

The Lions Roop

Weekly Community Newsletter: Week Of December 2nd

MCAVINNUE'S PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello McAvinnue Community!

I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends! As you may already know, this is always one of my favorite times of the year. There are so many amazing opportunities to get together and enjoy some time gathering to make some lasting memories. The Domina household enjoyed our usual two deep fried turkeys with all of the usual sides and fixings! It must have been



really good because there was nothing leave when it was time to clean everything up. We had over 25 people eat approximately 40 total pounds of turkey on Thursday!

I'm not sure if anyone went out on "Black Friday" to take advantage of any deals out there at the stores. My son, Andrew, and his friends went to the Burlington Mall on Friday and they all communicated that it was 100% nuts there! Knowing this and understanding that things have changed so much with online shopping and the convenience of Amazon and other virtual retail stores, heading to the actual store seems less important. Remember is that many of the great deals with continue throughout the holiday season...so, there isn't a need to rush in my opinion.

On a McAvinnue note, we had 2 really great Thanksgiving focused activities on the super short Wednesday last week. Grades 3 and 4 recreated the Macy Days Parade using balloons and robots " and Grade 1 had their annual "Turkey Toss Challenge". Check out the pictures below! It was so much fun!

We will be launching into a new month during this up and coming week. December only has 16 actual school days for the month before we are off for an extended holiday break. There are many things that will be occurring at McAvinnue during this month. It is important to stay as in tune with various events and activities even though we will all be extremely busy with our own personal lives as the holiday season approaches. As well as remaining engaged with what is occurring within McAvinnue, you still need to keep a consistent routine with your child during the month of December. Here is a short article that provides 6 reminders that you can implement at home that may support the craziness the holiday season can bring.

https://pulse.seattlechildrens.org/7-tips-to-manage-your-childs-routine-during-the-holiday-season/

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 2nd McAvinnue Reopens @ 9:10 AM
- Monday, December 2nd McAvinnue's "Lions Pride" Core Value All School Celebration: November Edition @ 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM
- 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

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

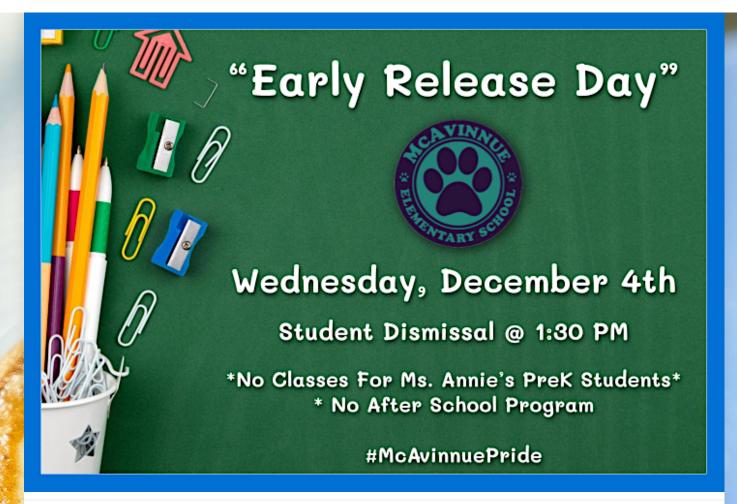
McAvinnue's "Macy's Day Parade" - Grades 3 & 4



"Turkey Toss Challenge" - Grade I



Early Release Day: Wednesday, December 4th - Student Dismissal @ 1:30 PM



As part of the district-wide "Early Release Day"...all students will be dismissed at <u>1:30 PM on</u> <u>Wednesday, December 4th</u>. There will be no PreK classes for Ms. Annie's students. Also, there will be no After School Program on this day.

Please make the necessary arrangements to be available for your child on this day. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher or contact the Main Office for support.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Thursday, December 5th @ 5 PM - 7 PM

McAvinnue Elementary School "Parent Teacher Conferences"



Thursday, December 5th @ 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Conferences Will Be Conducted In-Person Or By Google Meets

#McAvinnuePride

We will host Parent / Teacher Conferences on <u>Thursday, December 5th from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM</u>. The conferences will be either in-person at the school or using the Google meets platform. This will allow us the most flexibility to best meet everyone's needs.

Please be on the lookout for a message from your child's teacher with an online sign-up link that you can use to book your time and other details about conferences that are relevant to your child's classroom.

Report Card Distribution



Report Cards will be distributed to PreK - Grade 4 students on Friday, December 6th. This document will review formal progress that your child has made since the launch of the 2024-2025 academic school year.

Please be on the lookout for this in your child's purple daily communication folder on Friday afternoon.

PreK & Kindergarten Information Session



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

& school supplies to first 100 families!

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

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

Interpretation available in Portuguese, Spanish, & **Khmer**

FREE backpacks



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

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







Spanish Flyer

Portuguese Flyer

Khmer Flyer

McAvinnue's Before & After School Program Session 2

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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 to 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 if you have any questions.

McAvinnue's Week In Review







McAvinnue's" Artist of the Week"

McAvinnue's" Artist of the Week" is Bruna in Room 208! She did an excellent job cutting all her turkey shapes and gluing them together! Bruna is quite the master with scissors and glue!

McAvinnue's "Musician Of The Week"

McAvinnue's "Musician Of The Week" is Kaylin in Room 303!
She can now identify six different "tempos", which describe how fast or slow a song is. She can also sing the solfa notes "do, re, mi". Great job!

Turkey Laser Show!

Mrs. Pike had a great idea to honor Thanksgiving....a turkey laser show! Check out the cool art work students did before they officially celebrated Thanksgiving with family and friends!

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

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



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

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Logistics

Drop-Off Logistics

- Arrival begins at 9:10 AM each day. The late bell rings at 9:25 AM.
- Please pull up to the 4th Avenue side of the building when dropping off your child.
- As you approach the 4th Avenue sidewalk, a faculty member will greet and support getting your child safely out of the vehicle.
- This area is a drop off area ONLY. You will not be permitted to park in this location.



- Please be sure to drive all the way down to the end of the sidewalk so we can fit as many vehicles in this location as possible.
- Ensure your child is ready to go and do not get out of the car so we can keep traffic moving.
- Students accessing our CSA program will be dismissed out the 4th Avenue door near the rear
 of the school building by the exit driveway.
- Large bus students will enter using the back door located in the rear of the school building.
- Small bus and van transportation students will use the 4th Avenue door near the rear of the school building by the exit driveway.

Morning Lining Up Locations

- Grade 1, 3, and 4 students will use the Main Door to enter the school building.
- Grade 2 will use the 4th Avenue doorway near the front of the school to enter the building.
- PreK & Kindergarten will use the Early Childhood door to enter the building. This door is located to the right of McAvinnue's Reading Garden and to the left of the Main Door.

Pick-Up Logistics

- Grade 1 will be dismissed out the Main Door.
- Grades 2, 3, and 4 will be dismissed out the 4th Avenue door near the front of the school.
- Kindergarten students will be dismissed out the Early Childhood door. This door is located to the right of McAvinnue's Reading Garden and to the left of the Main Door.
- Students accessing our CSA program will be dismissed out the 4th Avenue door near the rear of the school building by the exit driveway.
- PreK students will be dismissed out the 4th Avenue door near the rear of the school building by the exit driveway. Please contact Ms. Annie for the specific dismissal time.

Bus Transportation Information

School bus transportation is provided to students in grades K-4, who live greater than .75 mile from their residence or alternate address to their assigned school. Middle school students (grades 5-8) must live greater than 1.5 miles from their residence or alternate address to their assigned school.



Kindergarten through 4th grade students will receive a printed bus pass via postal mail. These passes were mailed out on August 23rd. You can also look up your student's bus pass information by using their Student ID for the username and date of birth for the password at the link below. This is the same information that students use to log in to their Chromebooks for school.

Please note that Kindergarten and 1st grader students <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

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



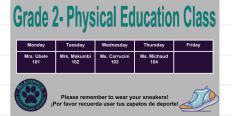
Physical Education Class Information With Ms. Rindo

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.

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Grade 1. Physical Education Class



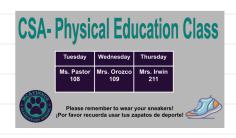
Kindergarten

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Grade 2







Grade 3

Grade 4

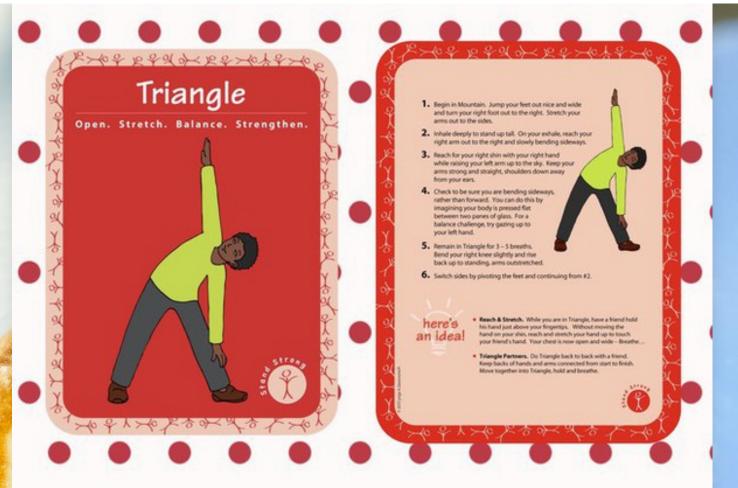
CSA

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

We will practice a new pose called the "Triangle"! This new pose will allow us to focus on opening up body through stretching that highlights improved balance and increased strength. We will practice the "Triangle" 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:

- Monday, December 2nd McAvinnue Reopens @ 9:10 AM
- Monday, December 2nd McAvinnue's "Lions Pride" Core Value All School Celebration: November Edition @ 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM
- 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
- Thursday, December 12th Grade 4 Field Trip: Lowell High ("The Big Bad" Play)
- Monday, December 16th Friday, December 20th Holiday Spirit Week
- Monday, December 16th Kindergarten Field Trip Acton Discovery Museum (2 Classes)
- Tuesday, December 17th Kindergarten Field Trip Acton Discovery Museum (2 Classes)
- <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!

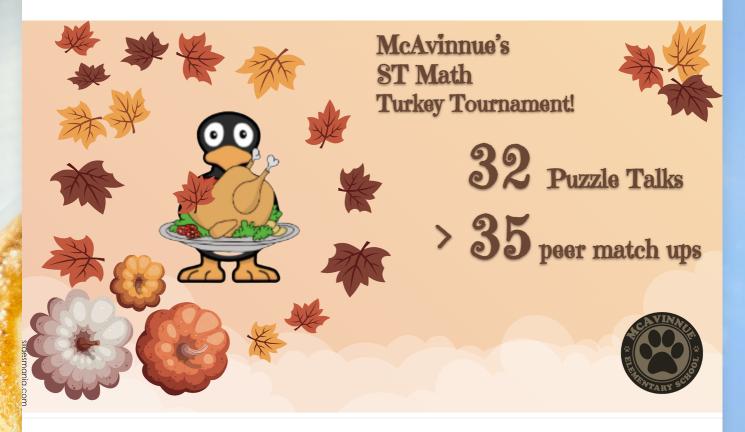


What an amazing time we've had puzzling through the ST Math Turkey Tournament during the month of November! The enthusiasm in classrooms has been incredible, and it's been exciting to see the hard work and teamwork happening across the school. All of the details you have been waiting for will be released soon...

As we wrap up the calendar year, there's still so much to look forward to! Keep up the momentum, and let's continue making great progress in ST Math. Our school-wide progress is at 33%! For

puzzles, McAvinnue students have solved over 311,000 of them... that's over 85,0000 puzzles during this challenge alone!!

Thank you for your dedication and for fostering such a positive learning experience for our students. Let's finish the year strong!



33%



Average Puzzle Goal Progress



STMath



over 311,000 puzzles solved





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	
Monday, June 23, 2025	185th 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

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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.



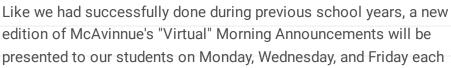
McAvinnue's School Site Council Interest Form

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!





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

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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!

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Click below to access the Sun Santa form: https://www.cognitoforms.com/CommunityTeamwork1/SunSantaF

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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?

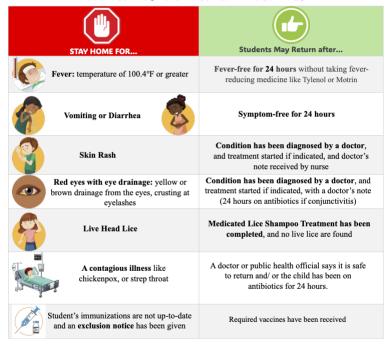
Please see the chart below that will help you decide whether you should send your child to school.

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.



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 foodservice@lowell.k12.ma.us

GREAT NEWS

PERMANENT FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL

WHY EAT SCHOOL BREAKFAST + LUNCH?

Better productivity improved focus, behavior, & attendance rate.

Better good for the brain & gives students the fuel to learn.

Better one less thing to worry about & it's free!



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December Breakfast & Lunch Menus



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

All Breakfast items are whole grain. Offered Daily: 1 % and Skim Milk and Fresh Fruit All Breakfast is provided free for all students. Menu is

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This institution is an equal opportunity provider

Served with Apples & Pears

Cinnamon Raisin Bagel

Assorted Cereal Bowls with Graham Cracker

Served with Apples & Pears

Assorted Cereal Bowl with Graham Cracker

Served with Apples & Pears

Chocolate Chip Muffin

Served with Oranges &

Sausage, egg, and Cheese Bagel

Chocolate Chip Muffin

Served with Oranges & Juice

Bacon, Egg, and Cheese Bagel Sandwich

Served with Oranges & Juice

Blueberry Muffin

Country Chicken Biscuit Double Chocolate Betty Crocker Bar

Apple Frudel

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Asst. Cereal Bar

Served with Strawberries &

Assorted Cereal Bars

Served with Strawberries &

Served with Strawberries &

5 Mini Cini Caramel Bagel

UBR Rounds

Egg & Cheese English Muffin

Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice

Parfait Party! Yogurt Parfait with Mixed

Served with Fresh Fruit Cur

Nature Valley Round

19

& Juice

Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice

Egg & Cheese Wake up Wrap

Bagel with Cream Cheese Served with Apples & Bananas

Cocoa Day

Bagel with Cream Cheese

Served with Apples & Bananas

20

Bagel with Cream Cheese







French Toast Sticks

Oatmeal Raisin Rounds

Sausage Breakfast Pizza Bagel with Cream Cheese





DECEMBER 2024

Elementary Lunch Menu Breakfast and Lunch are FREE for all students!

Breaktast and Lunch are FKEE 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



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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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.

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!



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Our website can be translated into multiple languages

- Nuestro sitio web se puede traducir a varios idiomas
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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.



UNTIL FEBRUARY 22, 2025

FIRST TIME PLAYERS WELCOME BOYS GRADES 1-8

'PRACTICES BEGIN IN MARCH* GAMES ARE ON SUNDAYS







REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

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Cub Scout Pack 7 Information

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

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





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

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Starting September 17, 2024

FALL PLAYSKOUPS





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. 20 - Dec. 18 10am-11am	
Sept. 17 - Dec. 10 10am-11am	Sept. 18 - Dec. 11 10am-11am	Sept. 19 - Dec. 12 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.kt2.ma.us

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













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, <u>wma@commteam.org</u>
 - Karen 978-729-7216, kshannon@commteam.org
 - Families who are not enrolled in a CTI program
 - If you've filled out a CTI application in the past...
 - Contact Karen (978) 729-7216, <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: https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/5263 or email FLI Director Zoe Dzineku at zdzineku@lowell.k12.ma.us.

Local Food Support

Do you need support with food options for your family. No need to worry...there are many local groups that can offer support for you during your time of need.



Click the link below for a list of local food pantries that are willing to help.

You can also reach out to Mrs. De La Luz, McAvinnue's Social Worker, for support navigating these and other options at adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us.



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Community Vaccination Information

Click the link below to see a 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.





Community vaccination sites.pdf

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McAvinnue's Family Read-A-Loud: "The Very Last Leaf"

THE VERY LAST LEAF read aloud - A Kids Funny & Encouraging picture book read along ST. Autom

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McAvinnue's School Website

Check out our school website where you can find a wealth of information including school news, calendars, and other events.

Please visit our website at: https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/mcavinnue



Follow McAvinnue On Social Media

You can follow McAvinnue on social media at the following sites! We update things daily and this is a great way to stay in touch with all of the amazing things that are happening inside and out of "the best school we all know"!

Click the buttons below to access our social media sites!



Click To Access McAvinnue's Facebook Page

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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.

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Email: 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

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