

# LOWELL ELEM SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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## FROM MS. FRANZONE...

Dear Lowell Families,

We are so excited to welcome your students back to Lowell this fall! We are working hard to develop systems and routines that will support a safe and healthy return to school. We take our responsibilities seriously during this time of Covid, and thank you for entrusting your students to our care. Please remind your students that they need to be wearing their masks at all times when they are inside at school, except for designated times when they are eating or drinking.

I sent out an email a few weeks ago with details about the start of the school year. That letter is linked [here](#) and has some changes highlighted. Of key importance is the change in our start and end times, which you can read more about in this newsletter.

Our staff has spent the last week studying early literacy, reaching out to develop relationships with many of you, and thinking about how our classrooms can support racial equity and cultivate student identities. We are committed to Lowell being a place in which all members of our community are Safe, Loved, and Learning during this school year.

Warmly,  
Ellen

## SCHOOL START & END TIMES

NEW school start and end times can be found on the chart below. The first day for 4K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade students is **Thursday, September 2**. The first day for 2nd-5th grade students is **Friday, September 3**.

- All students can be dropped off at Lowell between 7:15-7:30 AM. Arrival and dismissal procedures can be found [here](#).
- On your student's first day of school (9/2 for 4K, K, and 1st; and 9/3 for 2nd-5th), teachers will meet students on the Blacktop and walk them to their classrooms.
- After the first day, students will go straight into the building upon arrival and staff will be right inside to help them find their lockers and classrooms.

School day begins	7:30
School day ends Mondays	12:55
School day ends Tuesday-Friday	2:27
4K ends Tuesday-Friday (no 4K on Monday)	AM - 10:33 PM - 2:27

## BEGINNING OF YEAR LETTER

[This letter](#) outlines many important procedures, including drop-off and pick-up, where our traffic guard is positioned, what to do if your child is arriving late or leaving early, and how to report absences. Check it out!

## BUS ROUTES

The district has made revisions to the bus schedules over the past 48 hours. Updated schedules will be available after 1pm on September 1st. Please check the [Transportation site](#) for [bus route](#) information.

If you have never looked at IC to see your transportation information, please click here for directions:

- [How to Look Up Transportation Info in IC](#)

Click here to login to IC Parent:

- <https://madisonwi.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/madison.jsp>

Click here to recover your username and password:

- <https://webapp1.madison.k12.wi.us/family/password-reset/>

## MMSD'S BEHAVIOR EDUCATION PLAN

The Behavior Education Plan is driven by the word “education”, and at its core is a teaching and learning plan designed to support every student in their social, emotional, and academic development. We know behavior education is complex work that happens in classrooms and cafeterias, on buses and playgrounds, and even offices and auditoriums. Whether you are a student, family member, community member, or staff member, we all have a responsibility to embody our beliefs, our expectations, and our commitments.

The goals of the Behavior Education Plan are focused on ensuring every student experiences a thriving school culture and a safe and supportive learning environment, leading to healthy identity development, and a sense of belonging. These goals align to the vision and goals of the District’s Strategic Framework. Our priority and focus on addressing racial inequities drives this work and provides the basis for three overarching goals: increase a sense of safety and belonging in school, implement successful systems of support and intervention, and reduce disproportionality in the use of exclusionary practices.

The Elementary BEP is linked [here](#).

## SEPTEMBER BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS

## LOWELL SCHOOL POLICY GUIDE

## LOWELL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## LOWELL SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

**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

## HELPFUL LINKS

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

[2020-21 School Year Calendars](#)

[MMSD Enrollment](#)

[MMSD Family Newsletters](#)

