

LOWELL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR PRIDE OF LOWELL LIONS!

Se proporcionará información adicional en inglés y español durante la próxima semana.

FROM MS. FRANZONE...

Dear Lowell Families,

Happy August! I hope the summer has held many moments of joy for you. We are busy making plans for the coming school year, and I wanted to share some small updates with you.

MMSD has outlined their plan for Covid safety protocols and will continue to update them if information changes. This information can be found on their website, linked [here](#). At Lowell, we are committed to following this district guidance in order to keep students, staff, and families safe.

I am offering drop-in Zooms with parents and caregivers at the following times. These are opportunities to ask questions and introduce yourself. This will be the [Zoom link](#).

- Thursday, August 12 from 4:00-5:00 pm
- Wednesday, August 18th from 8:00-9:00 am
- Tuesday, August 24 from 6:00-7:00 pm

We are also starting to think about the possibility of a Back-to-School event and will share information with you as soon as we have anything finalized.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. And, as I tell my own self, it's still summer! Enjoy!

Warmly,
Ellen

ONLINE ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN!

The enrollment process is 100% virtual. ALL students and families need to complete online enrollment each year. Lowell staff will be available to virtually assist families on August 17th from 10am-1pm, and from 2pm-6pm.

ONLINE ENROLLMENT

- [Complete online enrollment](#).
- Forgot your username or password? [Please fill out this form](#).
- For more information, visit the [Enrollment site](#).

ENROLLMENT SUPPORT

Staff will be available to virtually assist families (over the phone or through Zoom meetings) during the following times:

- Students **new** to MMSD: **August 17th from 10am-1pm**.
- **Returning** students: **August 17th from 2pm-6pm**.

Please call **608-204-6600** for support during these times.

You may also visit one of the [August Enrollment Assistance Sites](#). These community locations provide internet access and assistance in completing online enrollment.

FEES

- [Student fees](#) may be paid online with a credit card: [online fee payment information](#).
- Checks may be mailed to Lowell at 401 Maple Ave, Madison WI 53704.
- The **fee waiver request** is included in the online enrollment process under the **socioeconomic status section**. Your request will be reviewed by the building principal or authorized school district personnel.
- Students who qualify for the **Free & Reduced Meal Program** will have their required fees waived automatically. Note: A new [application for the Free & Reduced Meal Program](#) must be filled out **EACH YEAR**.

WHO WILL BE MY CHILD'S TEACHER?

We have a wonderful staff here at Lowell! You should receive an email with your child's teacher assignment no later than **Monday, August 23rd**. It is important to know that changes sometimes have to be made after that announcement; we know this is not ideal, but it does happen. Teachers are back to work on August 25th, and you should be hearing from your child's teacher around that time.

SCHOOL START & END TIMES

The first day for **4K and Kindergarten** students is **Thursday, September 2nd**. *This is a full day.*

The first day for **1st-5th graders** is **Friday, September 3rd**. 4K and Kindergarten students also attend school this day. *This is a full day.*

SCHOOL HOURS

Monday:

- **Kindergarten-5th Grade** 7:50am-1:15pm
- **No 4K on Mondays**

Tuesday - Friday:

- **Kindergarten-5th Grade** 7:50am-2:47pm
- **4K** 7:50am-10:52am **OR** 11:33am-2:47pm

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

School Supply Lists are available [online](#), or

- [download a pdf version of the list.](#)
- [descargue una versión pdf de esta lista.](#)

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

August 12: Drop-in office hours with Ms. Franzone, 4-5pm ([Zoom link](#))

August 17: Virtual Enrollment Assistance

August 18: Drop-in office hours with Ms. Franzone, 8-9am ([Zoom link](#))

August 24: Drop-in office hours with Ms. Franzone, 6-7pm ([Zoom link](#))

September 2: First Day for 4K & Kindergarten ONLY (full day)

September 3: First Day for 1st-5th Grade (full day): All students attend

September 6: No School - Labor Day

October 7: Lowell Picture Day

LOWELL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUMMER TECH SUPPORT: WHO CAN YOU CALL?

August 1-25

Tech Support is **NOT available** during this time. We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause.

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Staff will be back at school and checking email and Google Voice messages regularly for Tech. Support needs. You will receive tech. support updates at that time.

Tech. Support Tips: [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Hmong](#)

HELPFUL LINKS

[Madison East Area Resources](#): Food, Housing, Mental Health, Utilities, Internet

[2020-21 School Year Calendars](#)

[MMSD Enrollment](#)

[MMSD Family Newsletters](#)

[MMSD Summer Food Program](#)

