

# The Lion's Roar

McAvinnue's Community Newsletter: Week Of November 25th

#### MCAVINNUE'S PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello McAvinnue Community!

I hope that everyone is doing well and gearing up for the Thanksgiving Break starting on Thursday, November 28th! This is a tremendously busy time of the year for everyone. While this can be exciting and fun time for everyone, it can also be an exhausting. Please be sure to take care of yourself and try to make time to relax and recover over the next month or so.



We have a super short week that consist of only 2 1/2 has of school. 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.

Thanksgiving is such an important holiday for many families. However, the basic origin and meaning can often be forgotten. Here are a few key facts and details about Thanksgiving and how everything got started many years ago. Also, I have included a short video that you can watch with your child.

#### What is Thanksgiving?

• Thanksgiving is an annual national holiday in the United States and Canada that celebrates the blessings of the past year.

#### **How did Thanksgiving start?**

 Colonists in New England and Canada regularly observed "thanksgivings," days of prayer for such blessings as safe journeys, military victories, or abundant harvests. Americans model their holiday on a 1621 harvest feast shared between the <u>Wampanoag people</u> and the English colonists known as <u>Pilgrims</u>. Canadians trace their earliest thanksgiving celebration to 1578, when an expedition led by <u>Martin Frobisher</u> gave thanks for its safe passage.

#### When is Thanksgiving?

• In the United States, Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November, as specified in a joint resolution passed by Congress in 1941 and a proclamation issued by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1942. Since 1957, Thanksgiving Day has been celebrated in Canada on the second Monday in October.

Have a great Thanksgiving Break with family and friends...and we look forward to catching up with everyone on Monday, December 2nd at 9:10 AM.

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 25th McAvinnue Reopens @ 9:10 AM
- <u>Tuesday, November 26th</u> 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
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- 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 <a href="mailto:mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us">mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us</a>.



### Early Student Dismissal - Wednesday, November 27th



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

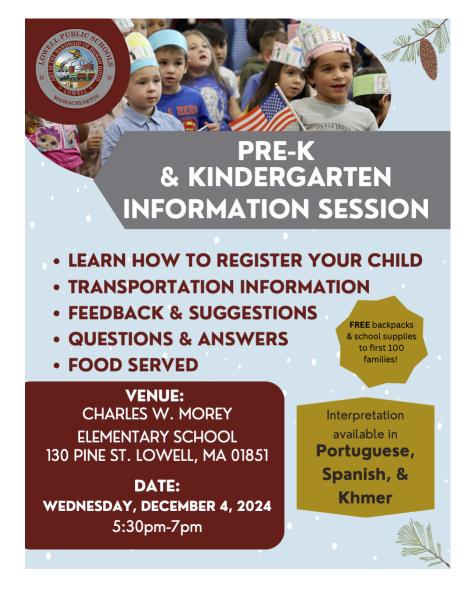


All Lowell Public Schools will be closed on <u>Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th</u> as part of the Thanksgiving Break.

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** 



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 <a href="Wednesday, December 4th">Wednesday</a>, <a href="December 4th">December 4th</a>, at 5:30 PM at the Morey <a href="Elementary School located at 130 Pine Street">Elementary School located at 130 Pine Street</a>.

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.







**Portuguese Flyer** 



**Khmer Flyer** 

## McAvinnue's Week In Review



# McAvinnue's "Artist of the Week"

McAvinnue's "Artist of the Week" is Heloise from Room 304! She used concentric rings of different blue values to create the night sky. She showed incredible craftsmanship painting the cat and tree silhouettes. Excellent artwork Heloise!



#### **Room 205 Working Hard!**

Not blurting out can be a hard thing for some students...not for the Kindergarten students in Room 205! They have been working hard on raising their hands and earned a cool treat for all of the hard work on this goal!



# Turkey Trouble In Room 208!

Kindergarten students in Room 208 read the great story "Turkey Trouble" this past week! They had a chance to "disguise" their turkey to avoid becoming a Thanksgiving meal. Check out the super creative disguises!



# McAvinnue's "Musician of the Week"

McAvinnue's "Musician of the Week "is Benicio in Room 207! Benicio does a great job listening to directions, and has learned to identify High sounds and Low sounds. He can also play egg shakers to the beat of a song. Keep up the good work!



#### **Coffee Filter Art Fun!**

Grade 2 & 4 students have a blast painting with coffee filters in Art class this week!



#### New McAvinnue Swag!

What happens when you need to get a new school ID for this school year? You get a cool McAvinnue t-shirt and lanyard to go along with your new school ID!

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 <a href="mailto:dralls@lowell.k12.ma.us">dralls@lowell.k12.ma.us</a> and she can also be reached by calling (978) 937-2871 ex. 47858. Our fax number is (978) 937-2880.

School NURSE

**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 <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.

Bus Pass Lookup Tutorial

# Tyler's Versatrans e-Link Welcome to Lowell Public Schools eLink User Name= lunch code tyler 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.

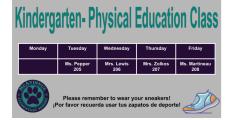
Check it out today: <a href="https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/5990">https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/5990</a>

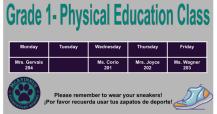


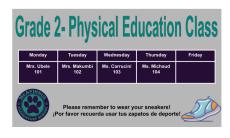
# Physical Education Class Information With Ms. Rindo

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.



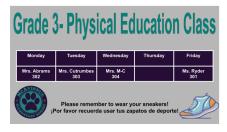


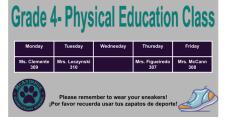


Kindergarten

Grade 1

Grade 2







**Grade 3** 

**Grade 4** 

**CSA** 

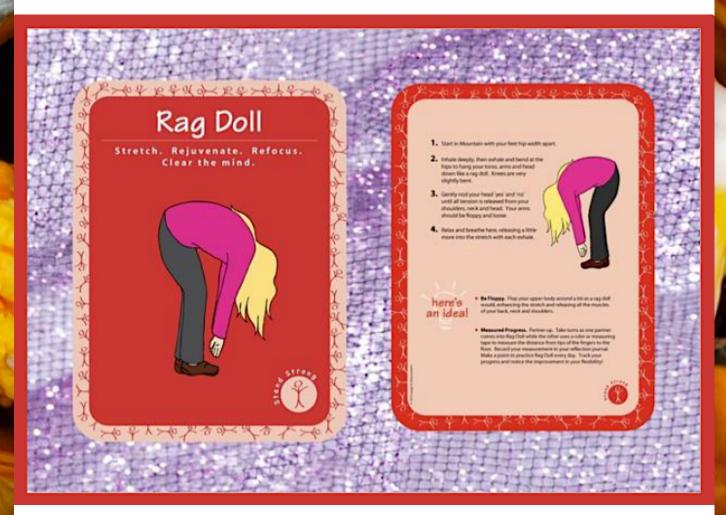
#### McAvinnue's Yoga Pose Of The Week: "Rag Doll"

We will practice the new pose this week called the "Rag Doll"! This pose will allow us to work on getting a good stretch that will rejuvenate, refocus, and clear our minds to have the best day

possible! We will practice the "Rag Doll" 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 in the month of November December:

- Monday, November 25th McAvinnue Reopens @ 9:10 AM
- <u>Tuesday, November 26th</u> 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
- 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)
- <u>Tuesday, December 17th</u> Kindergarten Field Trip Acton Discovery Museum (2 Classes)
- <u>Thursday, December 19th</u> 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

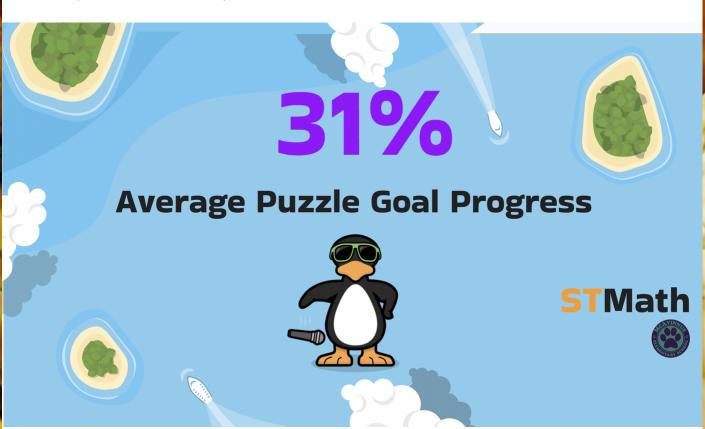
ST Math Weekly Progress!



We are thrilled to share that our students have made incredible strides in ST Math! We're currently at 31% puzzle goal progress and it's clear that the efforts across classrooms are strong.

Over 295,000 puzzles have been solved. Yes, you read that correctly! Let's keep up the momentum as we work toward even more milestones. Thank you for all your hard work and support!

A special shoutout to everyone during our Turkey Tournament! You are coordinating multiple opportunities for students to share their thinking! It's the pumpkin pie finish to our challenge... two more days to earn those turkeys!





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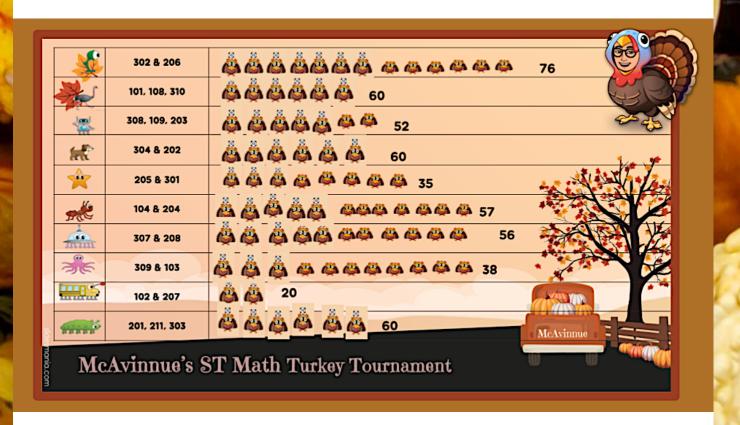






McAvinnue's ST Math Turkey Tournament Update





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	180th School Day - Early Release for grades PreK-12 on Last Day of School		
Thursday, June 19, 2025 *	Juneteenth		
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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 Sch	ool 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





2024-2025 LPSD Calendar.pdf

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# 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 <a href="mailto:mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us">mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us</a>.



# 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 Flementary

## 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/UC7hxiBuRjqjqfASI\_RLMleQ

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



# Parent & Family Resources

#### **LPD Office Of Student Support Newsletter**

Here is the November Edition of the LPD Office of Student Support Newsletter. There is some helpful information from various departments for your consideration.



https://secure.smore.com/n/env31

Reach out directly if you have any questions.

#### 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!



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



Also, for Toys for Tots...the ast 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?

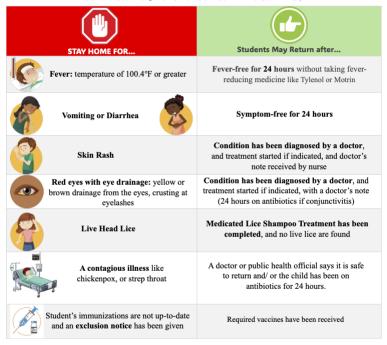
Please see the chart below that will help you decide whether you should send your child to school.

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?





#### 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

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 our 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 Booket below that will provide additional information. This booket 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 three languages below.







**English** 

**English** 

**English** 







**Spanish** 

**Spanish** 

**Spanish** 







**Portuguese** 

**Portuguese** 

**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 <u>LPS Food and Nutrition website</u>.

Any concerns please feel free to email <a href="mailto:foodservice@lowell.k12.ma.us">foodservice@lowell.k12.ma.us</a>



### November Breakfast & Lunch Menus







#### November Lunch Menu - Elementary.pdf

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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 <a href="https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/HomelessAssistance">https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/HomelessAssistance</a>.

#### 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 <a href="https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolRegistration">https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolRegistration</a>. 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 <a href="https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolRegistration">https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolRegistration</a>. 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.

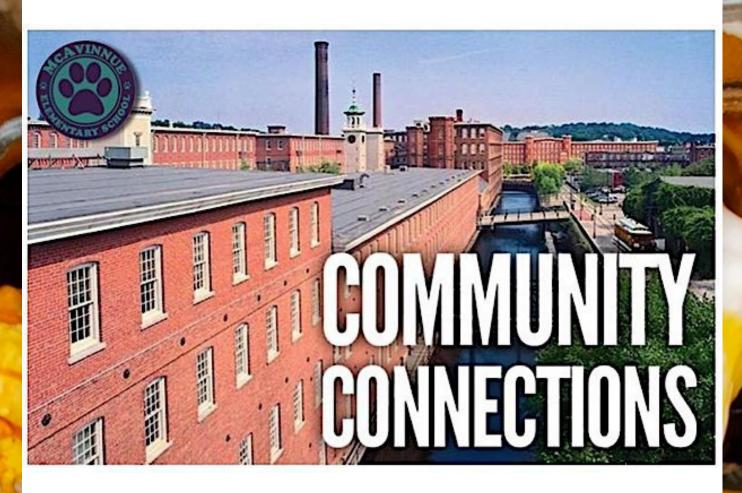
#### How old does my child need to be to enroll in preschool or kindergarten?

 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 <a href="https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/PreschoolRegistration">https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/PreschoolRegistration</a> to fill out an online application or <a href="https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/KindergartenRegistration">https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/KindergartenRegistration</a> 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 <a href="https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolTransfer">https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolTransfer</a> or can come to the Family Resource Center in-person to complete the application. Transfers are assigned on a space availability basis.

# **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!



IND US ON THE SOCIALS:





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#### **Girls Lacrosse Registration Now Open!**

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

To register: www.lowellgirlslacrosse.com

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 occuring on Sundays.

Financial aid is available if needed.



#### **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 <a href="https://www.pack7lowell.com">www.pack7lowell.com</a>

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





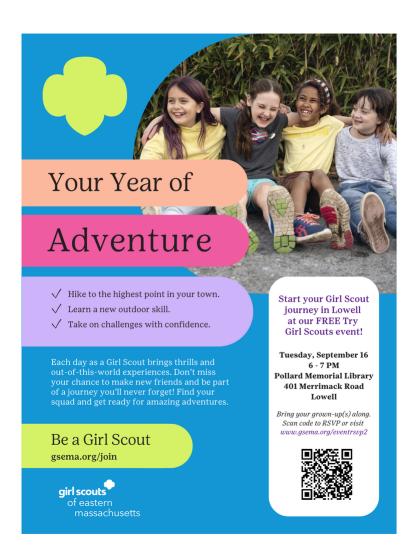
#### **Be A Girl Scout**

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.



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#### **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.

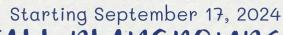
You can access the registration form below.

**Click Here To Register** 









# 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
Location #1: YMCA, 35 YMCA Dr. Language Support: English	Location #1: IINE, 101 Jackson St, Suite 2 Language Support: Spanish	Location: YMCA, 35 YMCA Dr. Language Support: English	Location #1: Pollard Memorial Library, 401 Merrimack St. Language Support: Spanish
Location #2: Lowell Housing Authority, 580 Chelmsford St Language Support: Khmer	Location #2: St. Rita's 158 Mammoth Rd Language Support: Khmer		Location #2: St. Rita's 158 Mammoth Rd Language Support: Spanish

For questions call 978-967-6784 Visit the Lowell Public Schools calendar and Early Childhood homepage for more information www.lowell.k12.ma.us

Lowell Public Schools (LPS) CFCE program is funded by the nated Family & Community Engagement grant awarded to the LPS by the Department of Early Education and Care.













#### **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, <a href="mailto:kshannon@commteam.org">kshannon@commteam.org</a>
  - 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



#### 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: <a href="https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/5263">https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/5263</a> or email FLI Director Zoe Dzineku at <a href="mailto:zdzineku@lowell.k12.ma.us">zdzineku@lowell.k12.ma.us</a>.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us">adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us</a>.





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#### **Community Vaccination Information**

Click the link below to see a comprensive 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.

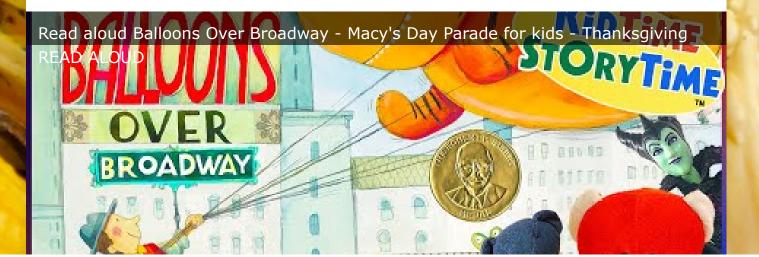


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McAvinnue's Family Read-A-Loud: "Balloons Over Broadway"





#### 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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Location: 131 Mammoth Road, Lowell, MA, USA

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