

# The Lion's Roar

McAvinnue's Community Newsletter: Week Of October 25th

## MCAVINNUE'S PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello McAvinnue Community!

I hope that everyone is relaxing this weekend...and enjoying the Fall like weather we are having. It is so crazy how things can change so quickly with the New England seasons. It was in the mid 70's this week and now it's going to be in the 50's for most of this up and coming week.

Remember to have your child to dress in layers each day with a light jacket or sweatshirt. This will ensure they are fully prepared to adjust with the changing temperatures.



It was a busy week at McAvinnue! Our Kindergarten students really had a great time at Parlee Farms in Tyngsboro on Wednesday. Our students learned about apples and the Fall season! McAvinnue's first field trip in almost 2 years was a major success! Check out the pictures below! We will have more opportunities for other grade levels throughout this school year.

We will host McAvinnue's "Trunk Or Treat" Celebration on Thursday, October 27th at 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM at St. Rita's Church across for our school. You can find out all of the details below. We are still accepting candy donations for this event....details for donations can also be found below. At this time, it looks like the weather may cooperate for this event. We will keep everyone posted if things change for the worse as the week goes on.

We sent home the first progress report for your child this past week. The goal of this progress report is to briefly review how things are going for your child after the first few months of school. If you have any questions about your child's progress report that we sent home last week, please reach out to your child's teacher. Please keep in mind that we will be hosting Parent /Teacher Conferences in December which will be an opportunity to formally review how your child is progressing in each content area.

As we continue move through the last week of October and look out for November, there are several items that you need to be aware of. Please mark your calendars for the following events and activities at McAvinnue:

- **Tuesday, October 26th - November 4th: Student Vision Testing**
- **Wednesday, October 27th - McAvinnue's PTG Meeting (Virtual) @ 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM**
- **Thursday, October 28th: McAvinnue's "Trunk Or Treat" Fall Event @ 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**
- **Tuesday, November 2nd: No School - Election Day**
- **Tuesday, November 9th: Make-Up & Retake Picture Day**

You will find additional details for the events and activities list above in this edition of McAvinnue's "Lion's Roar" Community Newsletter.

As usual, we are looking forward to another amazing week at the "best school that we all know"!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Main Office at McAvinnue or send Mr. Domina a message a [mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us).

## Parlee Farms - Kindergarten Field Trip



Here are important dates to remember during the month of October & November:

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- **Tuesday, November 2nd: No School - Election Day**
- **Tuesday, November 9th: Make-Up & Retake Picture Day**
- **Thursday, November 11th: No School - Veterans Day**
- **Wednesday, November 24th: Early Dismissal - Thanksgiving Break**
- **Thursday, November 25th & Friday, November 26th: No School - Thanksgiving Break**

## **McAvinnue's "Trunk Or Treat" Celebration**

Please join us for McAvinnue's "Trunk Or Treat" Celebration! Due to COVID-19, we needed to make some adjustments to ensure that we are keeping everyone as safe as possible. So, we came up with a fun and new way to welcome in Fall and the spooky season!

On Thursday, **October 28th from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**, you can come to St. Rita's Church rear parking lot (directly across from McAvinnue), for some costume and candy fun!

This event is free of charge! All you need to do is come by with your costume on, bring a bag for treats, and we will do the rest! You will have a chance to walk through a maze of cars that will each have a special treat for you!

We are limiting the number of people that can come to 2 additional family members per student.

We are super excited for this new event at McAvinnue! We hope that everyone makes the time to come by!



# MCAVINNUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28TH @ 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**  
**ST. RITA'S CHURCH**

## Candy Donations Needed

We are still accepting candy donations for McAvinnue's "Trunk Or Treat" Celebration on Thursday, October 28th.

Any and all donations will really help us offer a treat to everyone that is planning this exciting event for the McAvinnue Community. We will take small, medium, and large bags of candy. However, we really LOVE the super extra large bags of candy!

You can have your child bring in the bag of candy and they can drop it off in the Main Office. You can also stop by the school and drop off your candy donation with Ms. Anna...McAvinnue's amazing school clerk!

Thank you in advance for support McAvinnue is this really exciting and new event for our students and families!



**Student Vision Testing: October 26th - November 4th**





## Join McAvinnue's Parent Teacher Group (PTG)!

We are looking to rebrand McAvinnue Parent Teacher Group (PTG) and we need your help to get thing off the ground this school year!

One of the strengths of McAvinnue over the years has been its parent and family support! From attending amazing events, donating funds for various school activities, and your recent partnership with our teachers last school year when things were less than normal for everyone. Your support for McAvinnue is at an all time high!

We want to use this energy to reform McAvinnue's Parent Teacher Group....also known as McAvinnue's PTG!

Come out on **Wednesday, October 27th at 6:00 PM** to learn more about the PTG and to begin to plan for another awesome year for our students at McAvinnue. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend!

This event will be "virtual" and conducted using the Zoom Meeting platform. Please see the meeting invitation below.



# McAvinnue's Parent Teacher Group (PTG) Meeting

## When

Wednesday, Oct. 27th, 6pm

## Where

This is an online event.

## More information

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://lowell-k12-ma-us.zoom.us/j/82732160441?pwd=NVJPZXZMZ09idkF5Rzl5MmRFRFJwUT09>

Meeting ID: 827 3216 0441

Passcode: 569787

## LPS "Connector Newsletter

Check out the latest edition of the Lowell Public School's "Connector" Smore Newsletter!

This edition features earthworms, Kerouac, Cotton Candy, and more!

Click the link below to access the newsletter.

<https://www.smores.com/ka27v>



## Emergency Contact Form: 2021-2022

Still need to fill out your emergency contact form for the 2021-2022 academic school year?

We have made it really easy for you to complete this important task. You can access the online form below. When you complete this form, it is immediately sent to McAvinnue and we will print it out for our records.



You don't need to come to the school to complete this form...you can do it right on your phone, tablet, or computer!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. De La Luz at [adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us) or contact the Main Office at McAvinnue for support!



Joseph A. McAvinue School



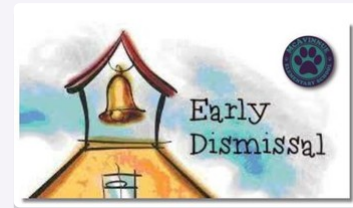
# Emergency Form 2021-2022

## Formulario de Emergencia 2021-2022

### Formulário de Emergência 2021-2022



[Sign in to Google](#) to save your progress. [Learn more](#)





To access the online store for McAvinnue spirit gear, please click the link below.

[Click Here To Access McAvinnue Spirit Gear](#)

## McAvinnue's Yoga Pose Of The Week: "Peace Crawl"

We will try a new pose this week called the "Peace Crawl"! This new pose will allow us to improve our balance by integrating movements that will enhance coordination while building our brain development. We will practice the "Peace Crawl" pose daily during our "Virtual" Morning Announcements during this up and coming week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.



You can get an early head start and practice this technique before we launch into another exciting week!

**Peace Crawl**

Balance. Integration.  
Coordination. Brain builder.

1. Begin in Mountain.
2. Raise your right arm straight out in front of you while lifting your left knee to hip height. Lower both limbs and switch sides as if you are marching in place.
3. Continue until you feel balanced and have developed a good rhythm.
4. When you are ready, try adding the chant below, coordinating your movements with the words:

Do the peace crawl,  
Up and down,  
Moving slow,  
Without a sound,  
Quiet my thoughts,  
Focus my mind,  
Let's crawl for peace,  
A second time.  
(a third time, one last time, etc.)

Last round, end with...  
You can crawl for peace  
Most anytime!

here's an idea!

- Variation 1. Try raising the same side arm and knee.
- Variation 2. Try raising a knee forward and then opposite arm out the side.

Loosen UP!

McAvinnue's Week In Review



## “Weather News” In Room 304!

Grade 3 students recently created a weather vane. This instrument is used to show the direction the wind is blowing from. It is one of the simplest weather instruments created and it has been used since ancient times. The weather vane is made up of a tail and arrow.



## “Scientific News” In Room 307!

Grade 4 students tested out individual variables in a controlled experiment to learn about potential and kinetic energy. So much fun!



## “Pumpkin News” In PreK!

Morning and afternoon PreK students in Ms. Annie’s classroom learned about pumpkins and enjoyed carving a jack o’ lantern. Check out the creations from each PreK session!



## “Extra Recess News” In Room 103!

Grade 2 students worked hard for 2 days of a math test and were rewarded with some extra recess! They took advantage of the great weather and walked down to the baseball field. Looks like they enjoyed themselves!



## “Pumpkin Decorating News” In Room 108!

Ms. Pastor students enjoyed pairing pumpkins with Ms. Epaul during Art class. So much fun...and the pumpkins came out amazing!



## STEM News In Room 302!

Grade 3 students recently completed a STEM challenge. They needed to build the tallest structure using toothpicks, marshmallows, pumpkin candy & candy corn. Check out the great ideas using the EDP (Engineering Design Process)!



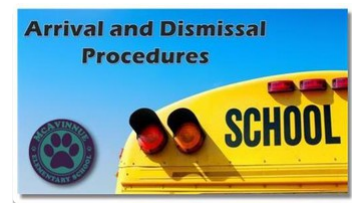
Grade 1 students made the most out of indoor recess. It's important for our students to refocus, recharge, and calm their minds during recess. Looks like they had some fun!



## Drop-Off & Pick-Up Logistics

### Drop-Off Logistics

- Arrival begins at 9:10 AM each day. The late bell rings at 9:25 AM.
- Please pull up to the 4th Avenue side of the building when dropping off your child.
- As you approach the 4th Avenue sidewalk, a faculty member will greet and support getting your child safely out of the vehicle.
- This area is a drop off area ONLY. You will not be permitted to park in this location.
- Please be sure to drive all the way down to the end of the sidewalk so we can fit as many vehicles in this location as possible.
- Ensure your child is ready to go and do not get out of the car so we can keep traffic moving.
- Students accessing our CSA program will be dismissed out the 4th Avenue door near the rear of the school building by the exit driveway.
- Large bus students will enter using the back door located in the rear of the school building.
- Small bus and van transportation students will use the 4th Avenue door near the rear of the school building by the exit driveway.



### Morning Lining Up Locations

- Grade 1, 3, and 4 students will use the Main Door to enter the school building.
- Grade 2 will use the 4th Avenue doorway near the front of the school to enter the building.
- PreK & Kindergarten will use the Early Childhood door to enter the building. This door is located to the right of McAvinnue's Reading Garden and to the left of the Main Door.

### Pick-Up Logistics

- Grade 1 will be dismissed out the Main Door.
- Grades 2, 3, and 4 will be dismissed out the 4th Avenue door near the front of the school.
- Kindergarten students will be dismissed out the Early Childhood door. This door is located to the right of McAvinnue's Reading Garden and to the left of the Main Door.



- Students accessing our CSA program will be dismissed out the 4th Avenue door near the rear of the school building by the exit driveway.
- PreK students will be dismissed out the 4th Avenue door near the rear of the school building by the exit driveway. Please contact Ms. Annie for the specific dismissal time.

## Teachers Wanted!

The Lowell Public School District is looking to support Lowell residents interested in becoming a teacher with the Lowell Public Schools.



### What do I need in order to become a licensed teacher in Massachusetts?

The MA Department of Elementary and Secondary (DESE) requires an individual to have a Bachelor's Degree or higher and pass all required MTEL tests.

### How is the Lowell Public Schools going to help me become a teacher?

Lowell Public School District (LPSD) is partnering with the Collaborative for Educational Services (CES) and Fitchburg State University (FSU) to offer an ESL Licensure Program (PreK-6 and 5-12). We will provide a Plan of Study (six courses and a Practicum) and workshops to help prepare for required MTEs. Those who qualify will be part of Cohort II which will begin the program this coming January 2022.

### Who is eligible for this program?

- Lowell residents or Paraprofessionals presently employed by Lowell Public Schools who:
- Possess a Bachelor's Degree or higher
- Are proficient in reading and writing in English
- Have basic computer skills
- Have a passion for teaching

### Where may I learn more about this opportunity?

The Lowell Public Schools will be holding virtual informational sessions as follows:

**10/27/2021 @ 6:00 PM**

For further information, contact Pina Maggio, LTA Director [pmaggio@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:pmaggio@lowell.k12.ma.us) or Lisa Simpson, [lsimpson@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:lsimpson@lowell.k12.ma.us)

**Click Here To Join The Zoom Meeting On 10/27**

Meeting ID: 894 4545 8358 Passcode: 398330



## Updated COVID-19 Health & Safety Procedures

Here is a bulleted list of basic COVID 19 protocol information to help you make some decisions for this school year. Please remember the Lowell Public School District has no remote option for this school year.

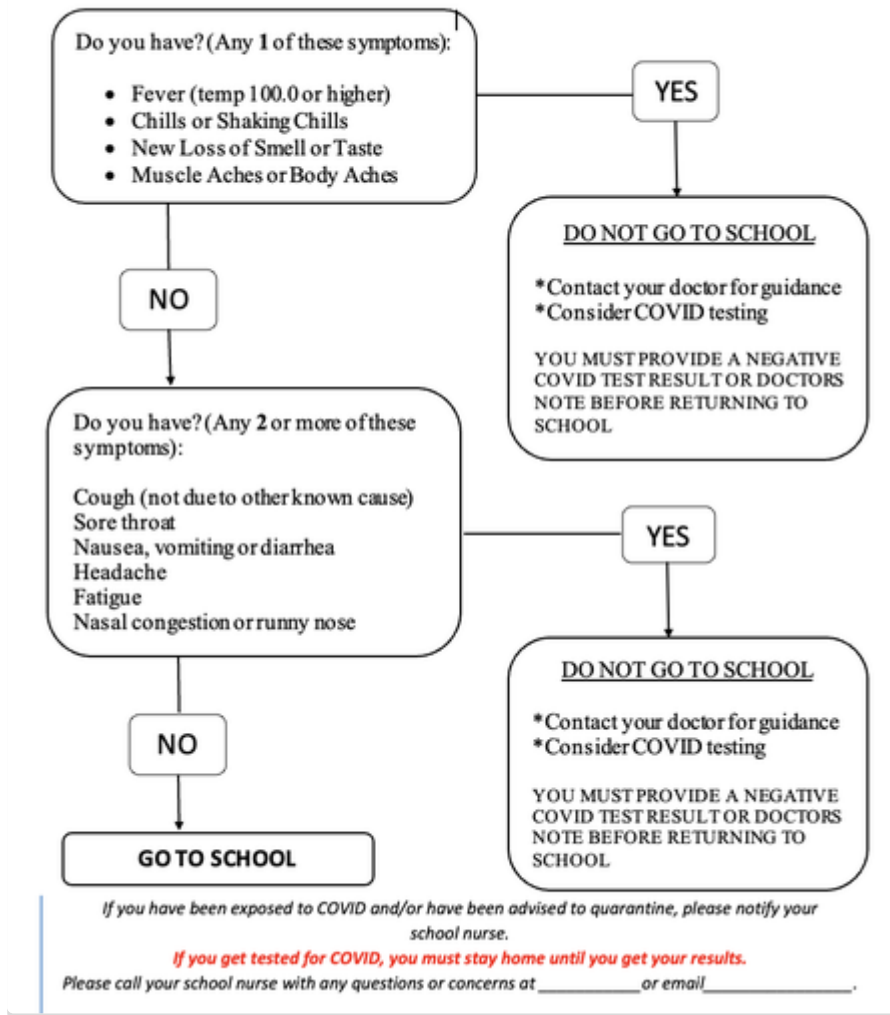
- All student and staff members entering our building are required to wear masks indoors. We will provide mask breaks throughout the day. Strict mask protocols seem to minimize the spread of COVID. If a student is unable to wear a mask due to a documented disability please reach out to Mr. Domina at [mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us). Please try to find a mask that fits your child properly. We have some at schools for emergencies, but families should provide the masks.
- Students are required to wear masks on buses.
- We will try to reach 3 feet in social distancing in each classroom, but this is unlikely. If a class size reaches above 21 students, we will be within 3 feet of each other. Social distancing is not required in schools at this point.
- We will be eating in the cafeteria for lunch each day for most of our students. Students will be within 3 feet of each other in this environment and only have their masks off while they are consuming food and beverage.
- We will sanitize hands throughout the day. Students entering or leaving a class or the building are required to use hand sanitizer.
- In-school pool testing will continue for this school year. It is not required, but families can sign their children up using this link. <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/pooltesting>
- Please see the video to show how the testing works.  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MSQ7h3tRyRCg-Sz4IT6iNbNsyMI7VTj7/view>

## Can I Go To School? Updated Lowell Health Department COVID-19 Guidance

The Lowell Health Department has updated the flow chart guidance for parents, a copy of which is shared with you below.

**Please do not send any children to school if you are waiting for the result of a COVID test or if your child has/had symptoms. Students will need a negative COVID test in order to return to school.**

## Can I go to school?



## Free Weekly COVID-19 Screenings

**COVID-19 Testing For Schools**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has partnered with CIC Health to provide free COVID-19 testing to students, teachers, and staff.

[Consent Now](#) [Learn More](#)

Free weekly COVID-19 screenings will continue this fall at all Lowell Public Schools... and we will now offer FREE rapid testing for any symptomatic students. No more making appointments, driving to the testing site, and waiting days for your results!

You MUST complete the consent form to have your child participate in ANY of the free COVID-19 testing at McAvinnue. To consent for "Test & Stay" if your child is a close contact at school and is not



McAvinnue will now be testing students and faculty on WEDNESDAY each week!

To access the consent form, click the button below.

[Click Here To Access The Consent Form](#)

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### Enhanced COVID-19 Testing Offerings

Symptomatic Testing	“Test and Stay” <i>Close contact testing</i>	Routine COVID Safety Checks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For when individuals <b>present symptoms while at school</b>; individuals should not go to school if experiencing symptoms while at home.</li><li>• Samples are collected at school using <b>the BinaxNOW rapid antigen test</b>.</li><li>• Those testing <b>negative with isolated/mild symptoms can stay</b> in school.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For when individuals are in close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual while at school.</li><li>• Samples are collected at school <b>using the Binax NOW rapid antigen test</b>.</li><li>• Tests are <b>administered daily for at least five days</b> from the date of exposure.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Routine Pooled Testing and <u>School-Based Follow-Up Testing</u></b>: samples are collected at school; if a pool is positive, follow-up testing at school with <b>either BinaxNOW and/or individual PCR testing as necessary</b>.</li><li>• <b>Routine Pooled Testing and <u>Lab-Based Follow-Up Testing</u></b>: samples are collected; if a pool is positive, <b>individual follow-up testing occurs at the lab</b>, without a second sample collection.</li></ul>

**New COVID-19 Vaccine Site In Lowell**



# New COVID-19 Vaccine Site in Lowell

Offering third doses and booster doses for eligible residents and first/second doses for all residents age 12 and older.

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**40 Old Ferry Rd.**  
Lowell, MA 01854

**Open Tuesday- Saturday**  
Hours Vary

**Register Online**

[lowellma.gov/vaccineboosterclinic](https://lowellma.gov/vaccineboosterclinic)

## McAvinnue's Student Bus Information

Need to know your student's school bus information? All you have to do is click below, put in their LASID (Lunch Number or the number they use to log into their computer), and you will have access to it.



If you need your student's LASID, please contact the front office at (978) 937-2871 or email [mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us).

If you have questions about your student's transportation, please don't hesitate to reach out using the methods above for support.



## Click Here For The LPSD "Bus Lookup Tool"

You will need to have your child's LASID or lunch number to access the most up to date bus information for your child. Please keep in mind that this number is also used to log into your child's borrowed device.

## UPDATED: LPSD School Calendar 2021-2022 School Year

Please click the link below for the recently approved LPSD School Calendar for the 2021-2022 school year.



There has been a "NO SCHOOL" date added on Tuesday, September 21st due to the local Primary Election in Lowell.



2021-2022 School Calendar - REVISED.pdf

[Download](#)

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## Community Connections & Opportunities



## Lowell Youth Soccer Registration: Spring Season

Registration for Lowell Youth Soccer Spring 2022 season is now open!



Register online at [www.lowellsoccer.com](http://www.lowellsoccer.com)

Check out the details below in the flyer.



# Spring 2022 Registration

## Lowell Youth Soccer

### PreK – Grade 4 (rec teams)

\*Limited availability for grade 5 – 8 travel players

\*\*Grade 9 – 12 travel teams available spring only

(Info available online)

Enhance player self-esteem, confidence, emotional development, and overall character while having fun, learning soccer skills, getting exercise, and making new friends. Our spring season will start early April and last through early June. Exact dates are to be determined as late winter storms delay field prep and permits.

PreK, Kindergarten & Grade 1 - \$50.00

Grade 2 - \$60.00

PreK – grade 2 includes uniform shirt

Grade 3 - \$65.00

includes uniform shirt, shorts & socks

\*ALL rec games are played at Edwards Field (off Middlesex St Lowell MA) \*Grades PreK – Grade 2 – practice/games sessions are on Saturdays ONLY. \*Grade 3/4 teams have 1 practice on a weeknight and games on Saturdays. More details are available on our website [www.lowellsoccer.com](http://www.lowellsoccer.com) or by emailing us at [Lowellsoccer@comcast.net](mailto:Lowellsoccer@comcast.net)

REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> FOR ALL RECREATION PLAYERS AND HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS. REGISTRATION FOR GRADES 5 – 8 WILL OPEN NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

Register online at

[www.lowellsoccer.com](http://www.lowellsoccer.com)

Also visit our Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/LowellYouthSoccer/>



## LPSD Early Childhood Education Department's "Pumpkin Palooza" Family Event

Join the Lowell Public Schools' Early Childhood Education Department for their Pumpkin Palooza Event. This is for Lowell's youngest learners (8 and younger) and is a chance to interact and learn with your child around some pumpkin-themed games.

Come out on October 26th at 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM at the Cardinal O'Connor School or October 28th from 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM with our friends at the McAuliffe Elementary School.

Please see the flyers below for more information!



**\*\* Masks required \*\***

## Pumpkin Palooza

We are excited for your participation as you interact and learn with your child through the activities offered during this fun event!



## Activities and Learning

**Pumpkin Songs** - Provides an opportunity to practice saying counting sequences and hear and say rhyming words to build phonemic awareness.

**Candy Corn Bowling** - Requires a healthy amount of eye-hand coordination & increases concentration.

**Pumpkin Stories** - Builds comprehension, vocabulary and exposes children to print features.

**Drawing on Bags** - Drawing develops fine motor skills, visual analysis (such as distance, size Comparison and drawing specific items) helps children execute a plan for representation. Additional benefits include focused concentration, improving eye-hand coordination and increasing confidence.

**Pumpkin Decorating and Feeling Faces** - Encourages children to think about various emotions and how they might express them on their pumpkin. Ask "how will I know what your pumpkin is feeling...?"



## Things to do at Home to Extend Learning

Have your child recall and retell the activities they did at the event.

Create your own bowling game. Use empty water or soda bottles.

Take a trip to the local library and read pumpkin related books together.

Lowell Public Schools CFCE program is funded by the Coordinated Family & Community Engagement grant awarded to Lowell Public Schools by the department of Early Education and Care.



**\*\* Masks required \*\***

## Pumpkin Palooza

¡Estamos emocionados por su participación mientras interactúa y aprende con su hijo a través de las actividades que se ofrecen durante este divertido evento!



### Actividades y aprendizaje

**Canciones:** brinda la oportunidad de practicar el recuento de secuencias y escuchar y decir palabras que riman para desarrollar la conciencia fonémica.

**Juego de Bolos:** requiere una cantidad saludable de coordinación

ojo-mano y aumenta la concentración.

**Historias de Niños** - aumenta la comprensión, el vocabulario y expone a los niños a las características de la letra impresa.

**Dibujos en Bolsa** -El dibujo desarrolla las habilidades motoras finas, el análisis visual (como la distancia, la comparación de tamaño y el dibujo de elementos específicos) ayuda a los niños a ejecutar un plan de representación. Los beneficios adicionales incluyen concentración enfocada, mejorar la coordinación ojo-mano y aumentar la confianza.

**Decorar Calabazas** - Anima a los niños a pensar en varias emociones y cómo podrían expresarlas en su calabaza. Pregunte "¿cómo sabré lo que siente tu calabaza ...?"



## Cosas que Hacer en Casa para Ampliar el Aprendizaje

Haga que su hijo recuerde y vuelva a contar las actividades que hizo en el evento.

Crea tu propio juego de bolos. Utilice botellas, de refresco o agua, vacías.

Vayan a la biblioteca local y lean juntos libros relacionados con la calabaza.

El programa CFCE de las Escuelas Públicas de Lowell está financiado por la subvención de Participación Coordinada de la Familia y la Comunidad otorgada a las Escuelas Públicas de Lowell por el departamento de Cuidado y Educación Temprana.



## Early Municipal Voting Opportunities



**2021 Municipal Election  
Early Voting Schedule**

<p><b>Wednesday, October 20</b> Lowell Senior Center, 8AM - 4PM Pawtucketville Memorial, 5PM - 8PM</p>	<p><b>Monday, October 25</b> Lowell Senior Center, 8AM - 4PM Pyne School, 5PM - 8PM</p>
<p><b>Thursday, October 21</b> Lowell Senior Center, 8AM - 4PM McAvinne School, 5PM - 8PM</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, October 26</b> Lowell Senior Center, 8AM - 4PM Butler Middle School, 5PM - 8PM</p>
<p><b>Friday, October 22</b> Lowell Senior Center, 8AM - 4PM Greenhalge School, 5PM - 8PM</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, October 27</b> Lowell Senior Center, 8AM - 4PM Lowell High School, 5PM - 8PM</p>
<p><b>Saturday, October 23</b> Lowell Senior Center, 9AM - 3PM Greenhalge School, 4PM - 8PM</p>	<p><b>Thursday, October 28</b> Lowell Senior Center, 8AM - 4PM Morey School, 5PM - 8PM</p>
<p><b>Sunday, October 24</b> Lowell Senior Center, 9AM - 3PM Pyne School, 4PM - 8PM</p>	<p><b>Friday, October 29</b> Lowell Senior Center, 8AM - 4PM Daley School, 5PM - 8PM</p>

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## CTI HEAD START EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

Community Teamwork has a number of Early Learning Programs for kids and parents. Starting with their Home Base Program assisting families as early as Prenatal Mothers, to their School Age Program that serves children up to 13 years of age and their Early Head Start and Head Start Center Based Programs that serve all those in between.



For more information contact the people listed on the flyer below or call CTI at (978) 654-5100.



Community Teamwork  
 126 Phoenix Ave.  
 Lowell, MA 01852  
 978-654-5100



### Early Learning Program Options

Home Based: Lorna Syesta – [lsyesta@commteam.org](mailto:lsyesta@commteam.org)

- ❖ Serving pregnant woman and children up to 3 years
- ❖ Weekly home visits, playgroups & supports for healthy pregnancy to build nurturing parent-child relationships

Center Based Full Day: Linda Broady – [lbroady@commteam.org](mailto:lbroady@commteam.org)

- ❖ Ages 6 weeks-5 years
- ❖ Part Day options available for Preschool age children
- ❖ Individualized curriculum in nurturing, safe environments
- ❖ Free breakfast, lunch and snack

Family Child Care: Lynn Eriksen - [leriksen@commteam.org](mailto:leriksen@commteam.org)

- ❖ Lower ratio of children to educator
- ❖ Comfortable home environment
- ❖ One teacher from entry to Kindergarten
- ❖ Strong social-emotional benefits

School Age: Billy Ma – [wma@commteam.org](mailto:wma@commteam.org)

- ❖ Ages 5-13 years
- ❖ Before & After School and Full Day Programming for Vacations & Summer
- ❖ Safe place for children to make friends, play games, practice sports, receive educational guidance and engage in a variety of creative projects

All programs assist families with accessing additional services in their community and can offer supportive services for children with mild/severe disabilities.

\*For more information about our Early Learning Programs, please contact the names above.

\*If you would like to apply for any of our programs, scan either QR Code and fill out our application.



Aplicacion  
En Español



English  
Application

## THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS SUPPORT FROM THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army is opening up its sign-ups for its "Angel Tree Project" earlier than usual this year. Applications will open on October 4th and remain open only until capacity has been reached.

See the attached flyer for all of the eligibility and documentation requirements in order to qualify for support.



For more information contact Dianne James at 978-458-3396 or through email at [Dianne.James@usa.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Dianne.James@usa.salvationarmy.org)

[Click Here For The Application](#)

Available Starting On October 4th





**Christmas & Thanksgiving Assistance 2021**

Angel Tree    **\*Notice Early Application Date\***    Sun Santa

Apply online beginning  
**October 4, 2021**

Visit [WWW.SAANGELTREE.ORG](http://WWW.SAANGELTREE.ORG) or use the QR Code

Application open until we have reached capacity  
Required Documents:

1. Birth certificates for all children age 16 and under. (14-16 voucher only) (Guardian ship papers to be uploaded under birth certificate tab)
2. Photo ID for Parent/Guardian
3. Proof of Address
4. A Valid email address is required so we can communicate appointments etc.

Please note:

- ◆ Application is not complete until all documents have been received. Appointment will be emailed when complete.
- ◆ Families of 2 or more
- ◆ Please apply to only one agency
- ◆ Serving : Lowell, Westford, Chelmsford, Billerica, Tewksbury, Dracut, Tyngsborough and Dunstable only
- ◆ Please no bike or electronics

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**Asistencia de Navidad y Acción de Gracias 2021**

Angel Tree    **\*Aviso Fecha de solicitud anticipada\***    Sun Santa

Aplicar en línea desde el principio  
**Octubre 4, 2021**

Visita [WWW.SAANGELTREE.ORG](http://WWW.SAANGELTREE.ORG) o usa el QR Code

Solicitud abierta hasta que alcancemos la capacidad

1. Certificados de nacimiento para todos los niños menores de 16 años ( Los documentos de envío del guardián se cargarán en la pestaña del certificado de Nacimiento)
2. Identificación con foto para padre/tutor
3. Comprobante de domicilio
4. Se requiere una dirección de correo electrónico válida para que podamos comunicar citas, etc.

- ◆ La solicitud no está completa hasta que se hayan recibido todos los documentos. La cita se enviará por correo electrónico cuando se complete.
- ◆ Familias de 2 o más
- ◆ Solicite solo a una agencia
- ◆ Servicio: Lowell, Westford, Chelmsford, Billerica, Tewksbury, Dracut, Tyngsborough and Dunstable only
- ◆ Por favor, no bicicletas ni aparatos electrónicos.

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## Community Resources & Daycare Options for Families

Looking for before or after school daycare options for your child? Here is a short list of options and information for your consideration.

Here is a list of daycare options in Lowell:

- **Community Team Work (CTI)** (978) 454-5100
  - Families who are already enrolled in a CTI program...
    - Call or text school-age coordinators to request a slot
      - Billy 978-995-0028, [wma@commteam.org](mailto:wma@commteam.org)
      - Karen 978-729-7216, [kshannon@commteam.org](mailto:kshannon@commteam.org)
  - Families who are not enrolled in a CTI program
    - If you've filled out a CTI application in the past...
      - Contact Karen (978) 729-7216, [kshannon@commteam.org](mailto:kshannon@commteam.org) to see if where you are on the waitlist (if there is a waitlist)
    - If you've never filled out a CTI application...
      - Fill out an application at 17 Kirk St., 126 Phoenix Ave
      - Or call the main CTI number (978) 454-5100 to request an email version of the application.
- **YMCA:** (978) 454-7825; 1 YMCA Dr in Lowell
  - Karen Espinola is the school-age director
    - Fill out a application online or at the YMCA to request a slot
  - Debbie Doben is the preschool director if your child is preschool age
- **Family Childcare:** Call programs to see if they have openings near you
  - Bethel Family Childcare (978) 458-6577



- Clarendon Family Childcare (978) 454-3026
  - Child Development and Learning (CDE) (978) 275-2843
  - ACRE Family Childcare (978) 937-5899
  - CTI: See above contact information
- 
- **Girls Inc:** (978) 458-6529, 220; Worthen St. in Lowell
    - Accept girls ages 5-14 years old
    - Accept Child Care Circuit vouchers, DCF vouchers, and private pay (income-based, sliding scale)
    - Call Pam Lerocque (Director of Finance & Administration) to check on openings
- 
- **Boys and Girls Club:** (978) 458-4526; 657 Middlesex St in Lowell
    - School-age openings for after-school
    - Teens who are working with the Department of Children and Families can call BGC or DCF to see if they're eligible

## Greater Boston Food Bank


The Greater Boston Food Bank is back again in Lowell for this school year! Mark your calendars with the dates below in you are interested and in need of support.



The Food Bank is located at the STEM Academy (Rogers School) at 43 Highland Street.

The next opportunity is **Tuesday, November 9th from 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM!**

You can also see the schedule for the Greater Boston Food Bank for this school year below!



**WHERE:**  
STEM Academy at the Rogers School  
43 Highland Street  
In-School Entrance:  
South Street Parking Lot

**TIME:**  
3:30 - 4:30 PM


**DATES (2021-2022 School Year):**  
September 14  
October 12  
November 9  
December 14  
January 11  
February 8  
March 8  
April 12  
May 10  
June 14

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT:**  
Carolyn Rocheleau-Feeney  
[crocheleau@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:crocheleau@lowell.k12.ma.us)

Registration can be completed at the School Pantry.

**Please bring reusable grocery bags, baskets, or a cart to carry your food.**

MEMBER OF FEEDING AMERICA



Please note: distribution will return to in-school selection of assorted foods for all Lowell Public School students and their families.

All Food Bank clients are required to wear a mask while inside the building to ensure the safety of our volunteers as well as clients

## Local Food Support

Do you need support with food options for your family. No need to worry...there are many local groups that can offer support for you during your time of need.

Click the link below for a list of local food pantries that are willing to help.



You can also reach out to Mrs. De La Luz, McAvinnue's Social Worker, for support navigating these and other options.



Greater-Lowell-Area-Pantry-List 8-27-20 (1).xlsx

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## McAvinnue's Family Read-A-Loud

"There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Leaves"

There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Leaves - Fall Books Read Aloud for Kindergarten



## McAvinnue's School Website

Check out our school website where you can find a wealth of information including school news, calendars, and other events.

Please visit our website at: <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/mcavinnue>



## Follow McAvinnue On Social Media

You can follow McAvinnue on social media at the following sites! We update things daily and this is a great way to stay in touch with all of the amazing things that are happening inside and out of "the best school we all know"!

FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/McAvinnueElementarySchool>

Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/McAvinnueLPS>

Instagram:

<http://instagram.com/mcavinnueelementarylps>

YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAUzGwuFaKMy13iFbHpSiMw>











## Our Vision

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McAvinnue Elementary School is a place...where there are **high expectations**, where students are **academically engaged**, where instruction is guided by a **systematic approach to examine data**, where there is a **multi-tiered system of support**, and where a responsive environment that fosters **social emotional connections** between faculty and students prevails.

**#McAvinnuePride #BeTheDifference #NextLevel**

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