The Lion's Roar

McAvinnue's Community Newsletter: Week Of January 16th

McAvinnue's Principal's Message

Hello McAvinnue Community!

I hope that everyone is having a great long weekend so far! It was another great week at McAvinnue and our students continue to work hard taking academic risks and working through some challenging activities.



We did have some minor snow this past week making the ride home tricky on a few days. Please keep in mind to watch the weather forecast each evening to receive the most up to date information for the following day. Winter storms can come on quickly...and it is important to have a heads up any school delays or cancellations. You can find out this information on any of the major television networks (Channels 4,5,7,25). Also, you can expect a phone call from the Lowell Public School District between 5:00 AM - 6:00 AM. Finally, you can also find out the status of school when there is inclement weather on McAvinnue's social media sites (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter) and on Class Dojo.

As you know, we have a day off from school on Monday, January 16th due to the observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. While the long weekend is greatly appreciated, we have to remember the importance of the commitment, work, and impact that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had on civil rights for everyone. The world is a far better place with all of us following through with his vision and legacy of equality. Please take a moment this weekend to ensure that you are doing your part with all of this.

I have included a short and engaging video that many of our classrooms used this week to simply explain Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's impact in a super kid friendly manner. Click on the video and watch it with your child anytime during this long weekend.

<u>Here are a few items that you need to be aware for this up and coming week. Please mark your</u> <u>calendars for the following events and activities that will occur at McAvinnue</u>:

- Monday, January 16th Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day No School
- Monday, January 16th McAvinnue's "Chuck E. Cheese" Fundraiser Event @ 4:00 PM 9:00 PM
- <u>Tuesday, January 17th</u> McAvinnue Reopens

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"!

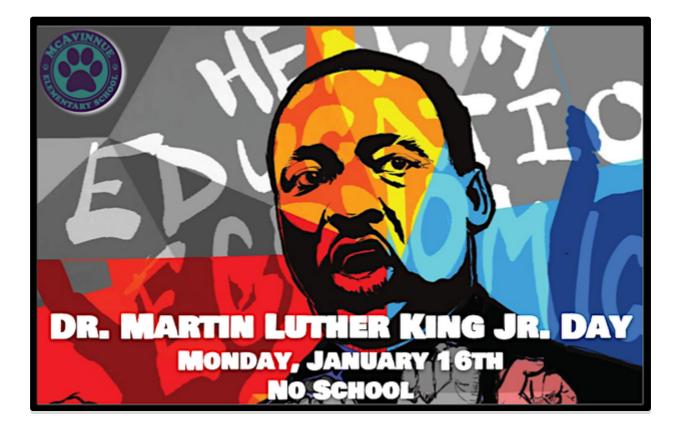
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Main Office at McAvinnue or send Mr. Domina a message a <u>mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us</u>.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

There will be no school on Monday, January 16th in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. McAvinnue will open our doors for the week on Tuesday, January 17th at 9:10 AM.

Enjoy the long weekend and please spend a moment reflecting on the impact Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has done for our world today...and the sacrifices he had to make that allowed all of our lives to be what they are today!



McAvinnue's Chuck E. Cheese Fundraiser Event



Please join us on <u>Monday, January 16th from 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM</u> for McAvinnue's "Evening At Chuck E. Cheese" at 199 Plain Street in Lowell (next to the Target Plaza). We will have the day off from school on this day due to the observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

This will be a great time to come together and have some fun as a McAvinnue Community! There will be special deals that will save you money on game play and food purchases. You can use the coupon

below to activate the savings.

We will send home a copy of the coupon with your child this upcoming week. All of the money that is raised will go directly back to our students for various activities and events!

Make sure to take the time to come out for some fun! This is ALWAYS a great time!

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McAvinnue's Week In Review







McAvinnue's Musican Of The Week

McAvinnue's Musican Of The Week is Zion in Room 109! Check out all of the great things he did to be recognized for his committment and hard work during Music class.

McAvinnue's Artist of the Week

McAvinnue's Artist of the Week is Mason in Room 109! Mason used paper and glue to create his hot cocoa mug. He added cotton balls for the marshmallows creating form and texture. He also outlined his mug and drew the steam with lines to create details and add value. Great work!

First School Day Snowfall!

Kindergarten students in Room 205 enjoying the first snowfall of the year that occurred during the school day!

McAvinnue's Student Council Community Service Project!

McAvinnue's Student Council recently completed their first community service project by collecting donated food and delivering it to the Merrimack Valley Food Bank.

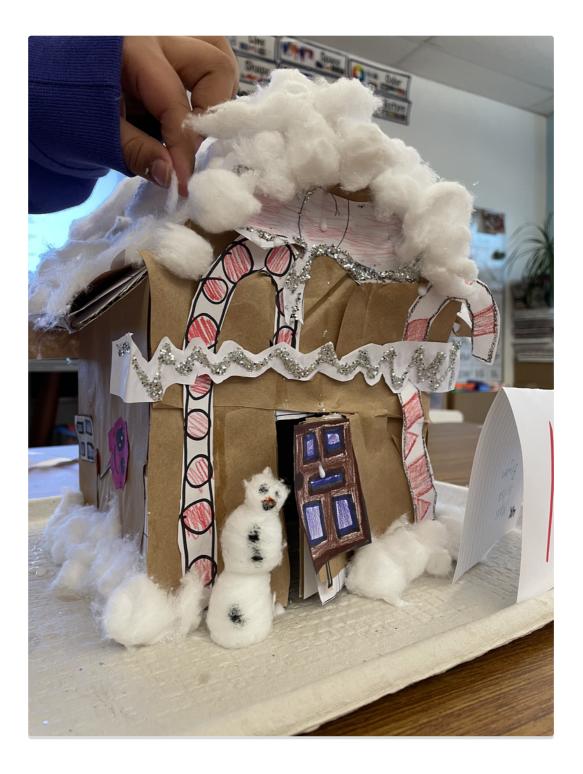
They had a chance to check out how the food is stored, organized, and prepared for families in need. They were also invited to return to help pack food bags before they are delivered to families! Amazing



Grade 4 "Gingerbread House Challenge"

Art and STEAM Studio collaborated for the Grade 4 "Gingerbread House Challenge"! Students worked in groups and needed to design and build their version of a gingerbread house.

Each design was brought down to the cafeteria and all of our students had a chance to vote on the design that they liked the most on Friday. We will share the "winner" early next week!





ST Math Good News: 100% Progress & Beyond!

McAvinnue's ST Math 100% Progress Champions



Caleb - Room 102



Ali - Room 202



Keiko- Room 202





McAvinnue's ST Math 100% Progress Champions



Hunter - Room 204



Dash – Room 309



Justin - Room 309





ST Math Weekly Update: Week Of January 16th



Here is the updated total puzzle count at McAvinnue to date. We have included the overall percent progress for each grade level...and there is some amazing overall growth! We continue to be on pace to hit the 100% progress mark as a school and over 1 million puzzles completed by the end of the school year! Keep working hard!

This week, let's recognize some of our ST Mathematicians in PreK and Kindergarten for puzzle completion. Next week, we'll recognize students in grades 1 and 2. The following week, we'll recognize students in grades 3 and 4.

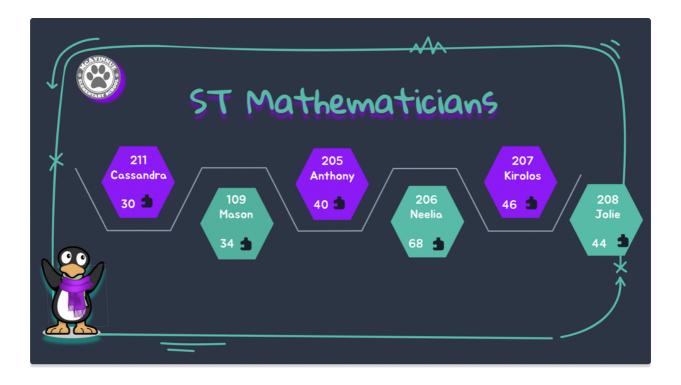
The Massachusetts version of ST Math's Winter Waddle will began on Tuesday, January 3rd. This challenge will be to post the classroom progress using the tracker that was previous developed and created. The National verison ST Math's Winter Waddle will begin on Tuesday, January 17th and will focus on the school reaching an average student puzzle total of 50 or more for the week. Finally, there will be a McAvinnue specific version of ST Math's Winter Waddle that began on Monday, January 9th. This challenge will focus on increasing the overall percent progress from the baseline total from the 9th.

So many challenges to keep track of! The only thing our students need to do is log on, complete puzzles, and move along on the grade level journey. This will increase their overall percent progress!

Stay tuned for weekly updates!



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	Grade Level or Classroom	Percent Progress		
Percent Progress	PreK	31%		
* 0/	Kindergarten	38%		
51%	Grade 1	58%		
	Room 109	22%		
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	Grade 4	57%		
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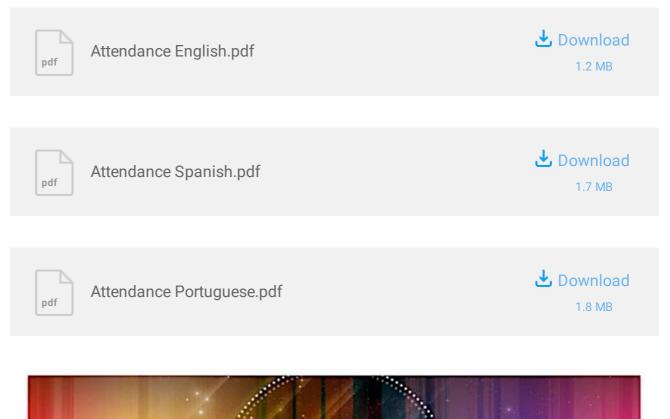


McAvinnue's Student Daily Attendance Policy

Please click the links below to access McAvinnue's Student Attendance Policy for the 2022-2023 academic school year. For your convenience, we have included the policy flyer in multiple languages.



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out directly.





Upcoming Events

Here are important dates to remember for the month of January and February:

- Monday, January 16th Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day No School
- Monday, January 16th McAvinnue's "Chuck E. Cheese" Fundraiser Event @ 4:00 PM 9:00 PM
- Tuesday, January 17th McAvinnue Reopens
- Tuesday, January 24th Grade 4 Field Trip Tsongas Industrial History Center
- Tuesday, January 24th PreK & Kindergarten Resource Fair Lincoln Elementary School
- Wednesday, January 25th 26th Dentist @ McAvinnue
- <u>Thursday, January 26th</u> PreK & Kindergarten Resource Fair Reilly Elementary School
- Friday, January 27th Grade 3 Field Trip Boston Museum Of Science
- <u>Monday, January 30th Friday, February 3rd</u> iReady Reading Diagnostic Window (Kindergarten- Grade 4)
- Monday, February 6th Friday, February 10th iReady Math Diagnostic Window (Grades 1 4)
- Friday, February 17th Grade 2 Winter Play @ 9:30 AM 10:30 AM
- Monday, February 20th Friday, February 24th Winter Break No School
- Monday, February 27th McAvinnue Reopens

Check Out McAvinnue's "Virtual" Morning **Announcements!**

Like we had successfully done last school year, a new edition of McAvinnue's "Virtual" Morning Announcements will be presented to our students on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week. We will



continue to use Tuesday and Thursday each week to be used for "Open Circle"....our Social Emotional Learning (SEL) program that focuses on community building, prosocial decision making, and appropriate responses to daily stressors both within the school and home settings.

This will continue to be a great way to bring our school together each day focusing on the same message to get the energy, commitment, and engage up before we launch into another great day at "the best school we all know".

You can check out each edition of McAvinnue's Morning Announcements on our YouTube channel using the link below.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7hxiBuRjgjgfASI_RLMleQ

If you want a peek of the latest edition of McAvinnue's "Virtual Morning Announcements", check out the video below!



McAvinnue's Yoga Pose Of The Week: "Tree"

We will practice a new pose this week called the "Tree"! This pose will allow us to work on improving our balance through deliberate concentration that will increase our ability to focus throughout our day! We will practice the "Tree" 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!



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.

School Bus Transportation Information



School bus transportation is provided to students in grades K-4, who live greater than .75 mile from their residence or alternate address to their assigned school. Middle school students (grades 5-8) must live greater

than 1.5 miles from their residence or alternate address to their assigned school.

Kindergarten through 4th grade students will receive a printed bus pass via postal mail. These passes were mailed out on August 24th. You can also look up your student's bus pass information by using their Student ID for the username and date of birth for the password at the link below. This is the same information that students use to log in to their Chromebooks for school.

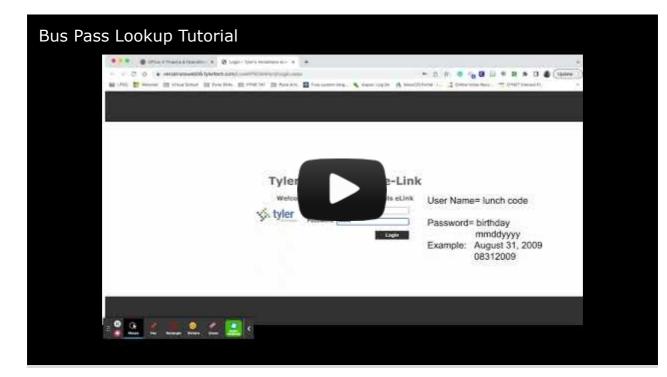
Please note that Kindergarten and 1st grader students <u>must</u> have an older sibling (4th grade or older) or parent present at the bus stop in the afternoon in order to depart from the school bus. If a parent or older sibling is not present, the student will be brought to the Moody School, located at 158 Rogers Street. A driver's license or valid identification must be presented to the staff in order to dismiss the student.

You can use the LPSD "Bus Lookup Tool" using the link below. You will need to use you child's LASID or lunch number along with their birthdate to access this helpful system.

There also is a helpful video that you can watch that will walk you through the process.

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.



Need Info? FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

How can I update my contact information (phone number/email/address)?



Go online to the Family Resource Webpage (<u>https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/UpdateContactInfo</u>) and fill out the "contact us" form. Families who don't have access to the internet can fill out the form in person at the Family Resource Center. If an address change is related to economic factors or housing instability (family moves in with relatives, eviction, hotel/motel, fire or unsheltered, please contact the McKinney Vento Office located at the Family Resource Center in person (151 Merrimack Street), by phone (978-674-4321) or go to the webpage at https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/HomelessAssistance.

How do I update my emergency contacts?

• If you were in the school last year we will send a verification sheet out. if you are new we will send home an emergency form to fill out on the first day of school or use the online form found in this newsletter.

What should I do if my child needs a Chromebook or if my child's Chromebook needs repairs?

• Families should contact their school to coordinate the issuing of a new Chromebook or to schedule repairs. After the school year begins, the district will resume its "tech tent" services and will inform families via email, text, and phone once the services resume.

How do I register my child for the new school year?

All school registrations are completed online using a computer or laptop. You can access the
online application by going to <u>https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolRegistration</u>. If you only have

a mobile device and don't have access to a computer or laptop, you can register in person at the Family Resource Center (151 Merrimack Street). Please call the Family Resource Center if you have any questions (978-674-4321).

What should I do if I need to register my child(ren) and I don't speak English?

 The Lowell Public Schools is committed to providing translation and interpretation services for families who require assistance in a language other than English. The online registration application and website is translated in Spanish and Portuguese and can be accessed by going to <u>https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolRegistration</u>. For all other languages, please call Vannak Khin at (978) 328-6782 to arrange services. In-person language interpretation support for registration can be accessed by visiting the Lowell Public Schools at 151 Merrimack Street. Families can also call the Family Resource Center at (978) 674-4321 to make an appointment with a Bilingual Family Liaison.

How old does my child need to be to enroll in preschool or kindergarten?

 A child must turn 4 years old on or before September 1, 2021, in order to apply for preschool and 5 by September 1 to apply for kindergarten. A family can apply for preschool by going to <u>https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/PreschoolRegistration</u> to fill out an online application or <u>https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/KindergartenRegistration</u> for kindergarten. For registration questions, please call (978) 674-4321.

How do I apply for a transfer for my child to change schools in the new year?

Per the 2021-22 School Assignment Policy, all students have the option to request one school transfer per year. Families can apply online by going to
 https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolTransfer or can come to the Family Resource Center in
person to complete the application. Transfers are assigned on a space availability basis.

Medical Information Reminder



Any students who have emergency medications (Epi-Pens, inhalers, etc.) or who will receive medication in school must have a medication order from the prescribing physician <u>AND</u> a completed consent form from the City Health Department.

Forms and medication can be dropped off to Nurse Robin any time during the school day. However, it's ideal to drop things off between 9:10 AM - 9:30 AM each day.

Nurse Robin cannot administer <u>ANY</u> medications without a physician's order, including over-thecounter medications. Please make sure that the school nurse is provided refills in advance of any medication supply running out.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Nurse Robin directly,

Lowell Public Schools COVID Guidelines Update

Please see the message that was recently sent out regarding the latest COVID-19 guidance for this school year.

"Dear Lowell Public Schools Families,

We are looking forward to welcoming you all back to school on August 31st (Sept 7th for PreK and Kindergarteners) for the start of the 2022-2023 school year!

We would like to take this time to share the latest COVID-19 guidelines and policies:

- There will be no more in-school testing or contract tracing and schools will be distributing one last at-home testing kit, which will expire Sept. 29.
- Masks are not required (except for in the school nurse's office), but staff and students who wish to wear a mask may do so.
- Students and staff who do have a positive case of COVID-19 must stay out of school for a minimum of five days, but may return if symptoms improve on days 6-10 if they wear a high-quality mask.

The Centers for Disease Control's latest COVID-19 guidance can be found here: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html</u>

We ask that you continue to stress good hygiene habits to your children, such as thorough hand washing and coughing into their elbows when they cough, and ask them not to share cups or water bottles with friends.

We strongly encourage all who are able to do so to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and subsequent boosters. We are thankful to our partners at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, who provided vaccinations at our Back-to-School Block Party, which was attended by more than 3,000 people. To find a location to receive a vaccine or booster, as well as additional information about the vaccine, visit: <u>https://www.lowellma.gov/1523/COVID-19-Vaccine</u>"

2022-2023 School Year Calendar



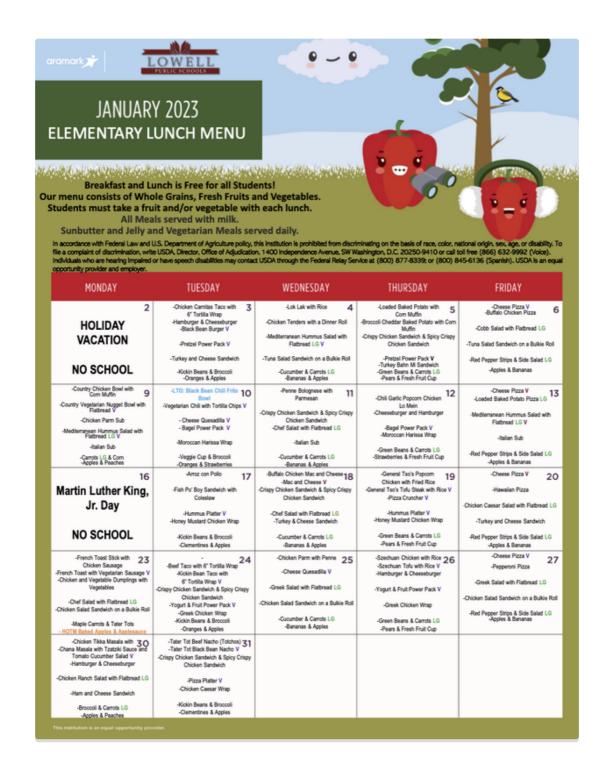
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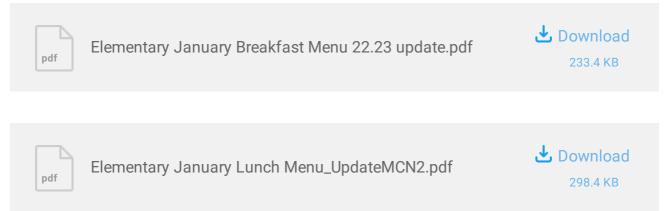
Monday, August 29, 2	2022	Staff Return to School for Staff Orientation Day				
Tuesday, August 30, 2	022	Staff Professional Development Day at School Site				
Wednesday, August 31	, 2022	First Day of School - Grades 1-12				
Friday, September 2, 2	022	No School Labor Day Recess				
Monday, September	5, 2022 •	No School - Labor Day				
Tuesday, September	6, 2022	No School for Students - Primary Election - Professional Day for St				
Wednesday, Septembe	er 7, 2022	First Day of School - Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten				
Monday, October 10, 2	022 •	No School - Indigenous Peoples' Day				
Tuesday, November 8,	2022	No School for Students (Election Day (Professional Day for Staff				
Friday, November 11,	2022 •	No School - Veterans'	Day Observed			
Wednesday, Novemb	er 23, 2022	Early Dismissal - Thanksgiving Recess				
Thursday, November 2	24, 2022 •	No School - Thanks	igiving Day			
Friday, November 25,	2022 •	No School - Thankagiving Recess				
Monday, November 28	3, 2022	Schools Re-Open				
Friday, December 23,	2022	Holiday Vacation Begins at the Close of Day				
Saturday, December 2	4, 2022 •	Christmas Eve [Holiday Vacation: Saturday, De	cember 24 - Sunday, January 1, 2023			
Sunday, December 25,	2022	Christmas Day				
Monday, December 26	, 2022*	Central Office and Family Resource Office Closed				
Friday, December 30,	2022*	New Year's	Eve			
Sunday, January 1, 200	23	New Year's Day				
Monday, January 2, 20	23*	Central Office and Family Resource Office Closed				
Tuesday, January 3, 20	23	Schools Re-Open				
Wednesday, January	11, 2023	Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12				
Monday, January 16, 2	023 •	No School - Martin Lut	her King, Jr. Day			
Friday, February 17, 2	023	Mid-Winter Vacation Begins	at the Close of School			
Monday, February 20,	2023 •	President's Day [School Vacation: Monday, February 20 - Friday, February 24, 2023]				
Monday, February 27,	2023	Monday - Schools Re-Open				
Wednesday, March 8, 2023		Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12				
Friday, April 7, 2023 •		No School – Good Friday				
Friday, April 14, 2023		Spring Vacation Begins at the Close of School				
Monday, April 17, 2023		Patriot's Day - [School Vacation: Monday, April 17 - Friday, April 21, 2023]				
Monday, April 24, 202	3	Schools Re-0	Schools Re-Open			
Monday, May 29, 2023	•	No School - Mem	No School - Memorial Day			
Thursday, June 15, 202	23	180 th School	Day			
Monday, June 19, 2023	•	Juneteenth				
Friday, June 23, 2023		185º School Day [Includes	five (5) Snow Days]			
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Click To Access The 2022-2023 School Calendar

January Breakfast & Lunch Menu

LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS	² HOLIDAY VACATION NO SCHOOL	CATION Bagel sanowich Benefit Bar Assorted Cereal Bowl with Graham Cracker SCHOOL Milk Served with Juice, Pear and Milk Served with Orange and Milk	5 Blueberry Waffle with Maple Syrup Nature Valley Oatmeal Round Served with Orange and Milk	6 Bagel with Cream Cheese Assorted Careal Bar with Graham Cracker Served with Banana and Milk	
MENU	9 Banana Bread Cranberry, Orange Oatmeal Round Served with Orange and Milk	10 Blueberry Muffin Benefit Bar Served with Juice, Pear and Milk	11 Cinnamon Sugar Donut Assorted Cereal Bowl with Graham Cracker Served with Juice, Pear and Milk	12 Biueberry Waffle with Maple Syrup Nature Valley Oatmeal Round Served with Juice, Pear and Milk	9 Bagel with Cream Cheese Assorted Cereal Bar with Graham Cracker Served with Apple and Milk
January Elementary	16 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY NO SCHOOL	17 Double Chocolate Chip Muffin Benefit Bar Served with Juice, Pear and Milk	18 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Bagel Sandwich Assorted Cereal Bowl with Graham Cracker Served with Orange and Mik	19 Blueberry Waffle with Maple Syrup Nature Valley Oatmeal Round Served with Banana and Milk	20 Bagel with Cream Cheese Assorted Cereal Bar with Graham Cracker Served with Apple and Milk
Breakfast Menu	23 Warm Pumpkin Bread Oatmeal Raisin Round Served with Orange and Milk	24 Double Chocolate Chip Muffin UBR Bar Served with Juice, Pear and Milk	25 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Bagel Sandwich Assorted Cereal Bowl with Graham Cracker Served with Orange and Mik	26 Blueberry Waffle with Maple Syrup Nature Valley Oatmeal Round Served with Banana and Milk	27 Bagel with Cream Cheese Assorted Cereal Bar with Graham Cracker Served with Apple and Milk
All Breakfast items are whole grain. Offered Daily: 1 % and Skim Milk and Fresh Fruit All Breakfast is provided free for all students. Menu is subject to change.	30 Banana Bread Cranberry, Orange Oatmeal Round Served with Orange and Milk	31 Blueberry Muffin Benefit Bar Served with Juice, Pear and Milk			





Parent & Family Resources

LPS PreK & Kindergarten Resource Showcase

Check out the information below for the LPS PreK & Kindergarten information showcases January 24th and 26th.

If you or someone you know is the parent/guardian of a child ready for PreK or Kindergarten in September 2023, please attend one of the Lowell Public School District information showcases to gather everything you need to know about how to register for school. LPSD looks forward to seeing you and making new friends!

Register at: www.lowell.k12.ma.us/showcase



ATTENTION: Current Kindergarten Families

The Early Childhood Department would like your assistance in collecting data from **currently enrolled Kindergarten children** and families with children under the age of five.



If you have a child attending Kindergarten this school year, 2022-23,

please fill out the following survey. Your response to this three-minute survey will provide Lowell Public Schools with data to inform early childhood programming in future years. If you complete the survey by January 15, 2023, you will be eligible to win a \$50.00 Market Basket Card.

English: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2MT98CB

Spanish: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2WKRQ2Y

Portuguese: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2RLNJQY

Khmer: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2JLJD6L

Please also share the links below with preschool and kindergarten families as it is likely that they will have other children under the age of five.

ATTENTION: Current Pre-Kindergarten Families



If you have children under the age of five, please fill out the following survey. Your response to this three-minute survey will provide Lowell

Public Schools with data to inform early childhood programming in future years. If you complete the survey by January 15, 2023, you will be eligible to win a \$50.00 Market Basket Card.

English: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GH2NB2N

Spanish: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H93X7SW

Portuguese: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RGGFXXF

Khmer: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WRV6TRP

SNAP Benefits For Families

BOOST YOUR FOOD BUDGET.

Start with SNAP and get help paying for food—for you, and anyone you're responsible for. GettingSNAP.org

WITH SNAP (SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM) BENEFITS, YOU CAN:

- Boost your grocery budget with monthly funds you can use at locations of your choice, statewide.
- Automatically qualify your kids for free school meals, no application needed.
- Automatically qualify to participate in the Healthy Incentive Program (HIP), which lets you earn additional money to spend on groceries when you purchase fruits and vegetables from your local participating HIP vendors.
- Shop for the food you like, that meets your dietary needs, allergy restrictions, and cultural preferences.

If you're having trouble paying for groceries—whether or not you're working—you could be eligible for SNAP. Visit GettingSNAP.org or call 1-800-645-8333 for help.



SNAP

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU.

Call our **FoodSource Hotline** at 1-800-645-8333 to find out if you qualify for SNAP with help from our trained counselors.

SNAP FACTS

SNAP is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or, in other words, money for food. If you apply and are eligible, you are guaranteed to receive the benefits—in the form of a monthly cash stipend on an EBT card, that can be used just like a debit card for food shopping.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

If you could use help affording food, you could be! SNAP can help whether you're working or currently unemployed. All types of people, from single adults to families to seniors, receive SNAP benefits—it's a benefit meant to supplement your grocery budget. Call our FoodSource Hotline or visit StartWithSnap.org to find out more.

WHAT IF I'M NOT A U.S. CITIZENT

Go on and reach out to us via our FoodSource Hotline (1-800-645-8333). Many non-citizens are eligible for SNAP.

YOU'VE CONVINCED ME. SO HOW DO I APPLY?

Be prepped with your personal information, such as your Social Security number (if you have one), your birthdate, mailing address, phone number, income, and expenses. Then, you can:

- Call our FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333
- Apply on your on at dtaconnect.eohhs.mass.gov/apply
- Or download a paper application from mass.gov/SNAP, or call our FoodSource Hotline to request one to be sent in the mail

If you're having trouble paying for groceries—whether or not you're working—you could be eligible for SNAP. Visit GettingSNAP.org or call 1-800-645-8333 for help.



Mental Health Support Available

IT'S OKAY TO ASK FOR HELP



Care Solace connects students, staff, and their families to care. At no cost to you, Care Solace will quickly and confidentially find available mental health and substance use providers matched to your needs.

Find the right help at the right time.



Please note: Care Solace is not an emergency response service or mental health services provider. In the event of a life threatening emergency, call 9-1-1 or the National Suicide Hotline 9-8-8.

Emergency Contact Form: 2022-2023

Get a jump start now and complete your emergency contact form for the 2022-2023 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 <u>adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us</u> or contact the Main Office at McAvinnue for support!



Emergency Form Formulario de Emergencia Formulário de Emergência 2022-2023

Sign in to Google to save your progress. Learn more

McAvinnue Spirit Gear By Prep Sportswear

We have an online store if you wish to order any McAvinnue gear! It is open 24 hours per day and there is no due date for orders. Anytime you want to order...on any day!

The company is Prep Sportswear and has been reliable with solid product quality from reputable brands.

<u>There is a 30% off deal occuring now on all items! This is a major</u> <u>discount if you are interested in purchasing McAvinnue merchandise.</u>



We are also exploring additional local options to purchase McAvinnue gear. Stay tuned for more information in the month of September.

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

Click To Access Prep Sportswear Spirit Gear

Mill City Grows Winter Markets

Don't let winter stop you from eating fresh local fruits and vegetables! Fresh, locally grown produce is now available for purchase through April 2023 at Mill City Grows' (MCG) Indoor Winter Mobile Markets at UMass Lowell University Crossing and MCG's ROOT Kitchen.

Shoppers can enjoy a variety of seasonal vegetables grown on farm sites in the City of Lowell as well as fresh produce sourced from area farmers and growers. Mill City Grows Mobile Markets accept SNAP/EBT, cash, credit, debit, and Mill City Grows E-Gift Cards (a great stocking stuffer: <u>https://squareup.com/gift/A6CVNHCK5PKAE/order</u>) for payment. All markets also accept HIP (Healthy Incentives Program), a SNAP benefit that provides \$1 back for every dollar spent on fruits and vegetables purchased directly from a HIP authorized farm or vendor. SNAP customers are encouraged to ask about HIP discounts while shopping.

The full Indoor Winter Mobile Market schedule can be viewed and downloaded at https://www.millcitygrows.org/mobile-markets/, including multilingual schedules in Khmer, Spanish, Vietnamese, Portuguese, Chinese, Haitian Creole, and Pashto. Please follow <u>Mill City Grows</u> on Facebook and Instagram for all scheduling updates or call 978-455-2620. The full schedule is listed below:

2022-2023 MILL CITY GROWS INDOOR WINTER MOBILE MARKET SCHEDULE University Crossing Atrium at UMass Lowell 220 Pawtucket Street, Lowell Monthly on Wednesdays from 2 PM – 4 PM

- January 18, 2023
- February 15, 2023
- March 15, 2023
- April 19, 2023

* Parking is available at the Pawtucket Metered Lot across from University Crossing at 219 Pawtucket Street.

<u>Mill City Grows ROOT Kitchen</u> 19 Hall Street, Lowell Bi-weekly on Thursdays from 2 PM – 5 PM

- January 19, 2023
- February 2 & 16, 2023
- March 2 & 16, 2023



Indoor Winter Farmers' Markets

Select Wednesdays & Thursdays Starting November 16

Shop fresh and local at UMass Lowell's University Crossing and at Mill City Grows' ROOT Kitchen!

Use your SNAP/EBT and HIP benefits



ROOT Kitchen at Mill City Grows

Bi-weekly on Thursdays 2pm - 5pm

2022 November 17 December 1 & 15 2023 January 5 & 19 February 2 & 16 March 2 & 16

19 Hall Street

Community Connections & Opportunities



Winter Playgroups

The Lowell Public School's Early Childhood Department offers a series of Winter playgroups for kids under the age of 5 and their families.

Register here: <u>https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLScox9aCS.../viewform</u>



Career Training Available

FREE 15-Week Adult Career Programs in January

Register now for FREE adult career programs that begin in January at Minuteman Technical Institute in Lexington (only 20 minutes from Lowell):

- Carpentry
- CNC Machine Operator
- Facilities Management
- Plumbing (Tier 1)
- Welding

These programs are FREE for anyone who earns less than \$63,900 gross annually in Middlesex County due to support from the Mass. Workforce Skills Cabinet. MTI is an excellent opportunity for anyone over 18 interested in pursuing a career trade, including recent high school graduates.

Details can be found at minutemanti.org or call 781-861-7151.

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
 - Karen 978-729-7216, <u>kshannon@commteam.org</u>
 - 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, <u>kshannon@commteam.org</u> 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

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 your during your time of pood.

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.



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McAvinnue's Family Read-A-Loud

"How To Catch A Yeti"



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: <u>https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/mcavinnue</u>



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: <u>https://www.facebook.com/McAvinnueElementarySchool</u>
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/McAvinnueLPS
- Instagram: http://instragram.com/mcavinnueelementarylps
- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7hxiBuRjqjqfASl_RLMleQ

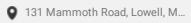


Our Vision

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

#McAvinnuePride #BeTheDifference #NextLevel



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