elderly, making blankets, stuffing Easter baskets, and so much more. These students will be honored at our all-school assembly on June 2 and at the fourth and fifth grade awards assembly:

Presidential Volunteer Award: Peter Beck (107 hours!)

PTA Silver Award (25-99 hours): Christopher Bohn, Katherine Cassiano, Katie Borsting, Heidi Blair, Grace Fuller, Mikaila Baumel, Elise Beck, Lucas Dysart

PTA Recognition Award (1-24 hours): Michael Acuna, Alejandro Adame, Zoey Allen, Tara Anderson, Bernard Anderson, Cole Armstrong, Jacquelyn Armus, Gisella Arrua, Jacqueline Artinian, Travis Ascheri, Hailey Atkinson, Isabella Babore, Ariana Badgett, Kenneth Barnabee, Joey Barnabee, Scott Becker, Paulina Beckman, Peyton Beeli, Claire Belliveau, Payton Benzing, Kristin Berry, Andrew Best, Parker Betz, Astara Bigsby, Sebastian Billingslea, Ava Bishop-Gargaro, Sophia Bloxam, Amanda Bower, Adam Bracken, Harold Bragg, Nicholas Bretherton, Noelle Briggs, Kate Brown, Kyle Brown, Dylan Byrne, Alexandra Cain, Daytsurina Campbell, Brianna Campos, Rose Cano, Kendall Cascell, Olivia Cassar, Maya Chao, Michaela Chin, Dylan Choppin, Julian Clark, Samson Cochran, Sophia Coe, Tikva Cohen, Emily Comstock, Drew Coomans, William Coomans, Anna Coomans, Natalie Coomans, Cosette Cordova, Jaden Cox, Troy Criss, Stella Cucu, Logan Dahlquist, Sofia DelBello, Lexi Demos, Mandy DeSilva, Jack Dhein, Michaela DiLeva, R.D. Dionglay, Jared Dissman, Nick Domke, Elise Donovan, Jackie Dourigun, Jacob Durham, Jack Eckenrode, Theo Emery, David Erkman, Jackson Errecart, Izabella Espinoza, Adriana Esposito, Anna-Lisa Fajardo, Analeia Farmer, Samantha Fay, Connor Fellows, Alexander Ferrera, Cayman Field, Chiara Fields, Gabriel Fields, Grace Fleming, Autumn Flores, Alexis Flores, Jonah Gaeta, Jessica Garvey, Adam Garza, Jack Gentile, Anthony Gentile, Ethan Gibbs, Eli Glickman, Kelly Gragson, Taylor Griffiths, Griffin Gross-Hietala, Vasil Gucev, Grant Guerrero, Jaidyn Gutierrez, Marisa Guzman, Darren Hall, Carly Harryman, Alexis Hernandez, Shelby Hess, Ryan Hightower, Addison Hiles, Katherine Hone, Eddie Horan, Sophia Huerta, Madison Ingrassia, Ethan Jenkins, Lanna Jenkins, Delanie Johnson, Spencer Johnson, Casey Jones, Miles Jones, Jack Jones, Dawn Kaufman, Michael Kerrigan, Rojan Keypour, Imran Khan, Tyler Khoy, Braden Kirk, Chloe Knopf, Jesse Kolodny, Jonathan Kuhne, Molly Lasher, Sally Lasher, Benjamin Lavid, Kian Lawrence, Ryan Leroux, Phillip Leyva, Jade Li, Robert Little, Alessandro Llergo, Diego Llergo, Bryce Lowery, Meghan Lucas, Leilani Lujan, Stephanie Marler, Blaise Marquez, Michael Martinez, Elizabeth Matos, Mina Matta, Amelia Maudlin, Maxwell Mayo, Kortney McDonald, Windsor McInerney, Lauren McLane, MaKenna Merlo, Ella Messing, Nathan Mester, Skylar Mills, Justin Moorefield, Julia Moorefield, Luke Morrison, Wayne Moses, Connor Mueller, Ethan Munoz, Mia Neglia, Aidan Nidess, Aaron Nisenholtz, Flynn Nulty, Tucker Nulty, Maria Ocampo, Austin Olguin, Aidan O'Neill, Ava Ornelas, Emily Pan, Nikki Pan, Chase Pavlovsky, Kyle Paz, James Pendleton, Beck Peterson, Ryan Pettway, Holden Pollak, Elaina Poole, Kian Price, Charles Pruett, Ella Pruitt, Kate Rael, Emily Ramsey, David Reid, Rylie Remar, Zoe Renner, Carlo Reyes, Ava Rhodes, Joy Rice, Carson Rice, Charles Rivers, Emma Robinett, Thomas Robinette, Nicole Rookey, Hudson Rose, Elisabeth Rossbach, Thalia Rothman, Charlie Royle, Emma Royle, Lincoln Ruiz-Truong, Sadad Salahuddin, Amanda Salerno, Nia Sallis, Nathan Sanders, Abigail Saucedo, Jordan Scales, Gabriella Schaub, Jordyn Schilling, John Schuster, Taylor Schwarz, Angelina Shaw, Ellie Sherlock, Libby Shull, Najjel Sims, Ava Smith, Kaylee Smith, Alana Snyder, Jack Sommerville, Gabriella Sonnhalter, Jimmy Spoeri, Phil Sroka, Shelby Stanton, Luke Strevell, Sasha Stringer, Karina Stropky, Ruby Stuart, Jake Tavernetti, Hayden Tavernetti, Henry Taylor, Addison Taylor, Kelly Thomas, Megan Thomas, Ava Tomassini, Vinny Tosti, Samuel Tracy, Margaret Traut, Adam Traut, Patrick Tucker, Dane Vangilder, Chloe VanLiew, Agnes Volland, Zack Wakefield, Nate Wakefield, John Wannemacher, Frank Wells, Timothy Whelan, Carter White, Tosh Whytock, Rachel Wickander, Kyle Widmark, Marcus Williams, Jordan Willis, Isabela Winter, Nicholas Winwood, Isabella Yakel, Ava Zirolì, Izabella Zorovich

Congratulations to all of our award winners! Lowell is so proud of you! **Mrs. Osorio**



Box Tops For Education

4,300 Box Tops were just submitted and Lowell PTA will receive a check for \$430 in the fall, thanks to your clipping! There are another several thousand Box Tops that will be submitted this summer for several hundred more dollars of income for the PTA.

It's not too late to increase that number! All the way up to the last day of school, you can send in Box Tops with *intact expiration dates* and then keep clipping and saving throughout the summer. Please do check expiration dates before turning in the Box Tops - those dates really do matter.

For more ways to contribute without clipping and saving, go to the BoxTops website: www.boxtops4education.com. For more information, contact **Anne Hughes** at hughesnick@verizon.net or by phone at 856-1949.

Campbell's Labels for Education



8,600 UPC codes were just submitted to The Campbell's Labels for Education program, giving Lowell a total of 20,000 points that can be redeemed for various educational products, like tether balls and paintbrushes.

New products have been added this year, so check out BIC office supplies; Post cereals and treats; Franco American gravies and pastas; Pepperidge Farm crackers, cookies and frozen foods; V8 juices; Swanson broths; and all Pop Secret products. For most products, clip and save the **UPC code** with either a "graduating baby" Labels for Education label next to it, or the new

"LABELS FOR EDUCATION" logo with a picture of an apple. The **UPC code** next to the logo is what is important! From V8 products, save the caps! Send everything in to your child's teacher by the last day of school or in the fall.

Also visit the website www.labelsforeducation.com for ways to earn points electronically through your grocery store loyalty cards. For more information, contact **Anne Hughes** at hughesnick@verizon.net or by phone at 856-1949.



MEET THE MASTERS UPDATE

As we say good bye to the 12th year of Meet the Masters at Lowell, we want to thank all of the wonderful teachers and parent volunteers who keep this creative program going strong. Our students were able to learn and experience another diverse group of artists. They worked with different forms of media, studied perspective, texture, patterns, color balance and contrast, and created artwork in their own unique way while studying the specific style of the artist. All of this, while having fun. Exposure to art and art history is such important enrichment to the Lowell academic curriculum.

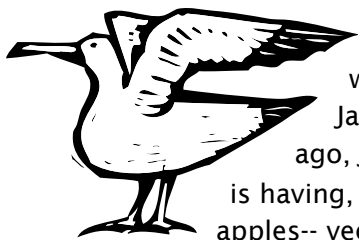
With the amazing support of the Lowell community and PTA, thankfully, MTM will continue next year. We have a great group of artists we will be learning about, some familiar, some not as recognizable. The lineup for the 2011-1012 school year is:

Andy Warhol, Pierra Auguste Renoir, Gustav Klimt, Piet Mondrian, and Maria Martinez.

It is also time to say good bye to Michelle Wells and Nicole Cox, who are officially moving on with their support to other areas at Lowell. They have been guiding the MTM program for 4 years. They will be missed, but have created a program that the new MTM team will be able to carry on. We also would like to thank Elaine Del Bello for her continued support to ensure a terrific MTM experience for everyone, as well as going above and beyond with in-class lesson support in multiple classrooms. We are looking for art lovers who would like to become part of this great program and to join our team. If you are interested, please contact anyone of us!

We hope you have a fantastic summer, relax, and remember to be open to inspiration. See you in September! The MTM team, **Tamra Olson**, (562) 276-3102, **Dana Rothman**, (714) 642-7237, and **Andrea Miller** (562) 810-4487.

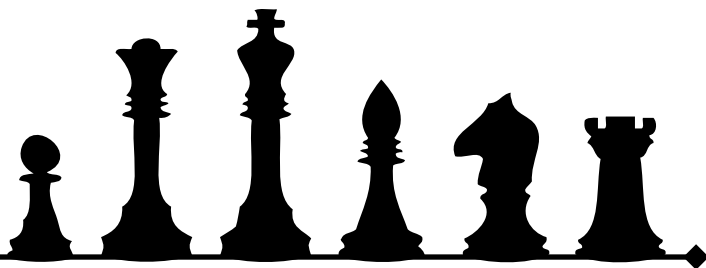
Lowell's Inspiring Student



Congratulations to **Jana Reyes** for receiving Lowell's 2011 Inspiring Student Award. This award honors one student from each of the schools in Long Beach Unified School District who has faced and overcome a formidable obstacle.

Jana is a 5th grader who has a strong love for learning and is a voracious reader. Not long ago, Jana was diagnosed with eosinophilic esophagitis. Imagine eating foods that everyone else is having, such as refreshing summer fruits like—oranges, watermelon, melons, bananas, grapes, apples-- vegetables, breads, nuts, seeds, milk and egg products—including ice cream—seafood, pork, and beef. Now imagine all of that taken away because high amounts of white blood cells in your gastrointestinal tract mistakenly attack the protein in the foods you eat as “invaders.” Even while dealing with the challenges of her medical issues, Jana has always been a dedicated student maintaining excellent grades and a positive attitude. She is an extremely compassionate person and is a good friend to her classmates. She hopes to be a gastroenterologist someday to help find a cure so some children “will not have to eat a special formula from an eating tube and be in constant pain.” She hopes you visit www.curedfoundation.org to support research to find a cure for this little known condition. Jana's resilience, compassion, and inquisitive nature make her a truly inspiring student. We are very proud of her!

Chess Club News



Lowell's Chess Club finished its 2010-11 school year with its annual awards ceremony. All 105 participants, (ranging from first to fifth grade), were recognized and the following students earned special recognition for their level of play in games over the course of the year:

Chess Workshop

Group A

Grade 1 - 2 Champion: Beck Peterson

Grade 3 - 5 Champion: Kiki Ragland

Most Improved: Dylan Choppin

Group B

Grade 1 - 2 Champion: Lucca Obando

Grade 3 - 5 Champion: Kyle Widmark

Most Improved: Justin Moorefield

Chess Workshop Overall Champion: Lucca Obando

Chess Team

Grade 4 Champion: Noah Smith

Grade 5 Champion: Luke Johnson

Most Improved: Jake Leroux

Chess Team Overall Champion: Jon Gorski

Overall Champion for 2010 - 2011: Ben Fiorica

My many thanks to all the parents who got their Chess Club members here on time so that the children could make this a really great year. Special acknowledgement needs to be made of Mrs. Feo's and Mrs. Parkin's help in making the Chess Club work; without their assistance Lowell's Chess Club would, quite simply, not work. We look forward to seeing many of you next year... and to our outgoing fifth graders we wish the best.

Thanks,
Mr. B.

Merci! Danke! Gracias! Xie Xie! Thank you!

Raise your hand if you're looking forward to the Endless Summer Carnival ! What a fabulous way to finish off the school year. Thank you **Barbara Bell, Jo Stephanie Francisco, Aimee DuRee** and the rest of the **Carnival Committee** who make it such a fun event.

Authors and Illustrators Night was awesome! Who didn't love the fantastic hands-on experience of learning to write, illustrate or pen a screenplay? We appreciate your enthusiasm **Holland Brown** and **Elizabeth Borsting**

The Learning Garden has truly become a critical component to enriching our children's education. Thank you **Karen Taylor, Susan Bos, Jacqui Viale,** and **Holland Brown** for your countless hours to the Garden and especially our children.

Kudos to **Jen Rose** for developing and maintaining Lowell's SCRIP program! You are committed and amazing!

Jog a thon Chair **Heidi Tavernetti** made it super fun to lace up those tennies and jog for the cause. Thanks Heidi, for your inspiration and enthusiasm.

The Back to the Future fundraising event was a phenomenal success. Fantastic auction items and great music! Thank you **Denise Mester, Suzie Price, Ashley Bradney** and the **auction committee** for your endless hours of time and commitment.

Many thanks to **Tamra Olson, Dana Rothman, Andrea Miller, Nicole Cox** and **Michelle Wells** for orchestrating the Meet the Masters program. Anyone who has participated in Meet the Masters can appreciate the huge effort it takes to organize and build upon this wonderful program.

Bravo! Variety Show Producers **Debbie Baumel** and **Naomi Starr.** YOU are our American Idols!

Thank you, Webmaster **Michelle Wells** for keeping us informed via our computers, laptops, and PDAs. You keep us in the loop!

Lowell Friends of Technology founders **Michele Sullivan, Linda Reisian,** and **Diana Infante,** your vision has created that world of tomorrow for our children. Thank you for your determination and dedication.

Thanks to our Tech Use Steering Committee: **Laurie Murrin, Leslie Anderson, Stuart Borden, Mary Brennan, John Brunner, Melanie Coleman, Cindy Garrison, Anne Hughes, Melissa Osorio, Linda Reisian, Nancy Schmitt, Melissa Sipowicz, Michele Sullivan, Michelle Wells,** and **Terry Wells.** Your effort, guidance, and wisdom will continue to keep Lowell technology moving in the 21st century.

Lastly, special thanks to comrade **May Hokari** for graciously creating the Log layout each month. You are talented, diligent, and dependable and will truly be missed as you "graduate" from Lowell this year. You will be missed.

Special thanks to all the behind the scenes chairmen and their committee members who play an integral part of the inner workings of Lowell.

After School Enrichment

Book Fair

Box Tops

Chess Club

Community Service Awards

Characer Ed

Dirt Bags Night

Donut Day/ Muffin Morning

Earth Day

Fifth Grade Activities

Grant Writing

Greeting Cards

Honorary Service Award

Hospitality

Ice Skate Night

Kindergarten Orientation

Logo Wear

Movie Night

Pizza Night

Pumpkin Carving Night

Rebate Program

Recycling

Red Ribbon Week/Disability Awareness

Reflections

Restaurant Night

Science Fair

Storage Area

Summer Camp Fair

Tanaka Farms

Used Uniforms/ Lost and Found

Wilson Night

Carla Peterson & Heidi Tavernetti

Kim Erkman & Jennifer Dahlquist

Mrs. Hughes

Mr. B., Mrs. Feo & Mrs. Parkin

Mrs. Osorio

Jacqui Viale

Susie Ridgeway

Michelle Sullivan & Kari Turgliatto

Diana Necessary

Signe Cascell & Joanna Baker

Dan Milfechik

Kathy Bohn

Carla Peterson

Nicole McInerny

Sandy Landsdell & Kim Erkman

Cami Cassiano & Ashley Bradney

Jeannine Saucedo & Chelsea Welsh

Kelly Cernok, Sherri Hoffman & Xannath

McKeever

Pam Glickman, Stan Glickman & Jen Paz

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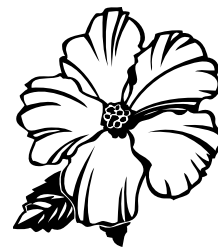
Linda Hiles

Lisa Suchesk

Stephanie Mendoza

Eileen Matos & Anne Shull

Debbie Quinn



Thank you to all our dedicated PTA Board members who put in countless hours for our children: **Mrs. Murrin**, Principal; **Jackie Taylor**, President; **Carla Peterson**, Executive VP; **Kathy Bohn**, Executive Secretary; **Jennifer Crans**, Treasurer; **Karin Jenkins**, Financial Secretary; **Kim Erkman** and **Chelsea Welsh**, Ways & Means; **Lisa Briskey** and **Rena Johnson**, Head Room Rep; **Jo Stephanie Francisco** and **Heather Bracken**, Membership; **Lori Hess**, Auditor; **Katy Jones**, Historian; **Mrs. Becker**, Parliamentarian; and **Lily Coomans**, Communications.

Thanks to **ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS** who donated their time to make our school so great! It really does take a village! My apologies if I've overlooked anyone. Just know that you ARE appreciated. **Lily Coomans**, Communications.



A BIG thank you for the generosity of the following families and friends:

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Cabinet Report

The following is a summary of the May 17, 2011 Lowell Cabinet meeting. Ms. Becker called the meeting to order at 8:00 am Agenda and April minutes were approved. Laurie Murrin provided a review of the Peace Builders program and teachers gave feedback from the grade levels. Overall, parents and staff noted program to be a positive addition to current Character Counts efforts, however, given upcoming Fall training for Technology Lab, new Software, and Right From the Beginning/Thinking Maps, concern was expressed about squeezing in the training and commitment Peace Builders also requires. Therefore, members agreed to revisit the program for possible Spring 2012 training and Fall 2012 introduction. Members discussed five PTA Budget Amendment Proposals, identified whether appropriate for school day, and then ranked each proposal in terms of need/best use as follows: #1 PE instruction for K-5; #2 Learning Garden Outdoor Classroom; #3 SMART Boards for Grade 1 Only; and #4 Class Responders for Rm 31. Mike Duree reported on recent Superintendent meeting discussion. The LBUSD budget was briefly mentioned with no good news to pass along. Cabinet nominees were announced as Chelsea Welsh and Kim Lowery. Elected nominees will participate in the last meeting of school year. Murrin reported on recent incidents that occurred on Lowell's playground including building break-ins. As a result, the Monrovia pedestrian gate will be locked for the remainder of the school year. To schedule a presentation, agenda items need to be submitted to the office two working days prior to a calendared meeting. The next meeting is tentatively set for May 31, 2011 at 8 a.m. in the Lowell library. The full meeting minutes may be found in the Cabinet notebook, which is kept in the school office.

Lowell Log Thinks Blog

If it's happening at Lowell it's 99.9% certain it's covered in the Log. Last month's issue ran a full 16 pages. That's a lot of news coverage! So now we're thinking we're ready to take eLog one step further and delivering the Lowell Log completely online as a subscriber-based blog. **The Lowell Log Blog.** Kinda catchy right? And it's not any more complicated than following the email link you already follow to access your monthly Log file. Stay tuned and we'll see you in the fall!

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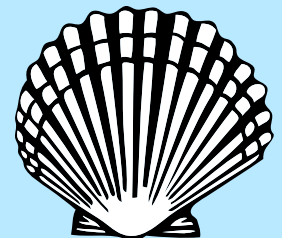
Lowell Log Deadline

Please note that the deadline for the September Log is **Friday, August 26**. Please make submissions to Communications Chair, Lily Coomans, at editor@lowellpta.com.







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JUNE 2011 LOWELL PTA AND SCHOOL CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1  Spring Music Concert 6pm & 7pm auditorium	2	3 Classroom drinks donations due to cafeteria Classroom baskets due 2:00-2:30pm Cafeteria	4  Endless Summer Carnival 10am-3pm Playground
5	6 5th Grade Activities Mtg. 9am Lunch benches  Vocal Music Concert 6pm auditorium	7 PTA Association Mtg. 6:30pm Library	8	9	10 Your Opinion Counts! Survey due to PTA lockbox	11
 Teacher Appreciation Week 6/6 ~ 6/10						
12	13 Last day to claim Lost & Found	14	15	16 5th Grade Slide Show Auditorium 10am – Students 11am – Parents  5th Grade Promotion 11:30am Last day of School 1:50pm Dismissal	17	18
August 26th Lowell Log Deadline						
SEPTEMBER 2011						
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 1st Day of School	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Back to School Night	22	23	24