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Lowry Elementary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. I hope your summer has been memorable and full of family time. It is our mission to help every child feel welcomed, connected, and a part of our Lowry family. Our staff is committed to increasing student achievement by providing each student with a high-quality education. We work together to provide an educational setting that is conducive to learning, understanding, and creating a genuine love of school. We look forward to building a lasting relationship with you and your child/children during the 2022-2023 school year.

Our theme for the 2022-2023 school year is "**Hop on the PAWsitvity Bus and Enjoy the Ride!**". On August 17th, our school turns 30 years old. We can't wait to celebrate this anniversary. More details to come!

<u>1ST DAY PACKET INFORMATION</u>: In this packet, you will find materials that will need to be signed and returned the following school day. The list of forms to be returned are listed on this packet envelope. Please review all materials in the packet and share the appropriate information with your child.

<u>MEET AND GREET THE TEACHER</u>: A meet and greet will be held on <u>Monday, August 8, 2022</u>. PreK, KG through 2nd grade is from 4:00-5:00pm. Grades 3rd through 5th and ESE is from 5:00-6:00pm. Please attend at your child's grade level assigned times only.

<u>SCHOOL HOURS</u>: School hours are 7:40am – 1:55pm. Mondays are early release days. Students will be released one hour earlier each Monday at 12:55pm. Free breakfast will be served for students from 7:10am – 7:35am. Instruction begins at 7:40pm.

<u>SIGN-OUT:</u> We discourage parents from signing their child/children out early due to the amount of instructional time missed. If your child must be signed out early, you must sign him/her out at the front office, with a picture I.D., no later than 1:30pm. There will be no sign-outs after 1:30pm.

<u>AM ARRIVAL:</u> Lowry is a "closed" campus after the first day of school. All parents walking their child to school, *from their neighborhood*, are to drop off students at the sidewalk in front of the marquee. I *HIGHLY* encourage parents to drop off students in the car rider line. We will have adult supervision throughout the school during morning arrival. The car rider line will be closed at 7:35am. Students must be in their seats prior to the tardy bell, which rings at 7:40am. Instruction starts promptly at 7:40am. There will be no parking in the overflow parking lot for morning and afternoon arrival. PLEASE RESPECT THE "GREENS" COMMUNITY BY NOT PARKING IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD.

<u>DISMISSAL CHANGES</u>: Parents must notify the school office in writing regarding any change in the student's normal transportation per HCPS Policy 5230. For safety reason, *changes over the phone cannot be accepted.*

<u>VISITORS</u>: All volunteers/visitors must complete a new VOLUNTEER form each year. Forms can be found on the School District's website. Parents must have an approved form on file <u>BEFORE</u> volunteering in the classroom and attending a field trip. **Allow up to two weeks for approval.**

<u>UNIFORM POLICY</u>: Lowry has a mandatory uniform policy. Uniforms consist of navy or khaki bottoms, white, navy, or light blue collared shirts. Sweatshirts/hoodies should be white, navy, and light blue with/without a school logo (*NO DESIGNS/NON-LOWRY LOGOS are allowed on sweatshirts*). Uniform bottoms may be found at any department store. Uniform shirts with the new school logo will be sold online. Please go to the school website to find the uniform link in the PTA section. Current spirit t-shirts and *jeans* can be worn on Fridays *only*.

<u>SCHOOL SUPPLIES:</u> A list of grade level supplies has been posted on the school website. Individual teachers may request additional supplies. School supplies ordered from PTA will be delivered to your child's classroom.

It is truly a privilege to be a part of a community where parents, teachers and students care for each other. We strive to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth.

We look forward to our students enjoying a year of PAWsitivity and to a great 2022-2023 school year!

Sincerely,

Michelle Spagnuolo Principal