



# THE LION'S ROAR

McAvinnue's Community Newsletter: Week Of October 6th

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## MCAVINNUE'S PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello McAvinnue Community!

I hope that everyone is relaxing this weekend...and enjoying the warmer weather we are having! This is the second weekend in a row that the temperatures feel more like Summer than the Fall!

Thank you to everyone that came out to McAvinnue's "Back To School Bash" on Wednesday, October 1st! It was a super fun evening of fun, game play, and delicious food and treats! We have another event occurring at the end of October. Please refer to the section below for more details!

The recent temperatures have been mild allowing for our students to enjoy some outdoor recess and Physical Education time. However, I have reminded the students 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. Please make sure that your child is fully prepared to be as comfortable as possible during the school day.

It is going to be a busy week at McAvinnue! We will have our first "Lion's Pride Core Value All School Celebration on Monday...we will have our first "official" all school evacuation practice with the Lowell Fire Department any day now, and a few more field trips for Grades 1 and 4!



Mark your calendars, we will have our first Early Release Day on Wednesday, October 8th. Students will be dismissed from school at 1:30 PM. Please keep in mind that there will be no AM or PM editions of Ms. Annie's PreK classes on this day...and there will be no school for Ms. Ana's PreK CSA students. Make that you are making arrangements to be available for your child on this day.

We will send home the first progress report for your child this week on Friday, October 17th for our Kindergarten - Grade 4 students. As you know, the goal of this progress report is to briefly review how things are going for your students after the first few months of school. 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.

Please note that there is some information for some upcoming events at McAvinnue such as Indigenous Peoples Day (formally known as Columbus Day), McAvinnue's Picture Day, and McAvinnue's "Spooky Fall Fun" Family Celebrations! Mark your calendars for these events!

We are looking forward to another amazing week at "the best school we all know"!

Here are a few items that you need to be aware of. Please mark your calendars for the following events and activities at McAvinnue for this upcoming week:

- **Monday, October 6th - McAvinnue Reopens @ 9:10 AM**
- **Monday, October 6th - McAvinnue's "Lions Pride" All School Core Value Celebration: September Edition @ 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM**
- **Thursday, October 9th - Grade 4 Field Trip - STEM Challenge @ The Patriot Hall Of Fame**
- **Thursday, October 9th - Grade 1 Field Trip: Farmer Dave's Farm Stand (Dracut)**
- **Monday, October 13th - No School: Indigenous Peoples' Day**

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).

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## Early Release Day - Wednesday, October 8th

# Early Release Day



## Wednesday, October 8th

Student dismissal will occur 1:30 PM. PreK students in Ms. Annie's and Ms. Ana's classes will have no school.

**#McAvinnuePride**

Mark your calendars, we will have our first Early Release Day on **Wednesday, October 8th**.

Students will be dismissed from school at **1:30 PM**. Please make the necessary arrangements to be available for your child on this day. Bus transportation will be provided with students arriving at their assigned stops 2 hours earlier than the usual drop off time.

Please keep in mind that there will be no AM or PM editions of Ms. Annie's PreK classes on this day. Also, there is no school for students that are in Ms. Ana's PreK CSA class in Room 211.

Reach out to your child's teacher or the Main Office directly if you have any questions!

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## Indigenous Peoples Day: Monday, October 13th



**MONDAY  
OCTOBER 13TH**

**INDIGENOUS  
PEOPLES'  
DAY**

**NO SCHOOL**



**Mark your calendars and make arrangements to be available for your child...There will be no school on Monday, October 13th due to Indigenous Peoples Day.**

The first seed of Indigenous Peoples' Day was planted at a U.N. international conference on discrimination in 1977. The first state to recognize the day was South Dakota in 1989. Berkeley, California, and Santa Cruz followed suit.

Although the day was still considered Columbus Day up to 1937, many people began calling it Indigenous Peoples' Day to celebrate the rich culture and the lives of the Native American people.

For the Native Americans, Columbus Day was always hurtful as it glorified the violent past constituting 500 years of colonial torture and oppression by European explorers like Columbus and those who settled in America. Indigenous Peoples' Day draws attention to the pain, trauma, and broken promises that were erased by the celebration of Columbus Day. Before his arrival, the indigenous folk were successful self-sufficient communities that sustained life for thousands of years.

Year by year, the movement to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day spreads to more and more states, towns, and cities across the United States of America.

Indigenous Peoples' Day celebrates, recognizes, and honors the beautiful traditions and cultures of the Indigenous People, not just in America, but around the world. Their way of life and culture carries wisdom and valuable insights into how we can live life more sustainably.

Today, 14 U.S. states celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day and not Columbus Day, as well as the District of Columbia. More than 130 cities including Arlington, Amherst, Cambridge, Brookline, Marblehead, Great Barrington, Northampton, Provincetown, Somerville, and Salem also celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day.





## Candy Donations Needed



We are gladly accepting candy donations for McAvinnue's "Spooky Fun Fall Family Celebration"!

Please feel free to drop off a bag of candy to the Main Office at McAvinnue anytime during school hours. Also, you can have your child bring a bag of candy with them to school...and they can drop it off at the Main Office when they arrive to the school building.

We will accept donations all the way up to the big event on Wednesday, October 29th!

Thank you in advance for your support with this!

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## McAvinnue's Before & After School Program Updated Information



We will communicate with families on Friday, September 26th via a paper notice sent home with the students that were accepted in the Before & After School Program. Also, Mrs. Gervais has set up a Class Dojo group and will communicate with families using this platform.

Please keep in mind that both the Before and After School Program begins on Tuesday, October 14th.

The Before School Program will occur on Monday - Thursday each week from 8:00 AM - 9:10 AM.

The After School Program will occur on Tuesday (Grades 1 & 2) and Thursday (Grades 3 & 4) each week from 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM.



Session 1 of these programs will last through Thursday, December 11th.

Any questions? Please reach out to Mrs. Gervais directly at [mgervais@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:mgervais@lowell.k12.ma.us) or call the school directly for support.

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## McAvinnue's October Attendance Challenge

We have our first all school attendance challenge that is occurring in the month of October!

Here are the details for this challenge...Students will need to come to school everyday starting on October 1st - October 30th! If they are able to do this, we will celebrate this amazing and important accomplishment with a very special surprise treat!

Our goal is to have at least 150 students successfully complete this challenge!



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Portuguese



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## McAvinnue's "Week In Review"

### Concord Museum Field Trip Fun!

Grade 3 students in Rooms 301 and 304 had a great time with some hands-on learning fun at the Concord Museum on Tuesday!

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### 3D Name Tag Challenge!

Students in Room 108 completed a Back to School Challenge Project in STEAM Studio. The task was to create a three dimensional name tag for their desk. They created the letters in their names and then had to find a way to make the letters stand up. They worked independently and completed the task with minimal support! Super cool!



## Allergies? Asthma? Medications? - Please Let Nurse Danielle Know!

If your students have any medical concerns or diagnosis, please make sure Nurse Danielle is aware. Also, if they have any medical conditions, for example allergies or asthma, that require medications such as Epipens or inhalers here at school, please remember she needs updated paperwork and medication yearly.

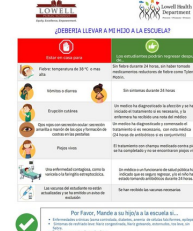


Please reach out as soon as possible to get her the necessary paperwork and to arrange drop off of new medications. Nurse Danielle's email address is [dralls@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:dralls@lowell.k12.ma.us) and she can also be reached by calling (978) 937-2871 ex. 47858. Our fax number is (978) 937-2880.

## Should I Send My Child To School?

Please see the chart below that will help you decide whether you should send your child to school.

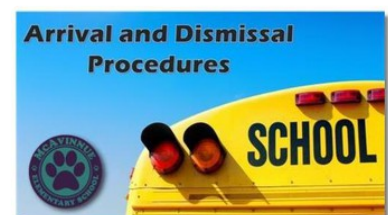
If you have any questions or are not sure whether you should send your child to school, please reach out to the school and ask to speak with Nurse Danielle.



## 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.

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## 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 23rd. 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 **must** 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.

## Bus Pass Lookup Tutorial

**Tyler's Versatrans e-Link**

Welcome to Lowell Public Schools eLink

 User Name:  Password:

User Name= lunch code

Password= birthday  
mmddyyyy

Example: August 31, 2009  
08312009

## Is Your Bus On Time?

The Lowell Public Schools Transportation Department has added a live spreadsheet to its webpage that indicates in the AM or PM if a school bus (grades K-8) is running late and by how long.

Check it out today: <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/5990>



# Physical Education Weekly Class Schedule With Ms. Rindo



Here is information regarding when each grade level and homeroom has weekly Physical Education Class with Ms. Rindo for the 2025-2026 academic school year



Please ensure that your child wears sneakers on their assigned day in the gymnasium so that can fully participate.

### Kindergarten- Physical Education Class



| Monday | Tuesday            | Wednesday         | Thursday          | Friday               |
|--------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
|        | Mrs. Pepper<br>205 | Mrs. Lewis<br>206 | Mrs. Woods<br>207 | Ms. Martineau<br>208 |


 Please remember to wear your sneakers!  
 ¡Por favor recuerda usar tus zapatos de deporte!
 

#### Kindergarten

### Grade 1- Physical Education Class



| Monday              | Tuesday | Wednesday            | Thursday          | Friday            |
|---------------------|---------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Mrs. Gervais<br>204 |         | Mrs. Veilleux<br>201 | Mrs. Joyce<br>202 | Ms. Wagner<br>203 |


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#### Grade 1

### Grade 2- Physical Education Class



| Monday            | Tuesday             | Wednesday        | Thursday           | Friday |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Mrs. Ubele<br>101 | Mrs. Carbone<br>102 | Ms. Pratt<br>103 | Ms. Michaud<br>104 |        |


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#### Grade 2

### Grade 3- Physical Education Class



| Monday             | Tuesday               | Wednesday       | Thursday | Friday           |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------|------------------|
| Mrs. Abrams<br>302 | Mrs. Cutrumbes<br>303 | Mrs. M-C<br>304 |          | Ms. Ryder<br>301 |


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#### Grade 3

### Grade 4- Physical Education Class



| Monday              | Tuesday               | Wednesday | Thursday               | Friday             |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Ms. Clemente<br>309 | Mrs. Leczynski<br>310 |           | Mrs. Figueiredo<br>307 | Mrs. McCann<br>308 |


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#### Grade 4

### CSA- Physical Education Class

| Tuesday           | Wednesday          | Thursday          |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Ms. Pastor<br>108 | Mrs. Orozco<br>109 | Mrs. Irwin<br>211 |


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#### CSA

## McAvinnue's Mindfulness Pose Of The Week - "Cat"

We will practice a new yoga pose this week called the "Cat"! This new pose will allow us to work on releasing tension that we may have through a good upper body stretch...just like a cat. We will practice the "Cat" 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!

## Upcoming Events

Here are important dates to remember for the month of October:

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- Monday, October 13th - No School: Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Tuesday, October 14th - McAvinnue's Before & After School Program: Session 1 Begins
- Tuesday, October 14th - Friday, October 17th - Vision & Hearing Screenings
- Friday, October 17th - Progress Report Distribution: PreK - Grade 4
- Friday, October 17th - Bully Prevention & Awareness Day - McAvinnue's "Black Out Bullying" Day
- Monday, October 20th - McAvinnue's Picture Day - Student & Faculty Individual Photos
- Thursday, October 23rd - Dentist @ McAvinnue
- Thursday, October 23rd - McAvinnue's Family Movie Night @ 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, October 29th - McAvinnue's "Spooky Fun Fall" Family Celebration @ 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

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## Picture Day - Monday, October 20th

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## McAvinnue's "Spooky Fun Fall" Family Celebration - Wednesday, October 29th

Mark your calendars for our next all school family event! Please join us for McAvinnue's "Spooky Fun Fall" Family Celebration on Wednesday, October 29th from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM.

This event is free of charge! All you need to do is come by with your costume on, bring a bag for candy, and we will do the rest! There will be a chance to get some early Halloween candy and make some fun spooky projects, and have some treats!

More information to come over the next few weeks!

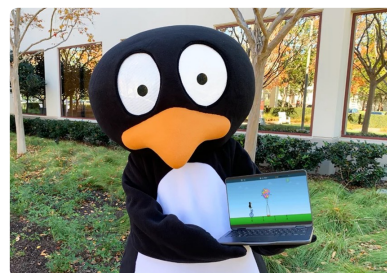
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## ST Math Weekly Progress Update

Surfing into October with ST Math!

As we cruise into the first few days of October, McAvinnue is already making waves with ST Math! Our students have been puzzling with purpose, and here's where we stand:

- Puzzle Goal Progress: 13%



- Total Puzzles Solved: over 127,000 puzzles
- Number of Students Participating: 446

It's incredible to see the partnership of McAvinnue & JiJi grow so quickly in just a few short weeks.

This week's Golden JiJi recipient is Alexandra Martinez Hernandez, who had a spectacular month of puzzling with ST Math and JiJi.

Looking ahead, we'll be launching our first school-wide ST Math Challenge very soon. Stay tuned for details... It's sure to bring some puzzle power and school spirit!

And the best part? ST Math is flowing right alongside the great Math thinking happening in our core classes. Students are making connections, reaching for their tools, and showing off strategies that shine in discussions. That's where the magic of learning really takes hold, and we get to celebrate it together!

Keep puzzling, keep shining!



## 2025-2026 School Year Calendar



2025-2026 LPSD Calendar.pdf

Download  
101.9 KB

## McAvinnue's Morning Announcements

McAvinnue's "Morning Announcements" are back once again for the 2024-2025 academic school year! We are excited to bring these back starting on Monday, September 15th!

Like we had successfully done during previous school years, 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".

**McAvinnue's Morning Announcements will occur on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week starting on Monday, September 15th!**

You can check out current and past editions of McAvinnue's Morning Announcements on our YouTube channel using the link below.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7hxiBuRjgjqfASL\\_RLMleQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7hxiBuRjgjqfASL_RLMleQ)

You can check out the latest edition of McAvinnue's Morning Announcements below for last school year!

McAvinnue's Morning Announcements 10.1.2025



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## Parent & Family Resources

### Need Support During The Thanksgiving & Christmas Season?

Check out the resource below if you may need some support during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

You can also reach out directly to the school and ask for Mrs. De La Luz or send her an email at [adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us)

## Operation Nourish

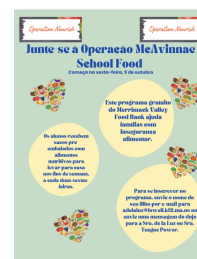
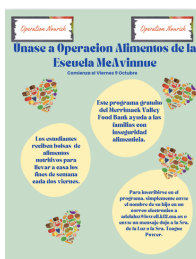
Need help with supplementing with food on a weekly basis? No worries...we have you covered!

With our partnership with the Merrimack Valley Food Bank, we can provide weekly pre-packaged bags of nutritious food that students can take home on Friday.



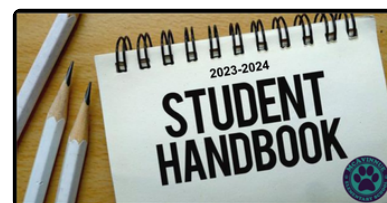
All you need to do to enroll in this program is to contact Mrs. De La Luz at adelaluz @ lowell.k12.ma.us or send a Class Dojo message to her or Mrs. Teague-Powers. Just include your child's name in the message and we will take care of the rest.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the school directly for support!



## Student Handbook 2025-2026

The LPS Student Handbook is a great tool to use to fully understand the expectations of the role of our students as well as the partnership needed for our families to ensure that the school year is a great success.



You can access the district elementary student handbook by clicking the button below. You will find various policies and procedures focusing on attendance, grading, discipline, bus expectations, and more.

Please reach out directly if you have any questions.

[Click Here To Access The LPS 2025-2026 Student Handbook](#)

## McAvinnue's School Attendance Information

As you are aware, attending school is first step each in the learning process for our students. It is critical that our students arrive to school on time each day so that they can access all of the engaging and meaning lessons that have been planned by our teachers and related service providers.



The McAvinnue Attendance Team will monitor student attendance on a weekly basis and will reach out directly to families when they notice frequent absences, a pattern of absences, or an increased number of consecutive absences within a short period of time.

Please refer to McAvinnue's Student Attendance Booklet below that will provide additional information. This booklet will be sent home with students in multiple languages. It is important that you review this information for your own awareness and to be fully prepared to support your child with the first step of the learning process...attending school on time.

The handbook is provided in four languages below.



### Spanish



### Portuguese



### Haitian Creole



Breakfast and Lunch Is Free for All LPS Students



All student breakfast and lunch menu items will be free of charge on all school days including Early Release Days!

Lowell Public Schools Food and Nutrition are "Powering Potential" for students and faculty with innovations in our menus and enhancements to our overall dining operations. When your child dines with us, rest assured that we will be serving delicious, nutritious meals prepared with the utmost attention to safety. We encourage every student to fuel up with breakfast and lunch meals each day so they can be energized and prepared to succeed throughout the day, in and out of the classroom.



Please keep up to date on our program, nutrition education, monthly menus and back to school letters on the [LPS Food and Nutrition website](#).

Any concerns please feel free to email [foodservice@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:foodservice@lowell.k12.ma.us)

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# October Breakfast & Lunch Menus

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**Elementary Breakfast Menu - October 2025.pdf**

**Download**  
385.6 KB



**Elementary Lunch Menu - October 2025.pdf**

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295.0 KB

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## Eureka Math Squared Information

Are you interested in learning more about the fantastic Math Curriculum that we are using for our Kindergarten - Grade 4 students? Look no further...we have everything that you need for Eureka Math Squared!

Here are some links that you can use to explore the philosophy of the curriculum, sample materials and lessons, tips for how you can support your child at home with their Math skill development, and activities that you can use with your child consistently each week during the school year.

English: <https://greatminds.org/math/eurekamathssquared/family-engagement>

Spanish: <https://greatminds.org/es/eurekamathssquared/recursos-para-la-familia>

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## 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.

**There is a 25% off deal occurring now on all items! This is a major discount if you are interested in purchasing McAvinnue merchandise.**



Like during previous school years, 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**

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## General Information

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

- Go online to the Family Resource Webpage (<https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/UpdateContactInfo>) 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.

### **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 <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolRegistration>. 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 <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolRegistration>. 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, 2023, in order to apply for preschool and 5 by September 1 to apply for kindergarten. A family can apply for preschool by going to <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/PreschoolRegistration> to fill out an online application or <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/KindergartenRegistration> 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 2023-2024 School Assignment Policy, all students have the option to request one school transfer per year.
- Families can apply online at <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.

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## **Community Connections & Opportunities**

**Lowell Youth Field Hockey Clinic - Fall 2025**



No experience needed - all are welcome! This is a volunteer-run clinic meant to teach players about field hockey and hopefully instill a love for the game. Players will learning the rules of the field hockey and fundamental skills, including types of passes, dribbling, shooting and defending. Our long-term goal is to join the Baystate Youth Field Hockey league in Fall 2026 with teams for Grades 1 - 8.

Registration includes the 6 clinic dates, a T-shirt, youth night at an LHS Field Hockey game, and a fun celebration clinic on November 2nd.

#### Event Details:

- Dates: Sundays from September 28th - November 2nd
- Time: Grades K-3 @ 10:30 AM-11:30 AM and Grades 4-8 @ 12:00 PM -1:30 PM\
- Location: Carvalho Turf Field at Cawley Memorial Stadium
- Registration Fee: \$50 ; Day-of registration is also welcome
- Equipment: We have sticks and shin guards available for players to borrow, but please bring them if you have your own. Each player must bring a mouthguard, goggles and sneakers. More information about these items will be provided closer to the start of the clinic.

To register, click the link below...

<https://tinyurl.com/88zemf33>

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## **Lowell Girls Lacrosse Clinic**

Calling all girls in Grades K-8! Whether you're a seasoned player or just curious about the sport, Lowell Girls Lacrosse has a clinic for you!

#### Introduction to Lacrosse Clinic:

Perfect for girls (Grades Kindergarten - looking to get exposure to LAX fundamentals like stick handling, ground balls, and passing and catching. This clinic is led by experienced coaches dedicated to providing personalized instruction and reinforcing having fun. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to become part of the lacrosse community and make new friends!

Date: Sunday, September 21, 2025

Time: 10 AM - 12 PM

Location: Carvalho Field at Cawley Memorial Stadium

Equipment: Stick, goggles, mouth guard and water bottle. For those without equipment, LGL will provide sticks/goggles (please note when signing up via the Google Form so we can plan accordingly)

Registration Fee: No Fee

Sign-Up Here: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfllaPaRXPSMc.../viewform>

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LGL Skills Clinic:

A close-up photograph of a woven straw hat. The hat features a light-colored, textured straw body and a dark blue, ribbed band. The image is oriented vertically.

Registration Fee: No Fee

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## Cub Scout Pack 7 Information

Cub Scout Pack 7 is looking for new cubs to join their pack! Tons of fun and learning experiences for all kids in Kindergarten through Grade 5. For more information, visit [www.pack7lowell.com](http://www.pack7lowell.com)

Pack 7 meets at St. Rita's Church directly across from McAvinnue!



## 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

## The Family Leadership Institute

The Family Leadership Institute provides families with the knowledge and skills to partner with schools and communities to ensure their children achieve their full potential.



Throughout the year, the FLI runs a variety of programs including: survival English classes, family college visits, mental health and financial literacy workshops, and more. For more information about the FLI visit: <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/5263>.

## 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 at [adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us).



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

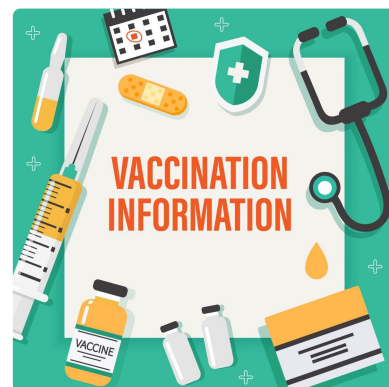
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## Community Vaccination Information

Click the link below to see a comprehensive list of local vaccination options for your child.

Please keep in mind that certain vaccinations are required for students to participate in learning at all Lowell Public Schools.

If you have any questions regarding vaccination requirements, please contact Nurse Danielle at the school. She will be glad to help you out and provide you with the information that you require or request.



**Community vaccination sites.pdf**

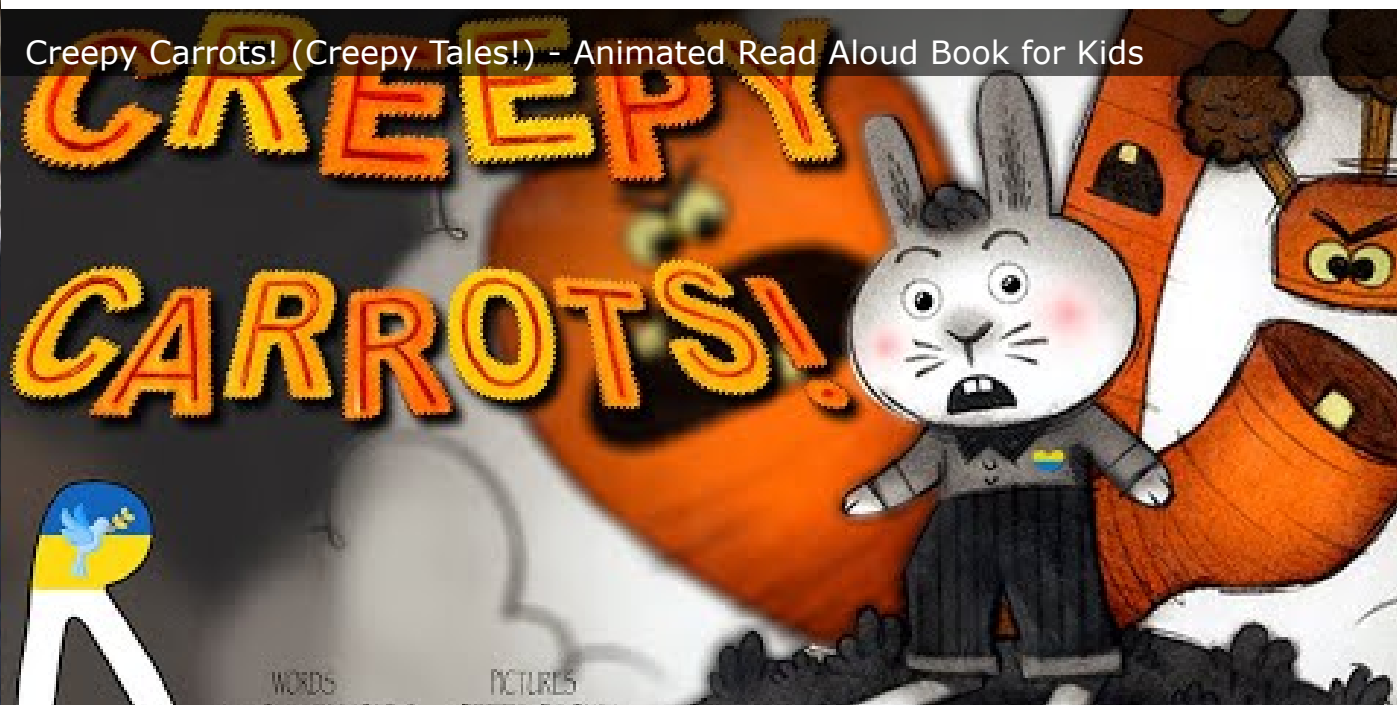
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## McAvinnue's Family Read-A-Loud: "Creepy Carrots!"

Creepy Carrots! (Creepy Tales!) - Animated Read Aloud Book for Kids



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## 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"!

Click the buttons below to access our social media sites!



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## Our Vision

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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