



# Lowell Newsletter

Lowell School Parent Newsletter  
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## Lowell Student Breakfast FREE!

Guest Breakfast \$1.75  
Student Lunch \$1.90  
Guest Lunch \$3.00

Milk is always \$.50 w/o meal

**Coffee Talk! Bring your tots & babies, every Friday 8:30 in the FRC**

## Lowell School Calendar

Mon April 25th	NO SCHOOL for students– Teacher PIR day
Tues May 3rd	Walk to School Raffle Prizes 8:00 in the gym
Wed May 4th	Bike Parade– decorate 3-3:45 then PARADE
Thur May 5th	Lowell group trip: Bus to the Carousel FREE
Fri May 6th	Round Dance at Lowell, DINNER 6-9 pm



## Notes and Reminders from the Office

- **Last call for picture money – Please turn in your money for portraits no later than Friday, April 22nd.**
- **Be sure to register for Kindergarten by May 6th so you receive your invitation to “Kindergarten Roundup” on May 13th.**
- **Orchestra Festival rehearsal will be on Tuesday, April 26th at Sentinel High School from 12:30-2:00**



## Earning & Learning: the Bobcat Bucks Way!



Students listed below earned, saved, and then spent 50 Bobcat bucks for February!

- **Raina Watkins- 2nd**
- **Mateo Kimerly- 2nd**
- **Lizzie Hanson- K**
- **Kallie Langley- K**
- **Bill Higgins– K**

## Lowell’s New Writer in Residence!

Every year for the past decade or so, Lowell has a writer in residence provided by **Missoula Writing Collaborative (MWC)**. This year, we have a new poet in the school house!



**Chris Dombrowki** is the new face of poetry in the classroom for Lowell. This year, he has a five week residency in which he will be in classrooms, engaging kids in all kind of poetry writing. An anthology of all of the kids’ work will be compiled and a reading scheduled for the end of the year, so students can share their poetry.

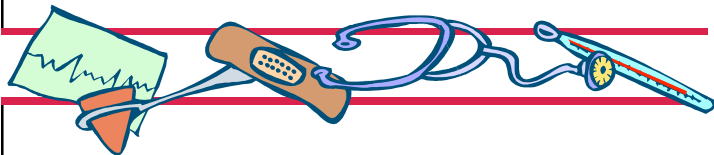
Poetry is an empowering skill for kids in which they learn to express themselves through language and writing. Ask your child’s teacher if they will have a Writer in Residence!



In addition to the Writer in Residence Program, Lowell PTA and FRC have partnered to bring language enrichment to younger grades at Lowell as well. **Sheryl Noethe**

of MWC brings sign language lessons to Lowell through Literacy Lunches. We invite classroom parents to join their child for lunch, and then a lesson and practice of new signs and finger spelling. Language acquisition is most viable when children are young. If kids are skilled with language, they are better prepared to navigate their emotions, relationships, and life in general! Thank you MWC!

## Nurse Simon's Health Corner



### Reminder for parents of incoming kindergartners:

In order to attend school, state law mandates that children must have four "DPT's" and three "polios"; one of each on or after their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday. Kindergartners must have two MMR's before they attend school. (\* unless exemption is filed)

In addition to your child's regular health care provider, you may obtain the immunizations at the Missoula City-County Health Department.

~The health department is located at 301 W. Alder, phone 258-474

~They have a sliding fee scale for children's immunizations. ( \$14.00 at most)

~Current walk-in hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m

~If going to the Health Department or to a physician new to your child, take the child's immunization record with you.

### Parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders:

Yellow Health History forms were recently sent home with your child. Please complete and turn back into the school. Even when your child has no (new) health concerns, it is helpful to the school to have current information.

### End of Year Reminder:

Parents need to obtain any student medications prior to the last day of school or that morning of Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Medications left at school, will be discarded that afternoon.

### Kids with asthma grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

...are invited to participate in Camp Huff 'N Puff July 10- 15<sup>th</sup>. Call 1-406- 442-9622 ex 2 for more information. ( Helena YMCA).



# BIKE

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### ***Why Bike, Walk, Bus to school?***

- **Decrease your family's carbon footprint and save money by leaving the car at home.**
- **Get a daily dose of exercise by using your body to move you to school!**
- **Avoid the "traffic tango" in front of the school at drop-off, pick-up time.**
- **Decrease stress, increase focus by getting fresh air and sunshine daily!**

**(Call the FRC 327-0390 to get involved!)**

## **MAY 2ND-6TH, 2011**

- **Keep track of how you get to school in your BWB Passports.**
- **Win prizes on "Walk to School Day" (Tuesday May 3rd, 7:30).**
- **Decorate your bike and join the "Bike Parade" (Wednesday May 4th, 3:45).**
- **Ride the bus to the Carousel with Lowell families, for FREE! (Thursday, May 5th, 2:45)**