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SUMMER 2024



RELATIONSHIPS MATTER: MAKE A POSTIVE IMPACT

by Valedictorian Liam Lincolnhol

One of the most amazing things I have seen came on the day of my grandpa's funeral. At his funeral, I only recognized a quarter of the people in attendance, and it was strange for a second, but I realized later what a testament to his life it was. As I heard stories from his friends, students, and former players, it became apparent to me that he had touched so many people's lives in such a profound way. My grandpa truly embodied the idea that service to others is service to one's self. He held countless positions such as teacher, coach, and counselor in order to make ends meet. My grandpa could have chosen to work only one higher paying job, but the fulfillment he received from working in jobs that let him serve people, help people, outmatched any money he may have received elsewhere.

My grandpa's joy with life became contagious to those around him, and at his funeral, I truly realized the effect that one person's life can have. We should all strive to create this kind of effect in our communities.

One thing I have learned from my grandpa that I believe we should all take into this next step in life is that we should always be curious first, not judgmental. My grandpa was the kind of person who would talk to anybody, not just the people he admired or thought were cool. I remember a man coming up to my grandma at the funeral, overcome with emotion---a student who said my grandpa had taken a chance on him, believed in him, when no other teacher would, and 50 years later that still stuck with him. In today's age of rumors and social media, it is easy to create a habit of forming opinions on people we don't know past what we see or hear about them.

Our first reaction is too often to condemn, not to connect. So many of us, myself included, too often make decisions about how we treat people off of gossip, popularity, or social standing. I challenge you all to rise above that. When we limit ourselves to being judgmental, we miss out on wonderful people and meaningful connections. As we head on, it is crucial to be open to everyone and everything, because the relationships we build and things we experience now are pivotal to our happiness and contentment in life.

One of the most valuable lessons I have picked up on from my grandpa came, unfortunately, in the later years of his life. As his dementia progressed, he wasn't able to carry a conversation, but until the end he was always repeating "we need to gather the people, we need to bring everyone together."

Even in his final days, the most important thing to my grandpa was being surrounded by people that loved him, and as I have gone through high school, it has dawned on me how important the relationships that you build are

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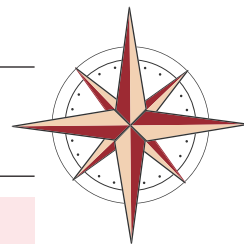
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SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS



As the 2023-24 school year comes to a close, we have so many things to celebrate at Lowell Area Schools. Students continue to excel in the classroom, on stage, and in the athletic arena. Thanks to the efforts of teachers, students, families, and administrators, our students have demonstrated excellent performance on state and local assessments.



*Nate Fowler
Superintendent*

The 2023-24 school year will be one that will be remembered as one where we closed the gap on learning loss as a result of the pandemic. Focusing on math instruction after seeing drops during the pandemic yields results. Our students are demonstrating achievement and growth well above state and county averages. We have also placed a renewed focus on literacy instruction as we apply principles from the science of reading to improve reading instruction for our students.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Lowell Area Schools community for their invaluable support. Your 'yes' vote to approve the sale of bonds for construction projects across the district is a testament to your commitment to our students' future. This approval paves the way for infrastructure improvements that will provide safe, healthy, and collaborative classrooms, setting our students up for continued success.

Design for the long-awaited renovation of Cherry Creek Elementary begins in June. Cherry Creek has served our community well, but its aging facilities were increasingly struggling to meet modern educational needs. Thanks to the millage funds, we will completely overhaul and modernize Cherry Creek in the coming years, outfitting it with state-of-the-art classrooms, updated safety features, and improvements to the efficiency of pick-up and drop-off procedures.

I look forward to sharing progress on the projects we

hope to accomplish from the 2024 bond election in the coming years.

I want to close by recognizing some people leaving Lowell Area Schools. Congratulations to the Class of 2024! We are proud of all that you accomplished during your time at LAS. May you continue to be leaders who uphold the Lowell High School Guiding Principles of doing what is right, owning your mistakes, and caring for each other.

To our esteemed retirees, we want to express our deepest appreciation for your years of service and dedication to the students of Lowell Area Schools. Your wisdom and experience have been invaluable, and while we will miss your presence, we wish you all the best as you embark on this new chapter of your life.

May you all have a wonderful summer! We look forward to welcoming students back to school in August!

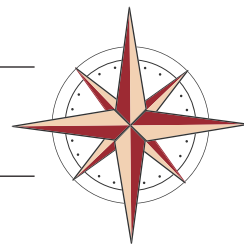
Thank you!

Join us in celebrating and thanking our amazing retirees for their years of dedication and service to our students. Your hard work, passion, and commitment have shaped countless lives and inspired us all.

Please give a Red Arrow thank you to:

Renay Bouwhuis
Linda McElroy
Tammy Griffith
Tina Hayes
Dale Hollister
Gail Hutchinson
Sandy Keeney
Vicky Pratt
Susan Pomper
Kristin Schutte
Cathy Wood

We are forever grateful for the impact you have made and wish you all the best in your well-deserved retirement!



5TH GRADERS END ELEMENTARY JOURNEY WITH TRIP TO HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Alto Elementary 5th graders celebrated the end of their elementary school journey yesterday with an exciting annual field trip to the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village! This trip provides a rich educational experience, allowing students to explore history, technology, and innovation firsthand. It's a fantastic way to cap off their elementary years and a perfect send-off as they transition to middle school.



THIRD-GRADERS EMBARK ON A TIME-TRAVEL ADVENTURE WITH FRENCH VOYAGEUR GENOT

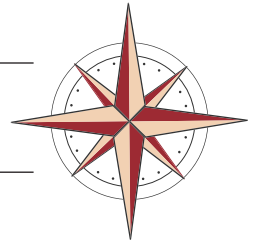
It's modern-day time travel as our third-grade friends at Alto Elementary embarked on a journey with French Voyager, Genot Picot! From the shores of the Great Lakes to the picturesque valleys of Ohio, Mississippi, and Mohawk, Genot wove tales of adventure, song, and dance from his travels as a "Metis Voyager." Immersed in the rich history of the fur trade, our students not only heard captivating stories but also learned Native American sign language, connecting with the vibrant cultures of the past.



FOOD FIGHT FOR FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Alto students help deliver much needed food for the Food Pantry at Flat River Outreach Ministries. LAS students have raised an impressive \$6,767.68 and collected 9,051 nonperishable food items for the Lowell community.





STUDENTS HEAD OUTSIDE TO WITNESS SOLAR ECLIPSE

Bushnell Elementary students, teachers, and staff gathered to witness the near-total solar eclipse on April 7, 2024. Lowell experienced a deep partial eclipse with a magnitude of 94.5%. Not only was it the first near-total solar eclipse visible from Michigan since 1954, it was the last one Michigan will see for another 75 years. The next one won't be until Sept. 14, 2099.

Teachers took the opportunity to incorporate lessons about astronomy, the solar system, and the science behind eclipses. The total eclipse served as a unifying experience for the entire school community, bringing students and staff together.



MARCH IS READING MONTH WITH LARRY THE LIBRARY TREE



During the month of March, Bushnell Elementary embraced the spirit of reading with the celebration of March is Reading Month. Under the watchful presence of Larry the Library Tree, students immersed themselves in a variety of books.

Cozy reading spaces provided students with the opportunity to explore a diverse range of books. From fiction to non-fiction, students dove into different genres, honing their reading skills and cultivating a deeper appreciation for literature.

Throughout March is Reading Month, students not only improved their reading abilities but also developed a lasting love for books.



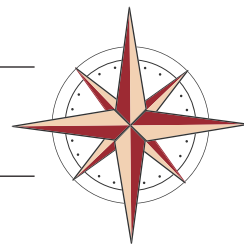
Photo courtesy of Lowell's First Look

Emma Bailey's 1st-grade class at Bushnell Elementary logged 60,000 reading minutes in five weeks. You read that right...60,000 hours! They are the state champions in the ReadBowl, a part of the Share the Magic Foundation, started by Malcolm Mitchell, a former NFL player who played for the New England Patriots.

KONA ICE VISITS FOR A SWEET END-OF-YEAR TREAT

To celebrate a successful school year and commend students for living up to the Bushnell Bear standard, Kona Ice paid a special visit to Bushnell Elementary. The visit provided a delightful end-of-year treat for the kiddos, who enjoyed the refreshing shaved ice as a reward for their hard work and achievements throughout the year. The event was a perfect way to conclude the school year on a sweet note, leaving students with smiles and fond memories.





HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SHARE DIVERSITY LESSONS WITH ELEMENTARY PEERS

The LHS Diversity Council visits Tara DeRuiter's and teacher Lisa Camfferman's classes at Cherry Creek once a month for a themed learning activity based on diversity, equity and inclusion.

The Diversity Council was started four years ago by a student who saw a need to come together to address concerns around a lack of diversity in the school. About 90 percent of students at the high school are white, according to 2022-2023 MI School Data. The council has grown to encompass other activities and initiatives.

The students' work with elementary students ties to a global studies initiative with which the council's adviser, Sarah Ellis, an art and Spanish teacher, is involved. She received a scholarship from the Fulbright Teachers for Global Classrooms Program, and is completing a 10-week immersive course that includes a focus on global education and awareness.



"It's a way to help and a way to have a voice in a community where I think everybody needs a voice."

Leah Schwinkendorf
10th grade

5TH-GRADE STUDENTS TAKE THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL: INSTRUMENT FITTINGS!

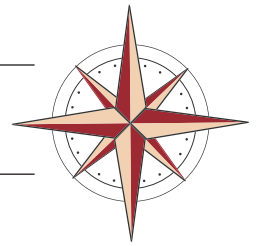
This season marks an exciting transition for our 5th-grade students as they embark on their journey towards middle school, beginning with instrument fittings. In all of our 5th-grade classes, students have the opportunity to explore various instruments in both band and orchestra, with the option to select one as their elective for the upcoming fall semester. Today, Mr. Oprea, Mrs. Tenney, Mrs. Bredwell, and a few volunteers visited our friends at Cherry Creek Elementary to guide them through this exciting process.



A YEAR OF EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOR FOR STUDENTS AT CCE

Throughout the year, students marked exemplary behavior by choosing between gym, art, or silent reading. Those opting for gym had a blast playing "Steal the Treasure," engaging in an exciting battle to empty the opposing team's basket without getting tagged out. Celebrating wins is essential, and for 30 minutes today, our CCE pals exercised their minds in a different way before heading back to the classroom.





REFLECTING ON A REMARKABLE SCHOOL YEAR

NOT GOODBYE BUT SEE YOU LATER

We ended this year with a week of Camp. This year's theme was Pete the Cat, and I am not sure who had more fun, the children or the teachers.

I want to take a moment to tell all the children moving on to the next educational step



that you hold a very special place in my heart. I will always cherish our time together.

This is not goodbye, but rather see you later. In the end, it's a good beginning that counts. Have a great summer!



Our friends at Curiosity Corner Preschool welcomed a special surprise: Superintendent Fowler joined them as the mystery reader! One of the best parts of his job is leaving his office for a little bit to spend time with our students.

Give your child a head start at being successful in their K-12 educational journey! Curiosity Corner Preschool offers a variety of programs for children 2 1/2 through young 5s. Registration is now open at lowellschools.com/our-district/enrollment/

ESCAPE SCREENS, EMBRACE SUNBEAMS

MAKE SURE TO GET OUT AND EXPLORE THIS SUMMER

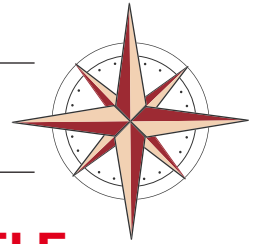
No matter what the weather brings, playing outside is good for kids. Nature is all around us, and we don't need to travel far to enjoy it. Locally there are several options like the Wittenbach-Wege Center trails, the North Country Trail, and many parks throughout Lowell and Lowell Township.

For a map of local trails, visit discoverlowell.org/lowell-trails/

Benefits of warm weather adventures

- Physical Development
- Cognitive Development
- Social Development
- Emotional Development
- Connection with Nature

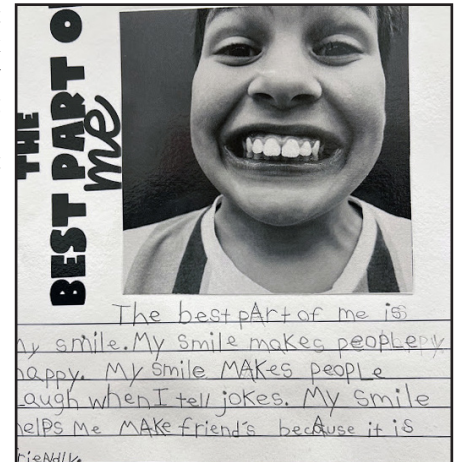




5TH GRADERS CELEBRATE SELF-ESTEEM AND CREATIVITY WITH 'BEST PART OF ME' WRITING ASSIGNMENT

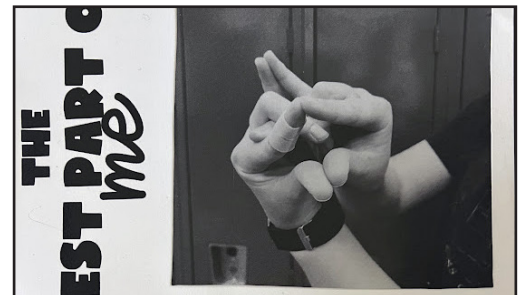
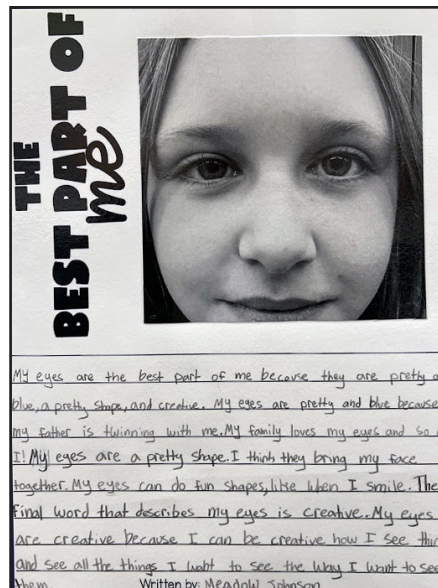
The collection of writings inspired the Best Part of Me 5th-grade writing assignment in the book created by Wendy Ewald. Students began by brainstorming their best parts before settling on their top choice. Then, they wrote a thesis statement that named the student's best part and three supporting reasons. After they each developed their thesis statements, students could be as creative as they wanted. Students expressed themselves through rhyming couplets, free verse poetry, acrostics, or a simple paragraph with a thesis and three supporting details.

"I love how this activity helps build self-esteem while allowing students to express themselves creatively," said 5th-grade teacher Kate Henige.



STUDENTS LEARN ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP THROUGH 'SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM' PROGRAM

Salmon in the Classroom is a program that the Grand Rapids Steelheaders and the Family Links sponsor. MLE receives 150 salmon eggs each year to release as many as possible in the spring. Another goal of the program is to show students how to care for young salmon, hoping they can connect that with caring for the fish in the local environment. Classrooms can use the salmon to teach their students about the life cycle, seasons, and an organism's role in the environment.



ART STUDENTS GO BACK IN TIME



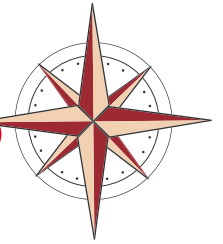
Fairy Tale Unit

Second-grade students, led by art teacher, Lori Coffman, created Fairy/Ogre houses using line, shape, color, and symmetry. They also created clay creatures or their own squishmallow characters. Earlier this spring, they had some fun learning about history during their Royal Unit, creating royals with oil pastels!

A True Talent, Georgia O'Keeffe

Third-grade students studied artist, Georgia O'Keeffe, and created beautiful, bold flowers.

The hallways were bursting with color!



RENOWNED AUTHOR GARY SCHMIDT ENGAGES LOWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK CLUB WITH “THE LABORS OF HERCULES BEAL

Lowell Middle School's Book Club had the pleasure of hosting acclaimed author Gary Schmidt as he discussed his latest work, “The Labors of Hercules Beal.” The event was attended by 50 students who were eager to engage with the author.

Schmidt's visit provided an invaluable opportunity for students to delve into the themes and characters of his novel. Through thoughtful discussion and analysis, participants gained a deeper understanding of the book's narrative and its historical context.

As the discussion unfolded, Schmidt shared his creative process and offered valuable advice to aspiring writers among the students. His presence helped to ignite a passion for storytelling, inspiring students to explore their own creative potential.

The impact of Schmidt's visit extended beyond the confines of the Book Club. Students left the event with a renewed appreciation for literature and a deeper understanding of the power of storytelling to connect people across time and cultures.



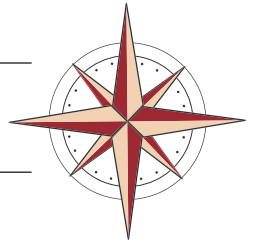
7TH GRADERS CELEBRATE AT ANNUAL PICNIC, GEAR UP FOR FINAL YEAR AT LMS

Lowell Middle School's 7th-grade students recently gathered for their annual picnic at Creekside Kingdom, marking the end of another successful academic year and the beginning of preparations for their final year at LMS.

The picnic served as a reminder of the memories they've made and the friendships they've formed during their time at LMS. As they prepare to embark on their last year, they do so with a sense of determination to make the most of the time they have left.



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LAST RIDE FOR SENIORS ON DRIVE YOUR TRACTOR TO SCHOOL DAY



On Tuesday, May 14, Lowell High School hosted its annual Drive Your Tractor to School Day. This year, Senior Wyatt Fuss organized the event, coordinating with friends to mark one of their last days of high school in a unique way.

Six seniors, along with one sophomore, gathered at Starbard Farms early in the morning. From there, they drove their tractors in a caravan to the school.

This tradition reflects the agricultural background of many of its students. The event offers a way to celebrate the end of the school year and acknowledge the community's farming heritage.

LHS PROM 2024 DAZZLES WITH ROARING 20S THEME AT NOTOS

Prom 2024, organized by the junior class student council, featured a "Roaring 20's" theme and was held at Notos, which provided an ideal setting for the event. The venue's ambiance perfectly complemented the theme, and it comfortably accommodated the roughly 500 attendees, offering plenty of space for dancing and taking breaks.

The evening included the crowning of the prom king and queen, with Taryn Jackson and Jake Schmidt receiving the honors. Their announcement was a highlight of the night, but the celebration continued with high energy until the end. A standout feature of the event was the loaded tater tot bar provided by Notos, which was a popular and appreciated addition.

LHS STUDENT LEADERS HOST SUCCESSFUL BLOOD DRIVE

Hosting Versiti blood drives remains a priority for our student leaders. This year, LHS organized four blood drives, collecting over 100 pints of blood. These donations have positively impacted over 350 lives.

In the U.S. and Canada, more than 4.5 million patients rely on lifesaving blood transfusions annually. Remarkably, one blood donation can save up to three lives.

Being a Red Arrow means having a strong sense of community. LHS student leaders are dedicated to giving back and upholding the tradition of providing lifesaving blood donations.

Be the Amazing 5%!

Did you know that even though approximately 38% of the population is eligible to donate blood, less than 5% actually do?



2024 Prom King and Queen: Taryn Jackson and Jake Schmidt.

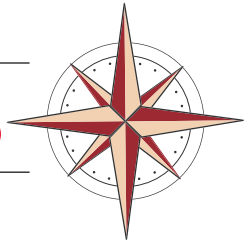
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compared to everything else. My favorite times in high school weren't from getting an A in a class or a 5 on an AP exam, they were the times I spent with my family and friends, things that last much longer than a grade or class rank.

So, as we head into the new and the unknown of college, trade school, service, or whatever next move you happen to be planning in your life, I encourage all of you to strive to live in service of others, be curious—not judgmental, and to care for and grow the connections you make. I know that I wouldn't be here today had my grandpa not seen the best in me all throughout my life, and I wish for all of you to see, and achieve, the best versions of yourselves and the people around you. The idea of this quote from Les Brown has always been something in the back of my mind, and I want to finish by sharing it with you today. He said:

"Imagine you're on your deathbed-and standing around your bed are the ghosts representing your unfilled potential. The ghosts of the ideas you never acted on. The ghosts of the talents you didn't use. And they're standing around your bed. Angry. Disappointed. Upset. 'We came to you because you could have brought us to life,' they say. 'And now we go to the grave together.' So I ask you today: How many ghosts are going to be around your bed when your time comes?"



CAREER PANEL HIGHLIGHTS TRADE AND TECHNICAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Recently, Unity High School hosted a trade and technical school panel featuring representatives from four different companies. Each speaker provided insights into the requirements, advancement opportunities, and key aspects of their respective careers.

Students not only received informative swag bags but also gained a deeper appreciation for various fields and potentially sparked an interest in pursuing these paths after graduation.

This event highlighted the diverse opportunities available and emphasized the value of technical and trade careers in today's job market.



DUI SIMULATION BRINGS REAL-WORLD LEARNING

Unity High School recently hosted a DUI simulation and classroom experience, thanks to the dedication of Officer Summerhays, our district resource officer. Over the course of a week, students were immersed in a fast-tracked police scenario that took them through the arrest of a drunk driver, from the initial incident to the trial.

Throughout the simulation, students gained hands-on knowledge about police procedures and the equipment used in DUI cases. Each student had the opportunity to take on a role, from police officers and lawyers to the defendant and jury members. The experience was both educational and engaging, with lively debates and strategic discussions led by the student "lawyers."

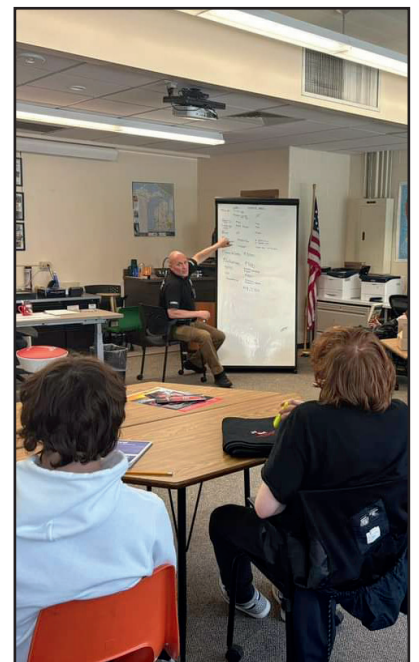
This simulation not only provided students with an understanding of the legal and procedural aspects of DUI cases but also highlighted various career paths in law enforcement and the judicial system. Additionally, it underscored the serious consequences of drinking and driving.

Overall, the DUI simulation was a valuable learning experience, blending practical skills with important life lessons. Our thanks go to Officer Summerhays for facilitating this insightful program and helping our students connect with real-world issues in a meaningful way.



Interesting Fact

In 2023, Michigan reported over 33,000 arrests for drunk driving (DUI) offenses. This statistic highlights the ongoing issue of impaired driving within the state and underscores the importance of continued education and enforcement efforts to reduce these incidents.



CREATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING: A HANDS-ON LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Due to a shortage of solar eclipse viewing glasses, our students and staff created viewing boxes.

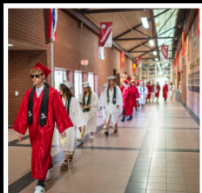
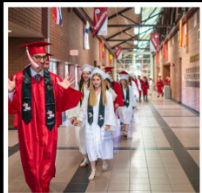
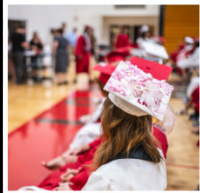
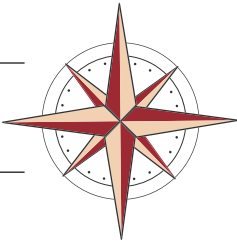
The homemade viewing boxes, constructed from basic supplies, demonstrated an effective method for indirect solar viewing. By letting the sun's light reflect into the box, students could safely witness the eclipse without risking eye damage. While the boxes provided a good view, we were fortunate enough to have a limited supply of glasses on hand, ensuring everyone could fully experience the eclipse.

This activity not only highlighted the importance of ingenuity and resourcefulness but also provided a practical lesson in science. Students learned about the principles of light reflection and the importance of using proper safety measures when viewing solar phenomena.

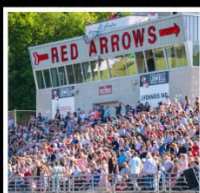
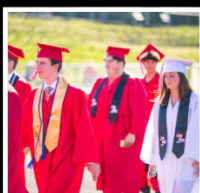
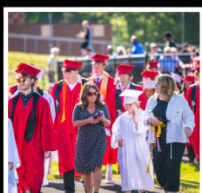
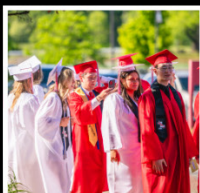
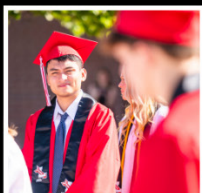
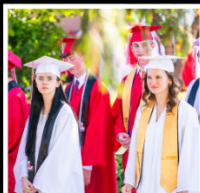




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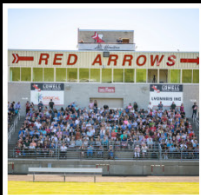
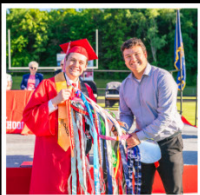
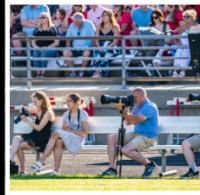
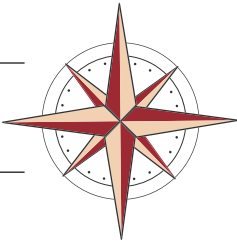


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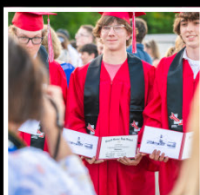
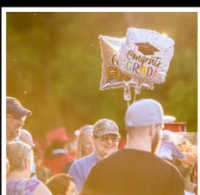
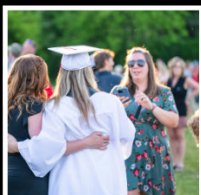
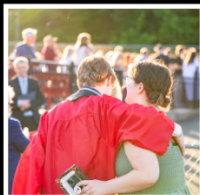
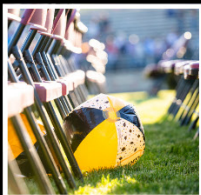




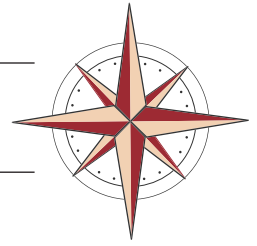
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Abigail Adeline McDonald	4.357
Skylar Mae Redumski	4.309
Ella Genevieve Todd	4.303
Ashley Jo Powell	4.284
Jackson Robert Schaedig	4.269
Jake Daniel Schmidt	4.249
Carmen Maureen Mika	4.230
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Antonio Chase Casarez	4.188
Nathan Tyler Mohr	4.182
Jacob Jeffrey Rapelje	4.179
Jacob David Spaulding	4.170
Victor David Preiss	4.164
Wyatt Reynolds Duimstra	4.139
Braylon Henry Iakiri	4.119
Nicholas Allen Williams	4.113
Kieryn Elayne Gruizenga	4.099
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Todd Russell Parcheta	4.049
Faith Elizabeth VanDuinen	4.043
Matilyn Grace Vogel	4.036
Owen Thomas LaRose	4.024
Hope Elizabeth Kaminski	4.019
Nicholas Ryan Lothian	4.012
Joseph Armas Tuuri	4.006
Josiah Jonathan Peters	4.006
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Jacob Andrew Hofman	3.946

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Aubree Lynn Lee	3.939
Trevor Joseph Mead	3.938
Tristan Lee Tyler	3.938
Naomi Esther Wattenhofer	3.925
Elle Lexi Jenks	3.903
Nolan John Lowrie	3.901
Emma Jane Boston	3.897
Weston William Godbold	3.895
Drew Anthony Weber	3.891
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Lauren Grace Malone	3.852
Brady Douglas Swift	3.849
Austin Valenty Parcheta	3.842
Melanie Rose Wade	3.841
Rosalia Theresa Jimenez	3.836
Maris Helene Guppy	3.824

Timothy Jacob Hollern	3.821
Avery Russell Jay Elmhirst	3.818
Leianna Louise Posati	3.801
Sutton Elizabeth Alexander	3.8
Jadyn Estefany Young	3.782
Madilynne Paige Morgensen	3.778
Jailizza Gomez-Tellez	3.772
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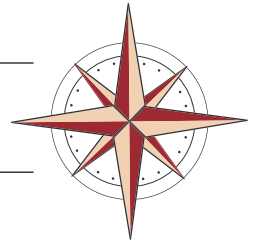
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Jace Parshall Dixon	3.594
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Lynsi Jean Fetterhoff	3.558
Alexander Ro Yi Repp	3.553
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Benjamin Thomas Landis	3.527
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Andrew Jay Smith	3.515
Emily Esmeralda Garcia	3.506
Daniel Steven Mitchell	3.503
Joseph Dale Rapelje	3.503



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SUMMER HAPPENINGS



Arrow Readers on the Move

Get ready to start your reading journey with our summer reading challenge!

This is a FREE summer reading program, sponsored by Lowell Area Schools. Students grades K-5 may read books from home, check out library books from KDL or our school libraries. Parents must remain with their child while onsite.

Each time you spend 10 minutes lost in the pages of a book, splash some color onto your reading log. With 15 spaces waiting to be filled, you're not just reading – you're creating a masterpiece! Whether you're exploring distant galaxies, unraveling mysteries, or diving into historical adventures, every minute counts towards unlocking your ultimate prize. Once your reading log is bursting with vibrant hues, bring it to any of our spots and claim your well-earned reward!

Haven't grabbed your reading log yet? Swing by any of our locations or snag one online to get started.

DATES

June 18, 25 and July 9, 16, 23, 30

Cherry Creek Elementary

Tuesday Mornings | 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Alto KDL Branch

Tuesday Evenings | 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Murray Lake Elementary

Wednesday Mornings | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Englehardt (Lowell) KDL Branch

Wednesday Evenings | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

PreK - 2nd Grade = 10 minutes

3rd - 5th Grade = 20 minutes

Questions?

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FREE FAMILY FUN
Every Thursday Night
JUNE 13 - AUGUST 15
7 p.m.



JULY 11 - 13, 2024

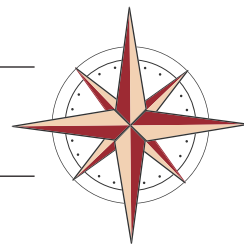
Fireworks are at 10:15 p.m.
on Saturday, July 13.

Suggested viewing areas are
at Stoney Lakeside Park and
the former fairgrounds on
Hudson Street.



Summer Reading Program
June 3 - August 9, 2023

COMMUNITY CORNER



Pink Arrow Pride

Stronger Together!

Community Day
August 22

Game Days
Varsity Men's Soccer | September 11
Varsity Women's Volleyball | September 12
Varsity Football | September 13

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TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Teens ages 11-17 are invited to meet with a teen librarian to develop teen programs, discuss teen books and make sure that our teen space is as fun and functional as possible. Meetings can count as volunteer hours for things like the National Honor Society. Students ages 14+ can apply for additional volunteer opportunities.

Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
June 13 | July 11 | August 8

LAS SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS | HOT READS COOL TREATS!



LHS Library | Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
LMS Library | Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

LMS & LHS students can pick up a BINGO card from their library and read four books from our libraries to make a BINGO to earn an ice cream gift card!

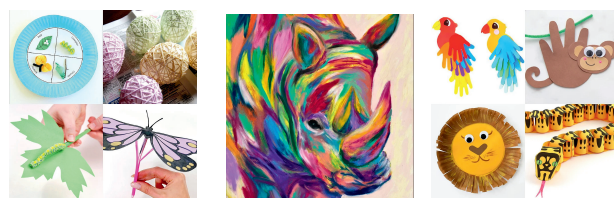


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BACKPACK
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PROGRAM



Registration runs June 1 - July 31, 2024
fromlowell.org/backpack-registration

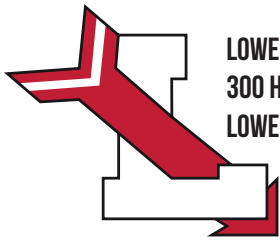
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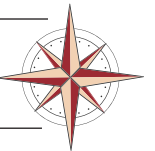
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2024/25 CALENDAR



June 10

Board of Education Meeting
Runciman Building | 7 p.m.

July 8

Board of Education Meeting
Runciman Building | 7 p.m.

August 12

Board of Education Meeting
Runciman Building | 7 p.m.

August 13 or 14

LHS Returning Student Orientation
9 -11 a.m. or 1 - 3 p.m.

August 15

Smart Start LHS | Freshman
A-K 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
L-Z 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

August 20

First Day of School

August 30 - September 2

Labor Day Weekend
No School for students and staff

September 9

Board of Education Meeting
Runciman Building | 7 p.m.

September 13

Pink Arrow Game