PTO Back to School Letter

**September 7, 2016**

**PTO Communication**

The PTO is committed to communicating to all parents and teachers in an effective manner.
Our plan for communication for this school year is through our website, Facebook page, emails, lobby bulletin board and classroom parents. So please bookmark our website and like our Facebook page so you are kept informed as the year goes on.

PTO [Website: www.lowellpto.org](http://Website:%20www.lowellpto.org)

[Facebook:](http://mskaplanlowell.blogspot.com) Lowell School PTO
Email: lowellelementarypto@gmail.com

**On Going Fundraising**

Dues (you can donate online)

Dues are a large part of our fundraising. Attached is an envelope with suggested donations. Every bit helps.

You can even donate online at our website: [www.lowellpto.org](http://www.lowellpto.org)

Summer Box Tops Contest

Collect your Box Tops and bring them back to school with you.  Contest ends Friday, Sept. 18th.

To submit your child’s box tops:

1>Bag them in Ziploc bag

2>Label with child's full name

3>Label with child’s class

4>Put the bag into the large green Box Tops box next to the PTO bulletin board.

The **top three students** who have collected the most Box Tops will win a prize.

**Stop & Shop Rewards**:

If you have never submitted your reward number or have other family & friends you’d like to provide, please send it to us. Every time you shop and use your reward card the Lowell gets a % back.

Send your name & reward # to: monytimperio@hotmail.com

**Dear Lowell School Parents and Teachers**

Hard to believe the summer is behind us and another year is beginning for our students.

The Lowell PTO’s mission is to help support our teachers and help create a community atmosphere. Last year, because of PTO fundraising, The PTO helped fund a homework club, cooking club, and “little bits” club, provided new books for the library, funded subscriptions for the teachers, reimbursed teachers for out of pocket expenses (up to $75), helped fund field day, as well as a number of great events like Movie Night, Harvest Fest, Literacy Night, Zumbathon and the Year End Picnic.

Everyone at the Lowell is a member of the PTO, and the first thing we would like to do is to invite you to the first PTO meeting on Sept. 13th.

 **First PTO meeting**

**Tuesday, September 13th, 2016 @ 7pm**

PTO Agenda:

 2016-17 Budget
 Event planning:

 Movie Night (9/16, movie starts at dusk)

 Color Run (10/2)

 Fall Event

 Literacy Event (December)

 Fundraisers:

 Watertown Savings Bank

 Scholastic Book Fair

 Annual Auction Fundraiser
 Dinners/others

Community:

 Annual Lowell Food Drive

Fifth grade PTO contribution discussion

**Volunteer Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in helping with:

An Event: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Fundraising \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Graphic Design: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Grant Writing: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

For events these are some examples of how you can help: set up, work the tables or activities, clean up post event, pick up food or supplies, hang flyers in the school, etc.

For fundraising these are some examples of how you can help: call restaurants to solidify dinner nights, work with Lowell Librarian to create the kids scholastic book wish lists, work the book fair, solicit donations for the auction, etc.

For graphic design these are some examples of how you can help: create flyers, images, and pdfs for events, fundraisers and communications.

For grant writing there are grant opportunities that constantly arise that both the PTO and the Lowell School can take advantage of. Having someone familiar with grants and who could submit on our behalf would be a tremendous help.

Please Return to PTO box located in front lobby– under the PTO bulletin board or contact: Nikki Muraca at niccole\_e@yahoo.com

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