



# The Lion's Roar

Weekly Community Newsletter: Week Of December 16th



MCAVINNUE'S PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello McAvinnue Community!

I can't believe that we only have 5 full days of school remaining until we are off for the Holiday Break! Our students continue to work really hard to wrap up 2024...and they are very eager to launch into 2025! We are attempting to integrate as many fun and engaging opportunities for all of our students in all of our classes.



We will host another school spirit opportunity this upcoming week...McAvinnue's "Holiday Spirit Week"! This super fun week will start with "Warm & Cozy Pajama Day" on Monday, December 16th. All you need to do is wear your favorite pajamas to school...holiday theme, cartoons, super heroes...anything goes for this one! You can find all of the other details to McAvinnue's "Holiday Spirit Week" below. Let's show everyone why we have the best school spirit in Lowell! This is going to be an awesome week as we launch into the Holiday Break!

Also, we will end the week with a super exciting and fun opportunity for our students with McAvinnue's Grinch Day on Friday, December 20th! We will have a school wide themed "Grinch Day" for all classrooms. On this day, everyone can wear green, choose to wear something Grinch themed, or even dress like one of the characters featured in the story! Teachers will read the story, watch the movie, and celebrate how they see fit with some fun and engaging "Grinch" activities!

Finally, we will have our annual Holiday/Grinch themed "Minute-To-Win It" All School Meeting at the end of the day 2:15 PM - 3:15 PM where faculty will battle against each other in team activities/challenges! We have previously done this and our teachers truly enjoy some competitive fun while our students cheer them on! This is such an amazing way to end 2024!

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

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

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, December 16th - McAvinnue Reopens @ 9:10 AM**
- **Monday, December 16th - Friday, December 20th - McAvinnue's "Holiday Spirit Week"**
- **Tuesday, December 17th - Kindergarten Field Trip - Acton Discovery Museum (Room 206 & 208)**
- **Wednesday, December 18th - Kindergarten Field Trip - Acton Discovery Museum (Room 205 & 207)**
- **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**

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

# McAvinnue's "Holiday Spirit Week"



## McAvinnue Elementary School "Holiday Spirit Week"



It's that time of the year again...the time that we show everyone how much school spirit that we have! McAvinnue's "Holiday Spirit Week" will occur starting on Monday, December 16th. Check out the themes for each day of the week below. Have some fun with this...and let's show Lowell that we are the "best school that we all know"!

<b>Monday</b> Dec. 16th  "Warm And Cozy Pajama Day"	<b>Tuesday</b> Dec. 17th  "Candy Cane Day"	<b>Wednesday</b> Dec. 18th  "Festive Sock Day"	<b>Thursday</b> Dec. 19th  "Holiday Bling Day"	<b>Friday</b> Dec. 20th  "Grinch Day"
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Back by popular demand...McAvinnue's "Holiday Spirit Week" is returning! We will head into the Holiday Break having some fun while showing our school spirit and McAvinnue Pride! Mark your calendars for Monday, December 16th - Friday, December 20th!

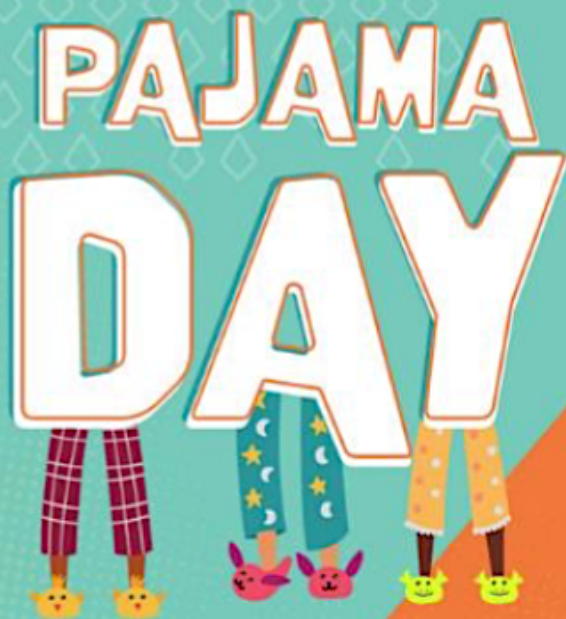
Here is a breakdown of how each day of McAvinnue's "Holiday Spirit Week" will go:

- Monday, December 16th: "Warm & Cozy PJ Day" - Wear your most comfortable pajamas to school!
- Tuesday, December 17th: "Candy Cane Day" - Wear anything red and white to school!
- Wednesday, December 18th: "Festive Holiday Sock Day" - It's time to break out your favorite holiday socks and show them off!
- Thursday, December 19th: "Holiday Bling Day" - Wear your favorite holiday gear to school...hats, socks, sweaters, pants...anything goes as long as it has a holiday theme!
- Friday, December 20th: "Grinch Day" - Do you have Grinch gear? Wear it on this day...or dress as your favorite Grinch character...or simply wear green to school!

Let's show everyone why we have the best school spirit in Lowell! This is going to be an awesome week as we launch into the Holiday Break!



WARM & COZY



**MONDAY  
DECEMBER 16TH**

**WEAR YOUR FAVORITE &  
MOST COMFORTABLE  
PAJAMAS TO SCHOOL!**

**#MCAVINNUEPRIDE**



**TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 17TH**

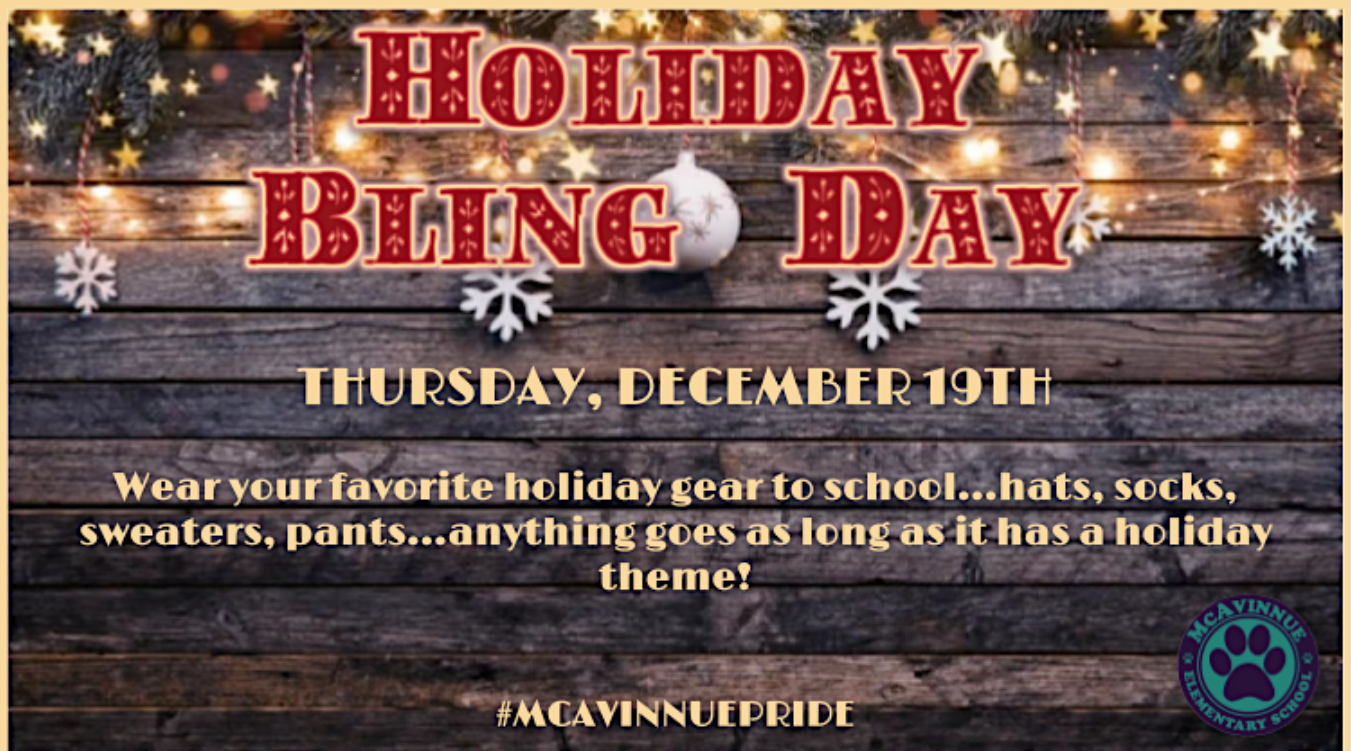
**Candy  
Cane  
DAY**

**WEAR RED & WHITE TO  
SCHOOL ON THIS DAY!**



**#MCAVINNUEPRIDE**





# GRINCH DAY



**FRIDAY**



**DECEMBER  
20TH**

**DO YOU HAVE GRINCH GEAR? WEAR IT ON THIS  
DAY...OR DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE GRINCH  
CHARACTER...OR SIMPLY WEAR GREEN TO SCHOOL**

**#MCAVINNUEPRIDE**

## **Holiday Break - No School**

McAvinnue Elementary School

# **“Holiday Break”**



## **No School**

**Monday, December 23rd – Wednesday, January 1st**

**#McAvinnuePride**

McAvinnue will be closed on Monday, December 23rd - Wednesday, January 1st due to the district-wide "Holiday Break". We will open our doors again in the new year on Thursday, January 2nd at 9:10 AM.

Enjoy the time with family and friends celebrating moments that are the most important to you! We will look forward to continuing to offer positive learning experiences for our students in 2025!

## Before & After School Program Registration: Session 2

### McAvinnue's Before & After School Program Session 2

**Begins On January 6th And Will Run Through March 20th. Limited Spots Available For Each Program.**

- **Before School Program: Monday - Thursday @ 8:00 AM - 9:10 AM (Grades 1 - 4)**
- **After School Program: Grades 1 & 2 - Tuesday @ 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM; Grades 3 & 4 - Thursday @ 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM**



Session 2 for McAvinnue's "Before & After School Programs" begins on January 6th and will run through March 20th. There are limited spots available for each program. Both programs continue to be FREE of charge for all students!

Here are the details for each program which will be the same as Session 1:

- Before School Program: Monday - Thursday @ 8:00 AM - 9:10 AM (Grades 1 - 4)
- After School Program: Grades 1 & 2 - Tuesday @ 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM; Grades 3 & 4 - Thursday @ 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

To register for the programs, please use the link below:

<https://forms.gle/fHNWfR9TXdtVWy1m6>

**STUDENTS WILL NEED TO REGISTER FOR THE NEW SESSION. THERE ARE NO CARRY OVER SPOTS FROM SESSION 1 TO SESSION 2.**

Please reach out to Mrs. Gervais at [mgervais@lowell.jk12.ma.us](mailto:mgervais@lowell.jk12.ma.us) if you have any questions.

## McAvinnue's Week In Review



### McAvinnue's "Musician Of The Week"

McAvinnue's "Musician Of The Week" is Janiahlynn in Room 201! Janiahlynn has been learning to read different music notes, and using body percussion to show fast and slow beats. She shows her class how to be a great listener and a hard worker! Great job!



### Scratch Art Fun!

Check out this super cool "Scratch Art" completed during Art class with Mrs. Pike!



### McAvinnue's "Artist of the Week"

McAvinnue's "Artist of the Week" is Ben in Room 303! He did an awesome job creating a balanced drawing of some winter candies! He even included layering to show depth of space! Can't wait to see it with color and value next week!





## McAvinnue's ST Math "Turkey Tournament Winners!"

The BIG winners from McAvinnue's ST Math "Turkey Tournament" were celebrated this past week with "JiJi's Donut Party"!

Students from Rooms 101, 108, and 310 had a chance to enjoy some amazing donuts with JiJi! Everyone was super excited to start off the day with a delicious treat!

Congrats to all of the students and keep up the awesome efforts!

## 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.



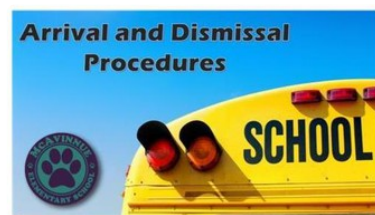
Please reach out as soon as possible to get her the necessary paperwork and to arrange drop off of new medications. Nurse Danielle's email address is [dralls@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:dralls@lowell.k12.ma.us) and she can also be reached by calling (978) 937-2871 ex. 47858. Our fax number is (978) 937-2880.

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## 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: 123456

Password: 08312009

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	Mrs. 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


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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	


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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


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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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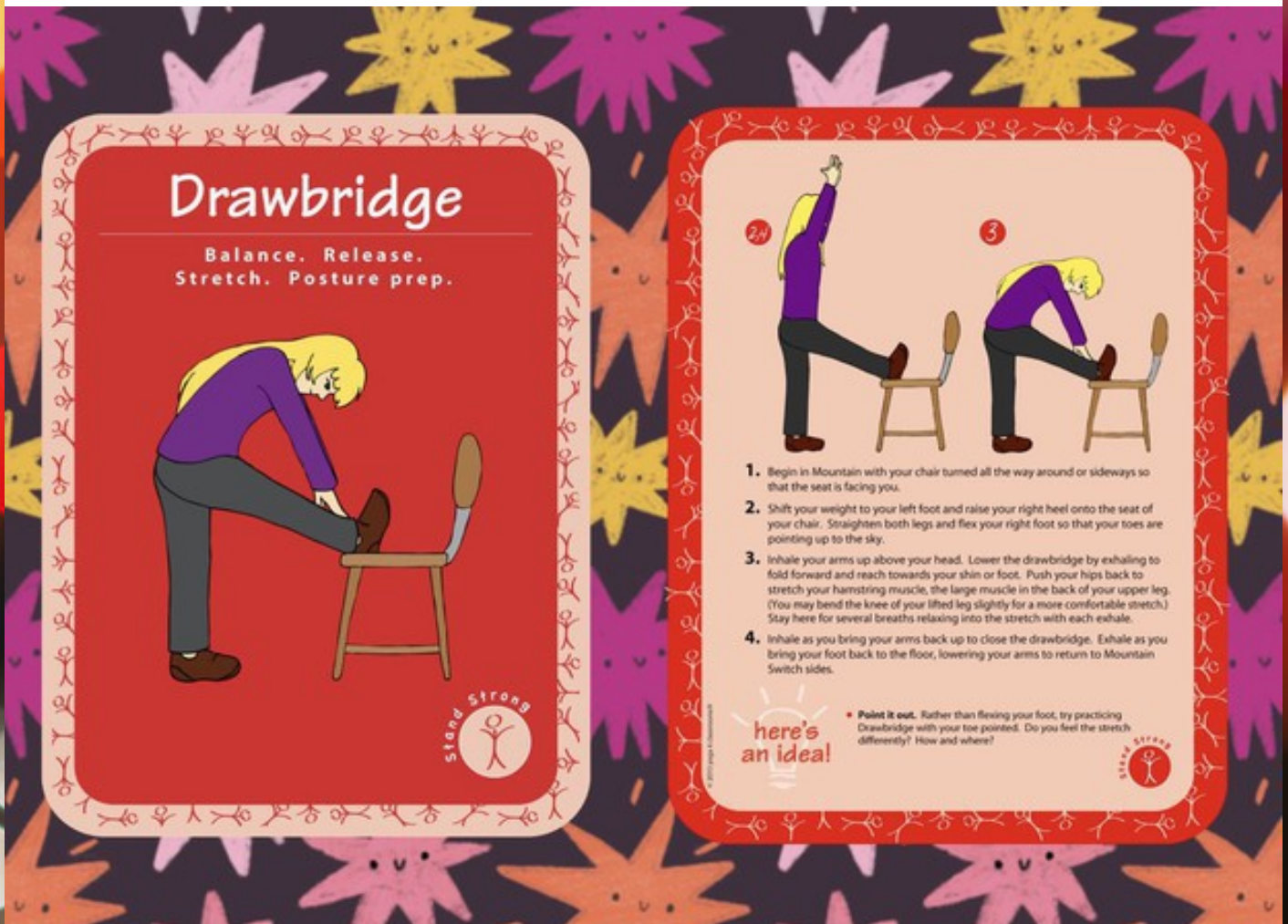
### CSA

## McAvinnue's Yoga Pose Of The Week: "Drawbridge"

We will practice a new pose to end the final school week of 2024 called the "Drawbridge"! This pose will allow us to work on our balance while getting a good stretch that will release tension and practice proper posture. We will practice the "Drawbridge" 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 December:

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- Friday, December 20th - Holiday Break Begins @ 3:30 PM
- Monday, December 23rd - Wednesday, January 1st - "Holiday Break" - All Schools Closed
- Wednesday, December 25th - Christmas Day
- Wednesday, January 1st - New Years Day
- Thursday, January 2nd - McAvinnue Reopens @ 9:10 AM
- Monday, January 6th - McAvinnue's "Core Value Booster Day"

## ST Math Weekly Progress!

We are 5 school days away from finishing out our ST Math puzzles of 2024... absolutely incredible ST Math progress!

- Total Puzzles Solved: Over 360,000 puzzles completed in 4 months!
- Progress: We're now at 39% completion toward our puzzle goals!
- Next Challenge: ST Math's "Winter Waddle" energy will start to flow in January. Stay tuned.
- Celebrate: Help our McAvinnue Lions celebrate the route to 100%! Four students are approaching this milestone.



Let's finish 2024 with a bang...and close out the first half of the school year completing as many puzzles as possible!



**STMath**

over **360,000**  
puzzles solved



**39%**

**Average Puzzle Goal Progress**



**STMath**





**Let's cheer them on!**

These McAvinnue Lions  
are approaching 100% progress.

108 Noah Winn  
202 Gael De La Cruz  
102 Yuva Patel  
302 Alianna Torres

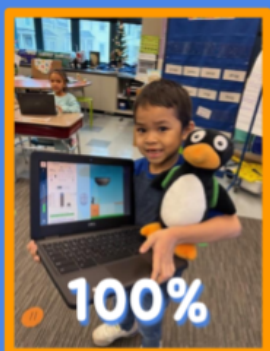


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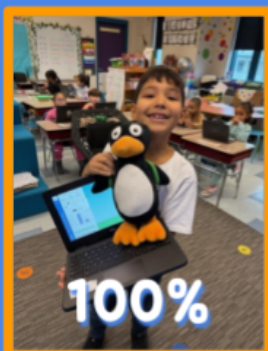
## New ST Math Progress Champions



## McAvinnue's ST Math Progress Champions



**Kimlouen  
Room 202**



**Arthur  
Room 202**



**Benjamin  
Room 202**





# McAvinnue's ST Math Progress Champions



**Natalia**  
**Room 204**



**Helena**  
**Room 204**



**Seidon**  
**Room 302**

## 2024-2025 School Year Calendar

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

<b>Monday, August 26, 2024</b>	<b>Staff Return to School - Staff Orientation Day</b>
Tuesday, August 27, 2024	First Day of School - Grades 1-12
<b>Friday, August 30, 2024</b>	<b>No School Labor Day Recess</b>
<b>Monday, September 2, 2024 *</b>	<b>No School - Labor Day</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 3, 2024</b>	<b>No School - State Primary Elections</b>
<b>Wednesday, September 4, 2024</b>	<b>First Day of School - Pre-Kindergarten &amp; Kindergarten</b>
Wednesday, October 9, 2024	<b>Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12</b>
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
<b>Wednesday, November 27, 2024</b>	<b>Early Dismissal - Thanksgiving Recess</b>
Thursday, November 28, 2024 *	No School - Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 29, 2024 *	No School - Thanksgiving Recess
Monday, December 2, 2024	Schools Re-Open
<b>Wednesday, December 4, 2024</b>	<b>Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12</b>
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
<b>Wednesday, January 8, 2025</b>	<b>Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12</b>
Monday, January 20, 2025 *	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
<b>Wednesday, February 5, 2025</b>	<b>Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12</b>
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
<b>Wednesday, March 5, 2025</b>	<b>Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12</b>
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
<b>Wednesday, May 14, 2025</b>	<b>Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12</b>
Monday, May 26, 2025 *	No School - Memorial Day
Friday, June 13, 2025	<b>180<sup>th</sup> School Day - Early Release for grades PreK-12 on Last Day of School</b>
Thursday, June 19, 2025 *	Juneteenth
Monday, June 23, 2025	185 <sup>th</sup> 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





2024-2025 LPSD Calendar.pdf

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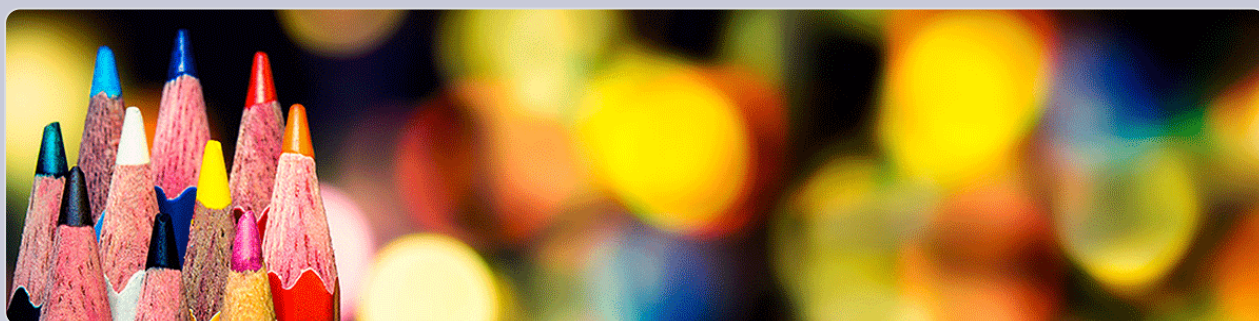
## McAvinnue's School Site Council 2024-2025

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 [mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto: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/UC7hxiBuRjqjgqfASI\\_RLMleQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7hxiBuRjqjgqfASI_RLMleQ)

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

McAvinnue's Morning Announcements 12.13.2024



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## 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 1<sup>st</sup> through November 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.commteam.org)










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## 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?

 <b>STAY HOME FOR...</b>	 <b>Students May Return after...</b>
 <b>Fever:</b> temperature of 100.4°F or greater	<b>Fever-free for 24 hours</b> without taking fever-reducing medicine like Tylenol or Motrin
 <b>Vomiting or Diarrhea</b>	<b>Symptom-free for 24 hours</b>
 <b>Skin Rash</b>	<b>Condition has been diagnosed by a doctor,</b> and treatment started if indicated, and doctor's note received by nurse
 <b>Red eyes with eye drainage:</b> yellow or brown drainage from the eyes, crusting at eyelashes	<b>Condition has been diagnosed by a doctor,</b> and treatment started if indicated, with a doctor's note (24 hours on antibiotics if conjunctivitis)
 <b>Live Head Lice</b>	<b>Medicated Lice Shampoo Treatment has been completed,</b> and no live lice are found
 <b>A contagious illness</b> 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 <b>exclusion notice</b> has been given	Required vaccines have been received

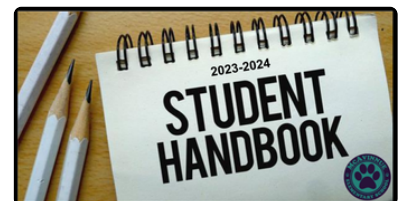


#### OK FOR SCHOOL!

- 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](#)

## 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 three languages below.

**4 Honor Punctuality**

Even a 5 to 10 minute tardy is very disruptive to the classroom. Late arrivals interrupt morning routines and the overall flow of the day. Being on time shows respect for the classroom teacher.

It is important that all students develop and demonstrate a sense of responsibility with regard to their school schedule. This will help them throughout their life and in the workplace when they become adults and want to pursue and fulfill their hopes and dreams.

**What to do when you are late:**

- 1. Apologize to the teacher.
- 2. Explain the reason for being late.
- 3. Ask for help if needed.

**What NOT to do when you are late:**

- 1. Do not walk into the classroom without permission.
- 2. Do not disrupt the class.
- 3. Do not make excuses.

There's a goal! There's more!

**2 Parent Partnership**

An important part of becoming more responsible is working together to have students develop responsible attitudes that last for their entire lives.

**FOR AN AGENCY TO BE CONSIDERED SUCCESSFUL, IT MUST BE DUE TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS:**

- 1. The student is not attending school.
- 2. The student is not attending school on time.
- 3. The student is not attending school on the days they are supposed to attend.

**EXCUSED ABSENCE - IF YOU DON'T PROVIDE A PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE, YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE WILL BE CONSIDERED UNEXCUSED.**

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**The McAvinnue Way**

- 1 We follow consistent interventions
- 2 We believe in a Parent Partnership
- 3 We have 3 School-Based Incentives
- 4 We ask students to Honor Punctuality

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

It can translate into students having difficulty learning to read by the third grade, as well as difficulty achieving in middle school, and graduating from high school.

(AttendanceWorks.com)

Let us show you!

Keep count of the absences!
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English

**4 Ser Puntuales**

Incluso un retraso de 5 a 10 minutos es perjudicial para el salón de clases. Los llegados tardíos interrumpen las rutinas matutinas y el flujo general del día. Además, llegar a tiempo demuestra respeto por el maestro y el salón de clases.

Es importante que todos los estudiantes desarrollen un sentido de responsabilidad con respecto a su horario escolar. Esto les ayudará a lo largo de su vida y en el mundo laboral cuando sean adultos y quieran alcanzar sus sueños.

**¿Cuándo llegar a un salón de clase?**

- 1. Disculparse con el maestro.
- 2. Explicar la razón por la que llegó tarde.
- 3. Pedir ayuda si es necesario.

**¿Cuándo NO llegar a un salón de clase?**

- 1. No caminar sin permiso al salón de clase.
- 2. No interrumpir la clase.
- 3. No hacer excusas.

¡Esto es Todo Amigos! ¡Hay más!

**2 Intervenciones Consistentes**

Una parte importante de volverse más responsable es trabajar juntos para que los estudiantes desarrollen actitudes responsables que duran toda su vida.

**PARA QUE UNA AGENCIA SEA CONSIDERADA EXITOSA, DEBE SER POR UNO DE LOS SIGUIENTES MOTIVOS DOCUMENTADOS:**

- 1. El estudiante no asiste a la escuela.
- 2. El estudiante no asiste a la escuela a tiempo.
- 3. El estudiante no asiste a la escuela los días que debería asistir.

**EXCUSA EXCUSADA - SI NO PROPORCIONA LA FIRMA DE UN PADRE O GUARDIÁN, LA FALTAS DE SU NIÑO SERÁN CONSIDERADAS NO EXCUSADAS.**

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¡Esto es Todo Amigos! ¡Hay más!

**Protocolo de Asistencia**

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

**¿Sabes que la Ausencia Crónica es faltar 10% (18 días) de los días de escuela, no importa la causa?**

Puede contribuir a que el estudiante tenga dificultad para aprender a leer, progresar en el salón de clase y graduarse de escuela superior.

(AttendanceWorks.com)

¡Organízate mañana!

¡Lleva la cuenta de las ausencias!
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**4 Seja pontual**

Até mesmo um atraso de 5 a 10 minutos é prejudicial para o fluxo da sala de aula. As chegadas tardias interrompem as rotinas matutinas e o fluxo geral do dia. Além disso, chegar no tempo demonstra respeito pelo professor e pela sala de aula.

É importante que todos os alunos desenvolvam um senso de responsabilidade em relação ao seu horário escolar. Isso irá ajudá-los ao longo da vida e no mundo do trabalho quando se tornarem adultos e quiserem alcançar seus sonhos.

**Quando chegar em uma sala de aula?**

- 1. Pedir desculpas ao professor.
- 2. Explicar a razão para o atraso.
- 3. Pedir ajuda se necessário.

**Quando NÃO chegar em uma sala de aula?**

- 1. Não entrar na sala sem permissão.
- 2. Não interromper a aula.
- 3. Não fazer desculpas.

Isso é Todo Amigos! Há mais!

**2 Cooperação dos Pais**

Uma parte importante de se tornar mais responsável é trabalhar juntos para que os estudantes desenvolvam atitudes responsáveis que duram toda a vida.

**PARA QUE UMA AGENCIA SEJA CONSIDERADA SUCESSOSA, DEVE SER POR UM DOS SEGUINTES MOTIVOS DOCUMENTADOS:**

- 1. O estudante não comparece à escola.
- 2. O estudante não comparece à escola no tempo certo.
- 3. O estudante não comparece à escola nos dias em que deveria comparecer.

**EXCUSA EXCUSADA - SE NÃO FORNÉCIER A ASSINATURA DE UM PAI OU TUTOR, AS FALTAS DO SEU FILHO SERÃO CONSIDERADAS NÃO EXCUSADAS.**

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Isso é Todo Amigos! Há mais!

**Protocolo de Assistência**

- 1 Acompanhamos as intervenções de forma coerente
- 2 Colaboramos em equipe com os pais
- 3 Possuemos 3 incentivos de participação
- 4 Pedimos aos estudantes pontualidade

**Sabes que a Ausência Crônica implica faltar 10% (18 dias) dos dias letivos, independentemente da causa?**

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

(AttendanceWorks.com)

Organize-se amanhã!

Acompanhe as faltas!
Agosto
Setembro
Outubro
Novembro
Dezembro
Janeiro
Fevereiro
Março
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Maio
Junho

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## 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](mailto:foodservice@lowell.k12.ma.us)

**GREAT NEWS**

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

**WHY EAT SCHOOL BREAKFAST + LUNCH?**

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

 PROJECT BREAD 

# December Breakfast & Lunch Menus



**LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

## Breakfast MENU

**December 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](mailto: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.

**aramark** This institution is an equal opportunity provider

<b>2</b> Pancake Sausage on a Stick Assorted Cereal Bowls with Graham Cracker Served with Apples & Pears	<b>3</b> Mini Strawberry Filled Bagel Chocolate Chip Muffin Served with Oranges & Juice	<b>4</b> Country Chicken Biscuit Double Chocolate Betty Crocker Bar Served with Strawberries & Clementines	<b>5</b> Mini Cini Caramel Bagel UBR Rounds Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice	<b>6</b> Egg & Cheese Wake up Wrap Bagel with Cream Cheese Served with Apples & Bananas
<b>9</b> Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Assorted Cereal Bowls with Graham Cracker Served with Apples & Pears	<b>10</b> Sausage, egg, and Cheese Bagel Chocolate Chip Muffin Served with Oranges & Juice	<b>11</b> Apple Frudel Assorted Cereal Bars Served with Strawberries & Clementines	<b>12</b> Egg & Cheese English Muffin Blueberry Pomegranate Granola Bake <b>NEW!</b> Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice	<b>13</b> <b>Cocoa Day</b> Chocolate Filled Croissant <b>"It is Back!"</b> Bagel with Cream Cheese Served with Apples & Bananas
<b>16</b> Mini Maple Waffles Assorted Cereal Bowl with Graham Cracker Served with Apples & Pears	<b>17</b> Bacon, Egg, and Cheese Bagel Sandwich Blueberry Muffin Served with Oranges & Juice	<b>18</b> Fruit Breakfast Smoothies Asst. Cereal Bar Served with Strawberries & Clementines	<b>19</b> <b>Parfait Party!</b> Yogurt Parfait with Mixed Berries Nature Valley Round Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice	<b>20</b> Cinnamon Roll Bagel with Cream Cheese Served with Apples and Bananas
				
<b>2</b> French Toast Sticks Oatmeal Raisin Rounds Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice		<b>3</b> Sausage Breakfast Pizza Bagel with Cream Cheese Served with Apples & Bananas		



### DECEMBER 2024 Elementary 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
<b>2</b> 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	<b>3</b> Arroz con Pollo Rainbow Flatbread V Chocolate Hummus Platter V Ham and Cheese Sub LG Street Corn Salad & Carrots LG Clementines & Apples	<b>4</b> <b>Early Release!</b> Chicken Tenders with a Dinner Roll Veggie Nuggets with a Dinner Roll V Chicken Caesar Salad with Flatbread LG Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Roasted Chickpeas & Carrots LG Bananas & Berry Cup	<b>5</b> Chili Garlic Popcorn Chicken Lo Mein Pizza Crunchers V Chocolate Hummus Platter V Ham and Cheese Sub LG Celery Sticks & Kale Caesar Salad LG Pears & Fresh Fruit Cup	<b>6</b> Cheese Pizza V Hawaiian Pizza Chicken Caesar Salad with Flatbread LG Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Red Pepper Strips & Side Salad LG Apples & Bananas
<b>9</b> French Toast Sticks with Chicken Sausage or Vegetarian Sausage V Hamburgers & Cheeseburgers Greek Salad with a Flatbread V LG Chicken Salad Sandwich on a Roll Tater Tots & Roasted Butternut Squash LG Apples & Pears	<b>10</b> Chorizo Taco Kickin Bean Taco V Crispy Chicken Sandwich Yogurt & Fruit Power Pack V Greek Chicken Wrap LG Chickpea Salad & Fiesta Corn Oranges & Apples	<b>11</b> Chicken Parmesan with Penne Chicken Tamales Chili Cheese Tamales V Greek Salad with a Flatbread V LG Chicken Salad Sandwich on a Bulky Roll Roasted Green Beans & Carrots LG Bananas & Berry Cup	<b>12</b> General Tso Popcorn Chicken with Fried Rice Chicken Tenders with a Dinner Roll Veggie Nuggets with a Dinner Roll V Yogurt & Fruit Power Pack V Greek Chicken Wrap LG Broccoli & Carrots LG Pears & Fresh Fruit Cup	<b>13</b> Cheese Pizza V LTO: Jerk Chicken Pizza Greek Salad with a Flatbread LG Chicken Salad Sandwich on a Bulky Roll Red Pepper Strips & Side Salad LG Apples & Bananas
<b>16</b> Chicken and Vegetable Dumplings with Veggies Edamame Dumplings with Veggies V Chicken Parm Sub Kale Chicken Caesar Salad LG Ham and Cheese Sandwich Broccoli & Carrot LG Apples & Pears	<b>17</b> <b>Holiday Meal!</b> Chicken Cordon Bleu with a Dinner Roll Vegetarian Nuggets V Served with Roasted Potatoes, HOTM: Parm Carrot Fries LG Peach Cobbler	<b>18</b> Tex Mex Frittata With a Warm Biscuit Bosco Cheese Sticks with Marinara Sauce V Kale Chicken Caesar Salad LG Ham and Cheese Sandwich Corn & Carrot LG Bananas & Berry Cup	<b>19</b> 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	<b>20</b> Cheese Pizza V BBQ Chicken Pizza Kale Chicken Caesar Salad with Flatbread LG Ham & Cheese Sandwich Red Pepper Strips & Side Salad LG Apples & Bananas
<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 
<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b> 	<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> Waffles with Chicken Sausage Waffles with Vegetarian Sausage V Crispy Chicken Sandwich Bagel Power Pack V Moroccan Harissa Wrap Roasted Chickpeas & Tater Tots Oranges & Apples	<b>3</b> Cheese Pizza V Big Mac Pizza Ham Chef Salad with Flatbread LG Italian Sub Red Pepper Strips & Side Salad LG Apples & Bananas

**Happy Holidays!!**

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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



## Winter Playground Opportunities

Check out the Winter Playground opportunities offered by the Lowell Public Schools. Registration information can be found below.



Winter **Playgroups** Offered January 7 through April 11, 2025.  
Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 am to 11am at locations in Lowell.

For children under 5 years old and their parent/caregiver.

Join us for free fun activities, storytime and parent/caregiver support.



**Registration is required for each playgroup.**  
Scan QR Code for details & to register.  
or visit this link for details & to register:  
<https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/LPSplaygroups>  
or call 978-967-6784 for questions

10am Playgroup locations  
Tuesdays, **YMCA, 35 YMCA Dr.,** or  
Tuesdays, Lowell Housing Authority, **580 Chelmsford St**  
Wednesdays, **St. Rita's 158 Mammoth Rd**  
Thursdays, **YMCA, 35 YMCA Dr.**  
Fridays Pollard Library, **401 Merrimack St,** or  
Fridays St. Rita's, **158 Mammoth Rd**

**Grupos de juego** de invierno se ofrecen del 7 de enero al 11 de abril de 2025.  
De Martes a Viernes de 10 a. m. a 11 a. m. en sucursales de Lowell.  
Para niños menores de 5 años y sus padres/cuidadores.  
Únase a nosotros para disfrutar de actividades divertidas gratuitas, lectura de cuentos y apoyo para padres y cuidadores.

**Es necesario registrarse para cada grupo de juego.**  
Escanee el código QR para obtener más detalles y registrarse.  
o visite este enlace para obtener más detalles y registrarse:  
<https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/LPSplaygroups>  
o llame al 978-967-6784 para preguntas

Ubicaciones de los grupos de juego  
10 a. m. con facilitadores que hablan español  
Viernes Pollard Library, **401 Merrimack St** o  
Viernes St. Rita's, **158 Mammoth Rd**



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Department of Early Education and Care

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LOWELL EARLY CHILDHOOD  
COUNCIL  
Working Together for Children and Families





**Grupos de recreação** de inverno oferecidos de 7 de janeiro a 11 de abril de 2025. De terça a sexta, das 10h às 11h, em locais em Lowell.

Para crianças menores de 5 anos e seus pais/cuidadores.

Junte-se a nós para atividades divertidas e gratuitas, hora da história e apoio aos pais/cuidadores.



**É necessário fazer inscrição para cada grupo de brincadeiras.**  
Escaneie o código QR para obter detalhes e se registrar.  
ou visite este link para detalhes e para se registrar:  
<https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/LPSplaygroups>  
ou ligue para 978-967-6784 para perguntas

**រដូវរងា ក្រុមលេង** ផ្តល់ជូននៅថ្ងៃទី 7 ខែមករា  
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ពីថ្ងៃអង្គារដល់ថ្ងៃសុក្រពី  
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ក្នុងទីក្រុងឡូអែល។

សម្រាប់កុមារ អាយុក្រោម 5 ឆ្នាំ។

និងឪពុកម្តាយ/អ្នកថែទាំរបស់ពួកគេ។  
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ឈ្មោះ។  
ឬចូលទៅកាន់តំណនេះសម្រាប់ព័ត៌មានលម្អិត និងចុះ  
ឈ្មោះ៖  
<https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/LPSplaygroups>  
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ម៉ោង 10 ព្រឹក ទីតាំង Playgroup ជាមួយអ្នក  
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ថ្ងៃអង្គារ នៅ LHA, 580 Chelmsford St

ថ្ងៃពុធ នៅ St. Rita's, 158 Mammoth Rd



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## 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!



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](https://lowellgirlslacrosse.com)**

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

✉ Questions, please email [lowellgirlsyouthlacrosse@gmail.com](mailto: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  
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**GAMES ARE ON SUNDAYS**



INQUIRE ABOUT OUR  
LEARN TO PLAY  
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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!



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](http://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](http://www.Pack7Lowell.com)

[join@pack7lowell.com](mailto: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](http://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**  
[gsema.org/join](https://gsema.org/join)

**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](https://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](#)



## 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> or email FLI Director Zoe Dzineku at [zdzineku@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto: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](mailto:adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us).





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

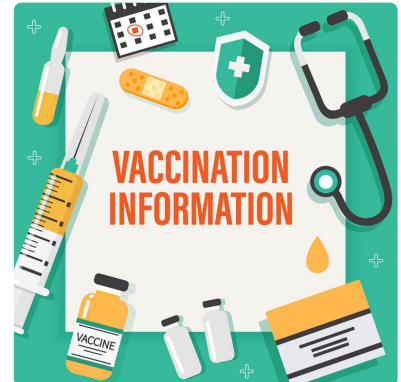
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## Community Vaccination Information

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: "The Candy Cane Fiasco"

THE CANDY CANE FIASCO | A Funny Christmas Read Aloud Picture Book | Storytime  
| Bedtime



## 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

Email: [mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us)

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

Location: 131 Mammoth Road, Lowell, MA, USA

Phone: (978) 937-2871

Facebook: [facebook.com/McAvinnueElementarySchool/](https://facebook.com/McAvinnueElementarySchool/)

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