



THE LION'S ROAR

McAvinnue's Community Newsletter: Week Of November 18th

MCAVINNUE'S PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello McAvinnue Community!

Well...that was a short but busy week at McAvinnue! We had several positive moments as we are gearing up for the Thanksgiving break in just 7 1/2 days! Students are in the groove with new learning...while our teachers are pushing themselves to be creative and innovative with how they are engaging their students daily. This can be a difficult time of the year for everyone. The upcoming holiday stretch often gets everyone out of the typical routines and there is excitement in the air with all of the celebrations with family and friends. It is important to ensure that your child gets sufficient rest each night and that you do your best to stick with a normal structure and routine at home. This will make things smoother inside and outside of the school setting.



On Tuesday, November 19th, we will host McAvinnue's "Thanksgiving Lunch" for our school community! The students really enjoy this meal and we will do our best to make the cafeteria look really special. Our food service team is preparing an amazing lunch that will include the following items: roasted turkey, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes and local roasted parsnips, carrots and butternut squash, dinner roll and apple crisp! We plan on continuing this tradition for future years as it is an amazing way for our students to come together in a similar manner as families do on Thanksgiving. Be on the lookout for pictures on Class Dojo!

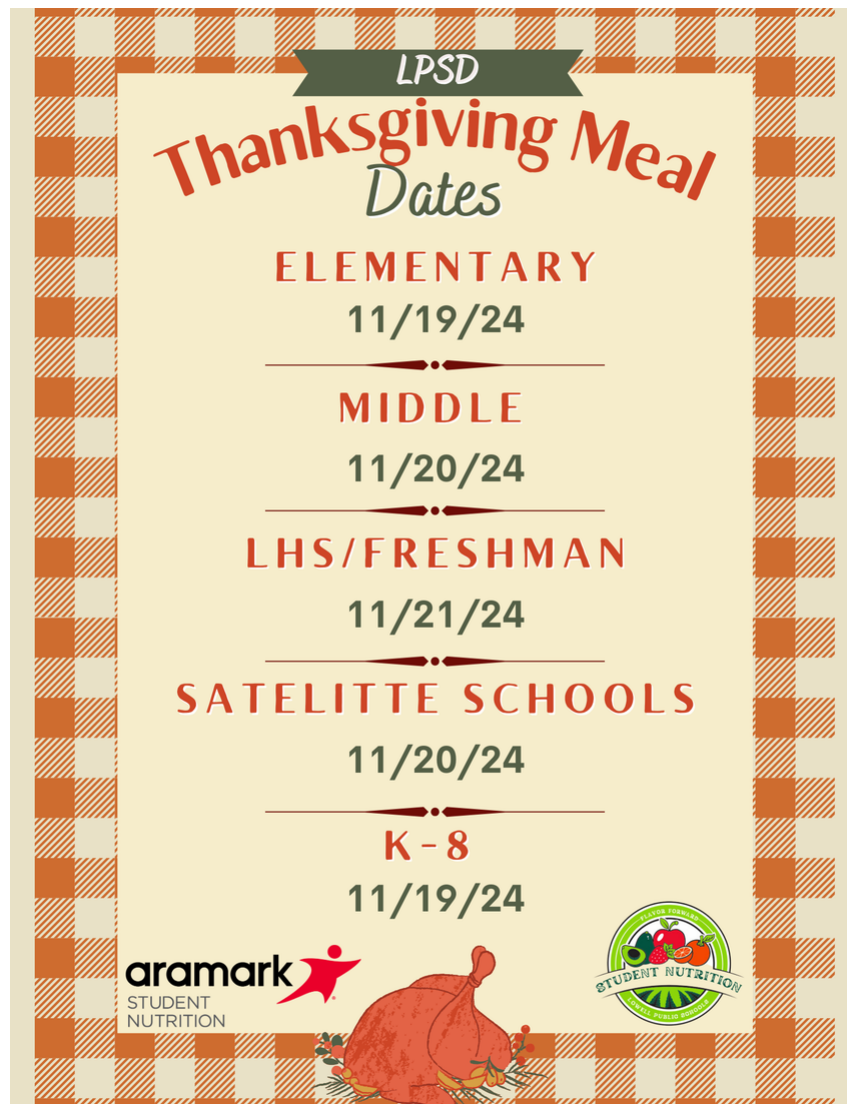
Quick reminder...We will dismiss students on Wednesday, November 27th at 11:50 AM for the Thanksgiving Break. Keep in mind that this is not the usual time for student dismissal that occurs during Early Release Days. Please make the necessary arrangements to be available for your child on this day. There will be no school for Ms. Annie's morning PreK students on this day. McAvinnue's Before School Program will still occur on Wednesday...however, there will be no After School Program on this day. Mark your calendars and make arrangements to be available for your child on this day.

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 the next few weeks:

- **Monday, November 18th - McAvinnue Reopens @ 9:10 AM**
- **Tuesday, November 26th - McAvinnue's "Lions Pride" Core Value All School Celebration: November Edition @ 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM**
- **Wednesday, November 27th - Early Dismissal (All Students) @ 11:50 AM**
- **Thursday, November 28th - No School: Thanksgiving Day**
- **Friday, November 29th - No School: Thanksgiving Recess**

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.

THANKSGIVING LUNCH DATES!



It will be Thanksgiving in Lowell next week for all students! All of the kitchens around the district will have all the fixings prepared for students and faculty. They will be preparing roasted turkey, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes and local roasted parsnips, carrots and butternut squash, dinner roll and amazing apple crisp! We also have a vegetarian hot option available for students on this day.

McAvinnue will host their Thanksgiving Lunch on **Tuesday, November 19th!** Mark your calendars and reminder your child to have their BIG appetite ready to go on this day!

**EARLY STUDENT DISMISSAL – WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 27TH**



Early Student Dismissal



**Wednesday, November 27th
11:50 AM**

#McAvinnuePride

Students will be dismissed at 11:50 AM on Wednesday, November 27th as part of the Thanksgiving Break. This is not the usual early release time. Please make the necessary arrangements to be available for your child on this day. There will be no classes held for Ms. Annie's morning PreK students. McAvinnue's Before School Program will still occur on Wednesday...however, the Afterschool Program will not take place.

Also, we will **NOT** serve lunch on this day. Breakfast will still be provided first thing in the morning.

McAvinnue will be closed on Thursday, November 28th - Friday, November 29th. We will reopen our doors again on Monday, December 2nd

THANKSGIVING BREAK

NO SCHOOL – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH



— GET THE MOST OUT OF —
**THANKSGIVING
BREAK**

#MCAVINNUEPRIDE

All Lowell Public Schools will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th as part of the Thanksgiving Break.

McAvinnue will reopen on Monday, December 2nd @ 9:10 AM.

Enjoy the time with family and friends creating some positive memories that will last a lifetime!

PREK & KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION SESSION

PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION SESSION

- LEARN HOW TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD
- TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION
- FEEDBACK & SUGGESTIONS
- QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
- FOOD SERVED

FREE backpacks & school supplies to first 100 families!

VENUE:
CHARLES W. MOREY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
130 PINE ST. LOWELL, MA 01851

DATE:
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024
5:30pm-7pm

Interpretation available in
Portuguese, Spanish, & Khmer

The LPS Family Resource Center (FCR) is reaching out to inform you of an upcoming information session for families interested in Preschool and Kindergarten for the 2025-2026 academic school year. The information session will be held on **Wednesday, December 4th, at 5:30 PM at the Morey Elementary School located at 130 Pine Street.**

During the session, families will learn about the registration and lottery process. The transportation department and early childhood departments will also provide information regarding their services. Families will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on the registration process. Dinner will be provided.

SESION DE INFORMACION SOBRE KINDERGARTEN & PRE-K

- APRENDA A REGISTRAR A SU HIJO/HIA
- INFORMACIÓN SOBRE TRANSPORTE
- COMENTARIOS Y SUGERENCIAS
- PREGUNTAS Y RESPUESTAS
- SERVIREMOS COMIDA

LIBRE mochilas y suministros escolares para las primeras 100 familias!

LUGAR DE EL EVENTO:
CHARLES W. MOREY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
130 PINE ST. LOWELL, MA 01851

FECHA:
MIÉRCOLES, 4 DE DICIEMBRE 4, 2024
5:30pm-7pm

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Portugués,
Español, &
Khmer

Spanish Flyer

JARDIM DA INFÂNCIA & PRÉ-K Sessão de Informação

- SAIBA COMO MATRICULAR SEU FILHO
- INFORMAÇÕES DE TRANSPORTE
- FEEDBACKS E SUGESTÕES
- PERGUNTAS E RESPOSTAS
- COMIDA SERVIDA

LIBRE mochilas e suprimentos escolares para as primeiras 100 famílias!

LOCAL:
ESCOLA INFÂNCIA
CHARLES W. MOREY
130 PINE ST. LOWELL, MA 01851

DATA:
QUARTA-FEIRA, 4 DE DEZEMBRO 4, 2024
5:30pm-7pm

Interpretação disponível em:
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Espanhol, &
Khmer

Portuguese Flyer

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- ការផ្តល់យោបល់
- សំណួរ និង ចម្លើយ
- មានសេវាសម្លាប់បង្គោល

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ទីតាំង:
សាលាបឋមវិទ្យា
CHARLES W. MOREY
130 PINE ST. LOWELL, MA 01851

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Português,
Español, &
Khmer

Khmer Flyer

McAVINNUE'S WEEK IN REVIEW



Before School Program Art Fun!

These students created amazing sunrise pictures during the Before School Program with Mrs. Tingley! They focused on color perspective and representation over a body of water. We absolutely love the early hours effort and creativity!

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.

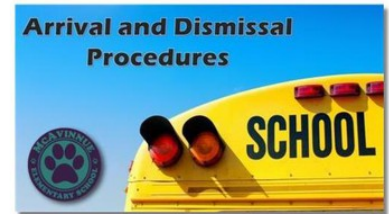


Please reach out as soon as possible to get her the necessary paperwork and to arrange drop off of new medications. Nurse Danielle's email address is dralls@lowell.k12.ma.us and she can also be reached by calling (978) 937-2871 ex. 47858. Our fax number is (978) 937-2880.

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.

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:

Login

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 CLASS INFORMATION WITH MS. RINDO

Here is information regarding when each grade level and homeroom has weekly Physical Education Class with Ms. Rindo.

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 205	Mrs. Lewis 206	Mrs. Zolkos 207	Ms. Martineau 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 204		Ms. Corio 201	Mrs. Joyce 202	Ms. Wagner 203

 Please remember to wear your sneakers!
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Grade 1

Grade 2- Physical Education Class


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mrs. Ubele 101	Mrs. Makumbi 102	Ms. Carrucini 103	Ms. Michaud 104	

 Please remember to wear your sneakers!
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Grade 2

Grade 3- Physical Education Class


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

 Please remember to wear your sneakers!
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Grade 3

Grade 4- Physical Education Class

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ms. Clemente 309	Mrs. Leczynski 310		Mrs. Figueiredo 307	Mrs. McCann 308

 Please remember to wear your sneakers!
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Grade 4

CSA- Physical Education Class

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Ms. Pastor 108	Mrs. Orozco 109	Mrs. Irwin 211

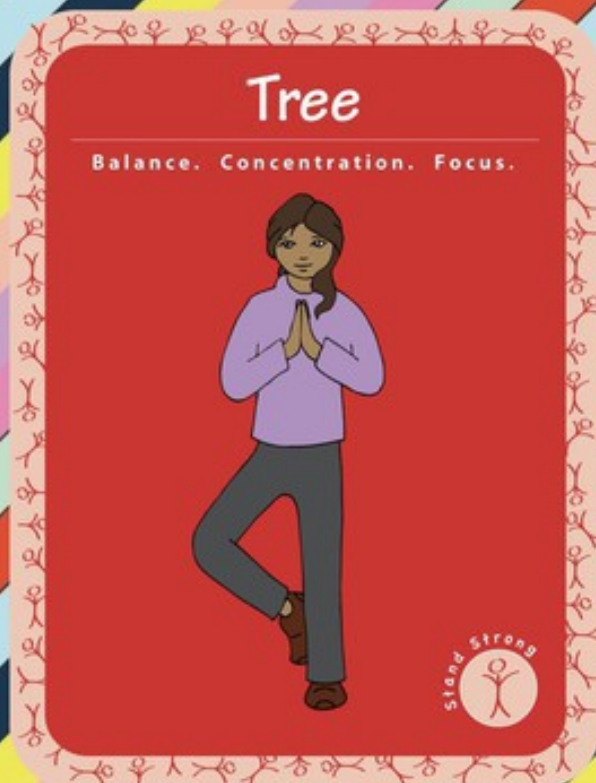
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CSA

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

We continue to practice this yoga pose for this up and coming week! This pose will allow us to increase our focus and concentration through a series of movements that highlight balance! We will practice the "Tree" pose daily during our "Virtual" Morning Announcements during this up and coming week.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

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- **Thursday, November 28th** - No School: Thanksgiving Day
- **Friday, November 29th** - No School: Thanksgiving Recess
- **Wednesday, December 4th** - Early Release Day: Student Dismissal @ 1:30 PM
- **Thursday, December 5th** - Parent / Teacher Conferences @ 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- **Friday, December 6th** - Report Card Distribution: PreK - Grade 4
- **Wednesday, December 11th** - Make-Up Picture Day: Student Portraits
- **Thursday December 12th** - Before & After School Program Last Day: Session 1
- **Monday, December 16th** - **Friday, December 20th** - Holiday Spirit Week
- **Monday, December 16th** - Kindergarten Field Trip - Acton Discovery Museum (2 Classes)
- **Tuesday, December 17th** - Kindergarten Field Trip - Acton Discovery Museum (2 Classes)
- **Thursday, December 19th** - McAvinnue's "Lions Pride" Core Value All School Celebration: December Edition @ 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM
- **Friday, December 20th** - Holiday Break Begins @ 3:30 PM

ST MATH WEEKLY PROGRESS!



Brace yourself... Our weekly ST Math update is here and as a school, we've now solved over 262,000 puzzles! McAvinnue is at 28% progress—OUTSTANDING!

The start of McAvinnue's ST Math Turkey Tournament has been incredible. Students and classrooms are engaged and moving forward toward goals. With exciting peer match-ups and puzzle talks, the Turkey Tournament fosters teamwork, collaboration, and plenty of learning through mathematical discourse. Let's keep it rolling!

This challenge is proving to be a memorable one! An update will be available during Monday's Morning Announcements.



STMath

**over 262,000
puzzles solved**



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Average Puzzle Goal Progress































































































STMath

MCAVINNUE'S ST MATH TURKEY TOURNAMENT UPDATE

McAvinnue's
ST Math
Turkey
Tournament!



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	101, 108, 310	           
	308, 109, 203	           
	304 & 202	 
	205 & 301	   
	104 & 204	           
	307 & 208	           
	309 & 103	 
	102 & 207	 
	201, 211, 303	           

McAvinnue's ST Math Turkey Tournament

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Superintendent of Schools-Lowell Public Schools- Lowell, MA
2024-2025 School Year Calendar

Monday, August 26, 2024	Staff Return to School - Staff Orientation Day
Tuesday, August 27, 2024	First Day of School - Grades 1-12
Friday, August 30, 2024	No School - Labor Day Recess
Monday, September 2, 2024 *	No School - Labor Day
Tuesday, September 3, 2024	No School - State Primary Elections
Wednesday, September 4, 2024	First Day of School - Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten
Wednesday, October 9, 2024	Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12
Monday, October 14, 2024 *	No School - Indigenous Peoples' Day
Tuesday, November 5, 2024	No School for Students - Election Day - Professional Day for Staff
Monday, November 11, 2024 *	No School - Veterans' Day Observed
Wednesday, November 27, 2024	Early Dismissal - Thanksgiving Recess
Thursday, November 28, 2024 *	No School - Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 29, 2024 *	No School - Thanksgiving Recess
Monday, December 2, 2024	Schools Re-Open
Wednesday, December 4, 2024	Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12
Friday, December 20, 2024	Winter Vacation Begins at the Close of Day
Tuesday, December 24, 2024 *	Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 25, 2024	Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 31, 2024 *	New Year's Eve
Wednesday, January 1, 2025 *	New Year's Day
Thursday, January 2, 2025	Schools Re-Open
Wednesday, January 8, 2025	Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12
Monday, January 20, 2025 *	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Wednesday, February 5, 2025	Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12
Friday, February 14, 2025	Mid-Winter Vacation Begins at the Close of School
Monday, February 17, 2025 *	President's Day [Mid-Winter Vacation: Monday, February 17 - Friday, February 21, 2025]
Monday, February 24, 2025	Monday - Schools Re-Open
Wednesday, March 5, 2025	Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12
Thursday, April 17, 2025	Spring Vacation Begins at the Close of School
Friday, April 18, 2025 *	No School - Good Friday
Monday, April 21, 2025 *	Patriot's Day - [Spring Break: Monday, April 21 - Friday, April 25, 2025]
Monday, April 28, 2025	Schools Re-Open
Wednesday, May 14, 2025	Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12
Monday, May 26, 2025 *	No School - Memorial Day
Friday, June 13, 2025	180 th School Day - Early Release for grades PreK-12 on Last Day of School
Thursday, June 19, 2025 *	Juneteenth
Monday, June 23, 2025	185 th School Day [Includes five (5) Snow Days]

Approved by the Lowell School Committee at their meeting of: 4/17/24

* Central Administration, Family Resource Center will be closed in observance of a holiday

Number of School Days Per Month			
August	3	January	21
September	19	February	15
October	22	March	21
November	17	April	16
December	15	May	21
		June	10





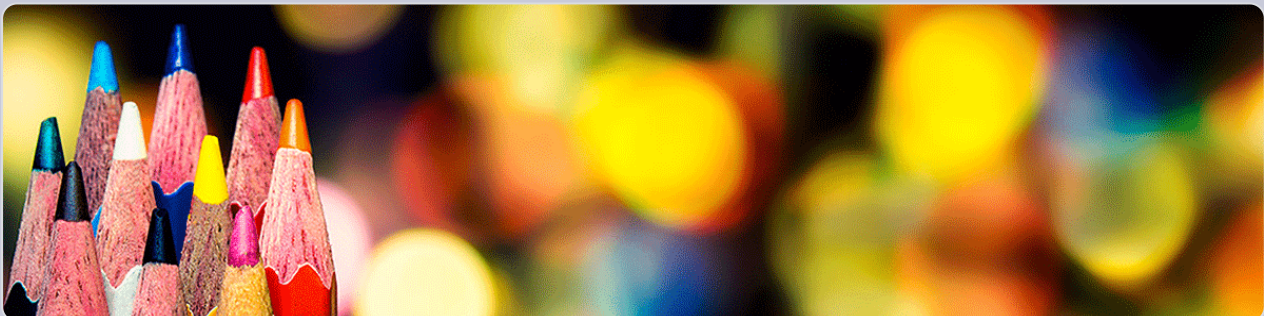
McAVINNUE'S SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL 2024-2025

McAvinnue's Site Council is a group of faculty, parents, and community stakeholders who come together to help drive the instructional focus of the McAvinnue Elementary School. We look at student data and make decisions about the school's Quality Improvement Plan and budget.



We need one additional parent to join this important group. The commitment is one, one-hour, meeting each month usually on Zoom. As we hit budget season in February-April, there will be other meetings added.

If you would like to be a part of the team, please fill out the form below. If you have questions, please reach out to Mr. Domina at mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us.



McAvinnue's School Site Council Interest Form

Please complete the information below if you are interested in joining McAvinnue's School Site Council.

McAvinnue's Site Council is a group of faculty, parents, and community stakeholders who come together to help drive the instructional focus of the McAvinnue Elementary

McAVINNUE'S MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE BACK!

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 16th!

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.

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

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

McAvinnue's Morning Announcements 11.13.2024



PARENT & FAMILY RESOURCES

Are You Needing Assistance During The Holiday?

Sun Santa and Toys for Tots are available to help families. Just click on the following two links which will bring to a quick and easy form to complete and submit. If you need help completing the

forms, please let us know!

Click below to access the Sun Santa form:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/CommunityTeamwork1/SunSantaForm>



Also, for Toys for Tots...the last day for registration is November 8th. Please use the scan code below to access the application.



Applications for Toys for Tots will be available **online only**
November 1st through November 8th 2024

Please click the link or scan the QR code below:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/CommunityTeamwork1/ToysForTots2024CTI>



You can also access the link on the Community Teamwork website:









www.commteam.org

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.

SHOULD I SEND MY CHILD TO SCHOOL?

 STAY HOME FOR...	 Students May Return after...
 Fever: temperature of 100.4°F or greater	Fever-free for 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medicine like Tylenol or Motrin
 Vomiting or Diarrhea	Symptom-free for 24 hours
 Skin Rash	Condition has been diagnosed by a doctor, and treatment started if indicated, and doctor's note received by nurse
 Red eyes with eye drainage: yellow or brown drainage from the eyes, crusting at eyelashes	Condition has been diagnosed by a doctor, and treatment started if indicated, with a doctor's note (24 hours on antibiotics if conjunctivitis)
 Live Head Lice	Medicated Lice Shampoo Treatment has been completed, and no live lice are found
 A contagious illness like chickenpox, or strep throat	A doctor or public health official says it is safe to return and/ or the child has been on antibiotics for 24 hours.
 Student's immunizations are not up-to-date and an exclusion notice has been given	Required vaccines have been received

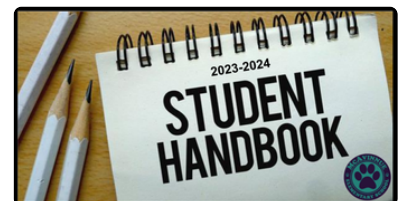


OK FOR SCHOOL!

- Chronic Diseases (Controlled Asthma, Diabetes, Sickle Cell, Epilepsy)
- Mild Cold Symptoms – Stuffy nose/ runny nose, sneezing, mild cough, no fever
 - Menstrual Issues – cramps
- Someone at home is sick, stressed, or hospitalized

Student Handbook 2024-2025

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 2024-2025 Student Handbook](#)



**Attendance
Matters**
Every student. Every day.

A vertical strip of an image showing a lit candle and a book. The candle is lit, with a bright flame. Below the candle, a book is visible, showing some text and a decorative border. The image is oriented vertically.

The McAvinnue Way



Keep count of the absences!

1	We Follow Consistent Interventions	Aug
2	We believe in a Parent Partnership	Sep
3	We have 3 School Based Incentives	Oct
4	We ask students to Honor Punctuality	Nov
		Dec
		Jan
		Feb
		Mar
		Apr
		May
		Jun


Chronic Absenteeism is missing 10 % (18 days) of school days for any reason

It can translate into students having difficulty being ready to be third-grade, as well as difficulty achieving in middle school, and graduating from high school.


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Attendance Works

English



Protocolo de Asistencia



1. Seguimos las intervenciones consistentemente
2. Trabajamos en equipo con los padres
3. Tenemos 3 incentivos de asistencia
4. Le pedimos a los estudiantes que sean puntuales

¿Sabes que la Asistencia Crónica es falta 10% 18 días de los días de escuela, no importa la causa?

Puede contribuir a que el estudiante tenga dificultad para aprender, a que pueda progresar en la escuela intermedia y para graduarse de escuela superior.


(AttendanceKiosk.com)

Llévate la cuenta de las asistencias

Aug	
Sep	
Oct	
Nov	
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Spanish

Protocolo de Assistência



- 1 Acompanhamos as intervenções de forma coerente.
- 2 Colaboramos em equipes com os profissionais.
- 3 Possuímos 3 incentivos de participação.
- 4 Substituímos aos estudantes pontualmente.

Sabia que a Assistência Crônica implica faltar 10% (10 dias) dos dias letivos, independentemente do caso?

Pode contribuir para a dificuldade do aluno em aprender a ler, progredir no ensino médio e concluir o ensino médio.

(Atendimento@w3.com.br)

Acompanhe as faltas!

Agosto
Sete
Outubro
Novembro
Dezembro
Janeiro
Fevereiro
Março
Abril
Maio
Junho
Julho

Portuguese

Breakfast and Lunch Will Be Free for All LPS Students

As we reopen for the new school year, 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



GREAT NEWS

**MASSACHUSETTS PASSES
PERMANENT FREE
SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL**

WHY EAT SCHOOL BREAKFAST + LUNCH?

Better Productivity	improved focus, behavior, & attendance rate.
Better Health	good for the brain & gives students the fuel to learn.
Better Days	one less thing to worry about & it's free!

 PROJECT BREAD 

NOVEMBER BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS

LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Breakfast MENU

November 2024 ELEMENTARY Breakfast Menu

Check out <https://lowellk12ma.nutrislice.com/> for Menu's, Nutrition Education & Monthly Promotions! Questions or concerns please contact foodservices@lowell.k12.ma.us

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.

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28 Cinnamon Roll Assorted Cereal Bowls with Graham Cracker Served with Apples & Pears	29 Mini Strawberry Filled Bagel Chocolate Chip Muffin Served with Oranges & Juice	30 Country Chicken Biscuit Assorted Cereal Bars Served with Strawberries & Clementines	31 Mini Cini Caramel Bagel HAPPY HALLOWEEN! Pumpkin Spiced Donut Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice	1 Egg and Cheese Wake Up Wrap Bagel with Cream Cheese Served with Apples & Bananas
4 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Assorted Cereal Bowl with Graham Cracker Served with Apples & Pears	5 ELECTION DAY No School ✓	6 Apple Frudel Asst. Cereal Bar Served with Strawberries & Clementines	7 Egg & Cheese English Muffin Cranberry Oatmeal Raisin Round Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice	8 Fruit Breakfast Smoothie Bagel with Cream Cheese Served with Apples & Bananas
11 VETERANS DAY No School 	12 Bacon, Egg, and Cheese Bagel Sandwich Blueberry Muffin Served with Oranges & Juice	13 Pumpkin Smoothie NEW !! Benefit Bar Served with Strawberries & Clementines	14 Sausage, Egg, and Cheese Wakeup Wrap UBR Bar Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice	15 Cinnamon Roll Bagel with Cream Cheese Served with Apples and Bananas
18 Sausage and Cheese Brkfst Pizza HOT SELLER !! Assorted Cereal Bowl with Graham Crackers Served with Apples & Pears	19 French Toast Sticks Chocolate Chip Muffin Served with Oranges & Juice	20 Sausage, Egg, and Cheese Bagel Oatmeal Choc. Betty Crocker Bar Served with Strawberries & Clementines	21 Egg & Turkey Chorizo Breakfast Nacho NEW !! Nature Valley Round Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice	22 Mixed Berry Yogurt Parfait Mini Cini Cream Cheese Bagel Served with Apples and Bananas
25 Pumpkin Breakfast Bread Assorted Cereal Bowls with Graham Cracker Served with Apples & Pears	26 Egg & Cheese Wakeup Wrap Blueberry Muffin Served with Oranges & Juice	27 Cinnamon Sugar Donut Asst. Cereal Bar Served with Apples & Clementines	28 Happy Thanksgiving! No School	29

NOVEMBER 2024 Elementary & K-8 Lunch Menu

Breakfast and Lunch are **FREE** for all students! Our menu consists of Whole Grains, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables. Students must take a fruit and/or vegetable with each lunch. All meals are served with the option of milk. Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwiches and Vegetarian Meals served daily. Menus are subject to change.
V= Vegetarian LG=Locally Grown LTO= Limited Time Offer
HOTM=Harvest of the Month

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
28 Deluxe Chicken Sandwich with our Honey Bee Sauce Hot Pretzel Dippers V Chicken Caesar Salad with Flatbread LG Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Pickled Cucumbers & Waffle Fries Apples & Pears LTO: Fall Brunch Plate 4 Hamburgers & Cheeseburgers Greek Salad with a Flatbread V LG Chicken Salad Sandwich on a Bulky Roll Tater Tots & Roasted Butternut Squash LG Apples & Pears No School Veteran's Day!	29 Arroz con Pollo Rainbow Flatbread V Chocolate Hummus Platter V Ham and Cheese Sub LG Street Corn Salad & Carrots LG Clementines & Apples No School Election Day!	30 Lok Lak Chicken Tenders with a Dinner Roll Veggie Nuggles with a Dinner Roll V Chicken Caesar Salad with Flatbread LG Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Roasted Chickpeas & Carrots LG Bananas & Berry Cup 6 Chicken Parmesan with Penne Chicken Tamales Chili Cheese Tamales V Greek Salad with a Flatbread LG Chicken Salad Sandwich on a Bulky Roll Roasted Green Beans & Carrots LG Bananas & Berry Cup 13 Tex Mex Frittata With a Warm Biscuit Bosco Cheese Sticks with Marinara Sauce V Kale Chicken Caesar Salad LG Ham and Cheese Sandwich Corn & Carrots LG Bananas & Berry Cup 20 Waffles with Chicken Sausage or Vegetarian Sausage V Loaded Baked Potato with a Roll Asian Chicken Salad with Flatbread LG Tuna Salad Sandwich Cucumbers & Carrots LG Bananas & Berry Cups 27 	31 Happy Halloween!! Chili Garlic Popcorn Chicken Lo Mein Pizza Crunchers V Chocolate Hummus Platter V Ham and Cheese Sub LG Celery Sticks & Kale Caesar Salad LG Blood Oranges & Fresh Fruit Cup 7 General Tso Popcorn Chicken with Fried Rice Chicken Tenders with a Dinner Roll Veggie Nuggles with a Dinner Roll V Yogurt & Fruit Power Pack V Greek Chicken Wrap LG Broccoli & Carrots LG Pears & Fresh Fruit Cup 14 Wally's Boomin' Nachos Wally's Boomin' Bean Nachos V Fish and Chips with Coleslaw and A Dinner Roll Pizza Platter Chicken Caesar Wrap LG Green Beans & Carrots LG Pears & Fresh Fruit Cup 21 Lowell Grande Nachos Chipotle Cherry Bean Nachos V Crispy Chicken Sandwich Pretzel Platter V Turkey BLT Sub LG Roasted Veggies & Green Beans Pears & Fresh Fruit Cup 28 No School Happy Thanksgiving	1 Cheese Pizza V Hawaiian Pizza Chicken Caesar Salad with Flatbread LG Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Red Pepper Strips & Side Salad LG Apples & Bananas 8 Cheese Pizza V Street Corn Chorizo Pizza Greek Salad with a Flatbread LG Chicken Salad Sandwich on a Bulky Roll Red Pepper Strips & Side Salad LG Apples & Bananas 15 Cheese Pizza V HOTM: Green Monster Pizza Kale Chicken Caesar Salad with Flatbread LG Ham & Cheese Sandwich Red Pepper Strips & Side Salad LG Apples & Bananas 22 Cheese Pizza V Buffalo Chicken Pizza Asian Chicken Salad with Flatbread LG Tuna Salad Sandwich Red Pepper Strips & Roasted Chickpeas Apples & Bananas 29

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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 30% off deal occuring 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

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 Recreation Basketball Registration Information

Check out the registration information for Lowell Recreation Basketball! There are teams for both girls and boys...and all games are in Lowell!



Registration is now open for Girls Lacrosse for Spring 2025 for girls in grades K-8 (new K program this year!).

The season will run from the middle of February to June!

LGL Registration is OPEN for Spring 2025!

LGL Littles (new Kindergarten program for 2025)

Grades 1/2

Grades 3/4

Grades 5/6

Grades 7/8

Season runs mid-February through beginning of June

Register online @ lowellgirlslacrosse.com

Learn more about our programs on LGL's Teams and FAQs pages!

✉ Questions, please email lowellgirlsyouthlacrosse@gmail.com



Lowell Youth Boys Lacrosse Registration Now Open!

Lowell Youth Lacrosse Spring 2025 registration is now open for boys in grades 1-8. To register:

<https://lowellyouthlax.com>

Practice session begin in March with game play occurring on Sundays.

Financial aid is available if needed.

LOWELL YOUTH LACROSSE SPRING 2025 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

UNTIL FEBRUARY 22, 2025

FIRST TIME PLAYERS WELCOME
BOYS GRADES 1-8

FINANCIAL AID
AVAILABLE

PRACTICES BEGIN IN MARCH
GAMES ARE ON SUNDAYS



INQUIRE ABOUT OUR
LEARN TO PLAY
PROGRAM



REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

www.lowellyouthlax.com



lowellyouthlacrosse@yahoo.com

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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

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



Cub Scout Pack 7 is a Family Pack for both girls and boys
in kindergarten through fifth grades



In partnership with FEMA—Cub Scouting is offering fun and play filled 'Be Prepared' emergency preparedness programming for youth. Kids will have a great time and learn to Be Prepared via camping, group hiking, learning to use basic tools, archery, developing communication skills and lots of playing.



Visit www.Pack7Lowell.com to find about our next open house or to visit one of our weekly den meetings and learn about the year-long programming.

Meeting Location — St. Rita Hall
(158 Mammoth Rd., Lowell)

www.Pack7Lowell.com

join@pack7lowell.com



Be A Girl Scout

Interested in joining the Girl Scouts Of America? Check out the information below for an event on Tuesday, September 17th at 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM at the Pollard Library in Lowell.

To sign up for Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts, please use the link below.

gsema.org/jion





**Your Year of
Adventure**

- ✓ Hike to the highest point in your town.
- ✓ Learn a new outdoor skill.
- ✓ Take on challenges with confidence.

Each day as a Girl Scout brings thrills and out-of-this-world experiences. Don't miss your chance to make new friends and be part of a journey you'll never forget! Find your squad and get ready for amazing adventures.

Be a Girl Scout
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girl scouts
of eastern
massachusetts

**Start your Girl Scout
journey in Lowell
at our FREE Try
Girl Scouts event!**

**Tuesday, September 16
6 - 7 PM**
Pollard Memorial Library
401 Merrimack Road
Lowell

*Bring your grown-up(s) along.
Scan code to RSVP or visit
www.gsema.org/eventsup2*



Fall Playgroup Opportunities

The Lowell Public Schools' Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Program holds weekly playgroups for children under 5-years-old and their families.

You can access the registration form below.

[Click Here To Register](#)

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Starting September 17, 2024 FALL PLAYGROUPS



Lowell Public Schools' CFCE program provides weekly playgroups for young children under the age of five and their families! Sing songs, read books, engage in activities and share ideas with peers. Join the fun and invite your friends! Click on the link above to register.

Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Sept. 17 - Dec. 10 10am-11am	Sept. 18 - Dec. 11 10am-11am	Sept. 19 - Dec. 12 10am-11am	Sept. 20 - Dec. 13 10am-11am
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For questions call 978-967-6784

Visit the Lowell Public Schools calendar and Early
Childhood homepage for more information
www.lowell.k12.ma.us

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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, 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 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> or email FLI Director Zoe Dzineku at zdzineku@lowell.k12.ma.us.

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.



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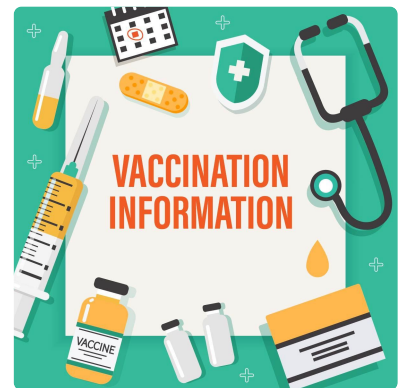


Community Vaccination Information

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.

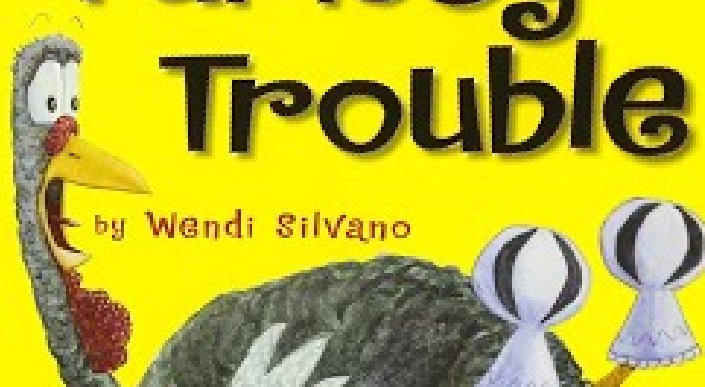


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MCAVINNUE'S FAMILY READ-A-LOUD: "TURKEY TROUBLE"

Turkey Trouble by Wendy Silvano and Lee Harper | A Thanksgiving Read Aloud





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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Website: <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Domain/21>

Location: 131 Mammoth Road, Lowell, MA, USA

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