

THE LION'S ROAR

WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER: WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10TH

MCAVINNUE'S PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello McAvinnue Community!

I hope that everyone is had a great weekend! We will be entering the final week of school before the Winter Break. This will be a well deserved time away for everyone in the McAvinnue Community. We have just wrapped our 2nd round of assessments with our students and it appears that there is solid progress made across all grade levels. As you may be aware, this new data will be used to inform



our decision-making regarding intervention groups and other ways that we can better support the needs of our students.

Please join us on Thursday, February 13th from 4:00 PM - Closing for McAvinnue's "Evening At Chuck E. Cheese" at 199 Plain Street in Lowell (next to the Target Plaza).

This will be a great time to come together and have some fun as a McAvinnue Community! There will be special deals that will save you money on game play and food purchases. You can use the coupon below to activate the savings.

We will send home a copy of the coupon with your child before the event. Please keep in mind that our school will receive 25% of the money that is spent during this event. All of the money that is raised will go directly back to our students for various activities and events!

Here is a quick reminder about Valentine's Day on Friday, February 14th for our PK - Grade 4 students. We will continue the tradition of exchanging of valentine cards in our classrooms. We only ask that you check in with your child's teacher if you are planning on bringing in any food or candy items with your child's valentines. We want to make sure that there aren't any allergies or food issues for any of our students. Also, please make sure that you include enough valentines for everyone in your child's class.

Finally, all Lowell Public Schools will be closed on Monday, February 17th - Friday, February 21st due to the Winter Break. Enjoy the time away with family and friends making some fun and positive memories. We can't wait to hear about what everyone did over the Winter Break including just relaxing and unwinding! We will open our doors after the break on Monday, February 24th at 9:10 AM.

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

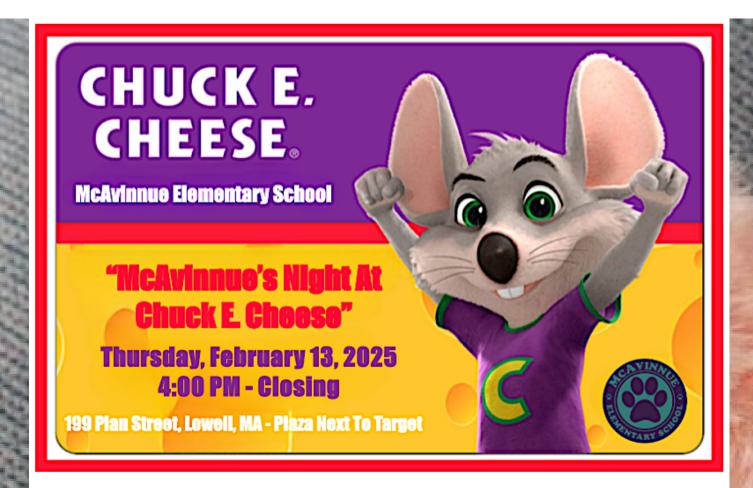
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach directly.

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, February 10th McAvinnue Reopens @ 9:10 AM
- Thursday, Feburary 13th McAvinnue's Night At Chuck E. Cheese (Lowell, MA)
- Monday, Feburary 17th Friday, February 21st Winter Break No School
- <u>Tuesday, February 18th Friday, February 21st</u> McAvinnue's February Vacation Program @ 8:00 AM 11:30 AM
- Monday, February 24th McAvinnue Reopens @ 9:10 AM
- <u>Friday, February 28th</u> McAvinnue's "Lions Pride" Core Value All School Celebration: February Edition

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 NIGHT AT CHUCK E. CHEESE

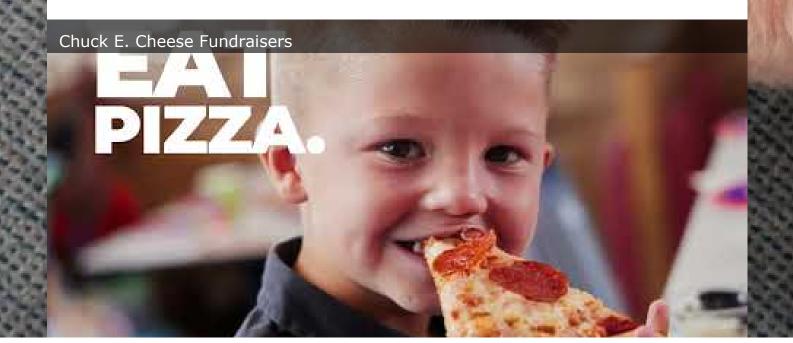


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We will send home a copy of the coupon with your child before the event. Please be on the lookout for this information on Class Dojo in the upcoming weeks. All of the money that is raised will go directly back to our students for various activities and events!

Make sure to take the time to come out for some fun! This is ALWAYS a great time!





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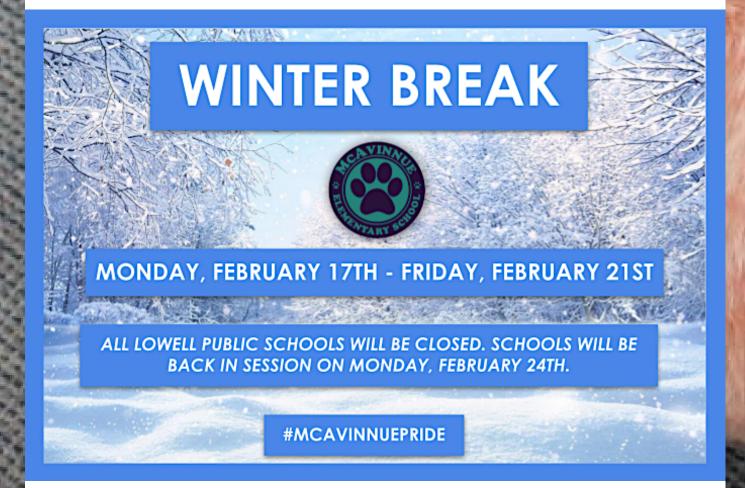


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WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL



Winter Break will occur on Monday, February 17th - Friday, February 21st. All Lowell Public Schools will be closed. Please make the necessary arragments to be available for your child during this week.

McAvinnue will reopen on Monday, February 24th at 9:10 AM.

Enjoy the week off and be sure to do some relaxing but fun things during your time away!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH - FEBRUARY 2025

Black History Month for Kids | Learn about the month-long celebration of African American history

FOR KIDS

When is Black History Month?

Black History Month takes place every February. It is a time to honor the history, culture, and contributions of Black people in the United States and around the world.

Why Do We Celebrate Black History Month?

Black History Month started because many important Black figures and events were left out of history books. To fix this, historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History created Negro History Week in 1926. It later became a full month in 1976 when President Gerald Ford encouraged all Americans to recognize Black achievements.

Did you know? February was chosen because it includes the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12th) and Frederick Douglass (Feb. 14th), two important figures in Black history.

Famous Black Figures in History

Here are some important people you should know about:

- Civil Rights Leaders
 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Led the Civil Rights Movement and gave the famous "I Have a Dream" speech.
 - Rosa Parks Refused to give up her seat on a bus, helping start the Montgomery Bus Boycott.
 - Harriet Tubman Helped enslaved people escape through the Underground Railroad.
 - John Lewis Fought for voting rights and marched with Dr. King in Selma, Alabama.
- Artists & Writers
 - Maya Angelou A famous poet and author who wrote I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings.
 - Langston Hughes A poet from the Harlem Renaissance who wrote about Black life in America.

- Jacob Lawrence An artist who painted scenes of Black history.
- Scientists & Inventors
 - Mae Jemison The first Black woman to travel to space!
 - George Washington Carver Created over 300 uses for peanuts and helped farmers.
 - Garrett Morgan Invented the traffic light and the gas mask.
- Modern-Day Heroes
 - Barack Obama First Black President of the U.S. (2009-2017).
 - Kamala Harris First Black woman Vice President of the U.S. (2021-2024).
 - Beyoncé Award-winning singer and performer.
 - LeBron James A basketball star who helps kids go to college.

How Can Kids Celebrate Black History Month?

There are so many ways to learn and honor Black history! Here are some fun ideas:

- Read Books Pick up a book about a Black hero. Some great choices are:
 - Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History by Vashti Harrison
 - Hidden Figures (Young Readers' Edition) by Margot Lee Shetterly
 - The ABCs of Black History by Rio Cortez
- Watch Inspiring Movies Some great movies and shows include:
 - Ruby Bridges (About a girl who helped end segregation in schools)
 - The Princess and the Frog (Disney's first Black princess)
 - Soul (A fun movie about music and culture)
- Create an Art Project Draw a famous Black figure or make a collage about Black history!
- Write a Report or Poem Choose a person from Black history and write about their achievements.
- Listen to Music Enjoy jazz, hip-hop, and soul music from Black artists like Louis Armstrong, Aretha Franklin, and Beyoncé.
- Try Cooking a New Dish Make a meal inspired by Black culture, like sweet potato pie, collard greens, or jambalaya!

Why Black History Month Matters

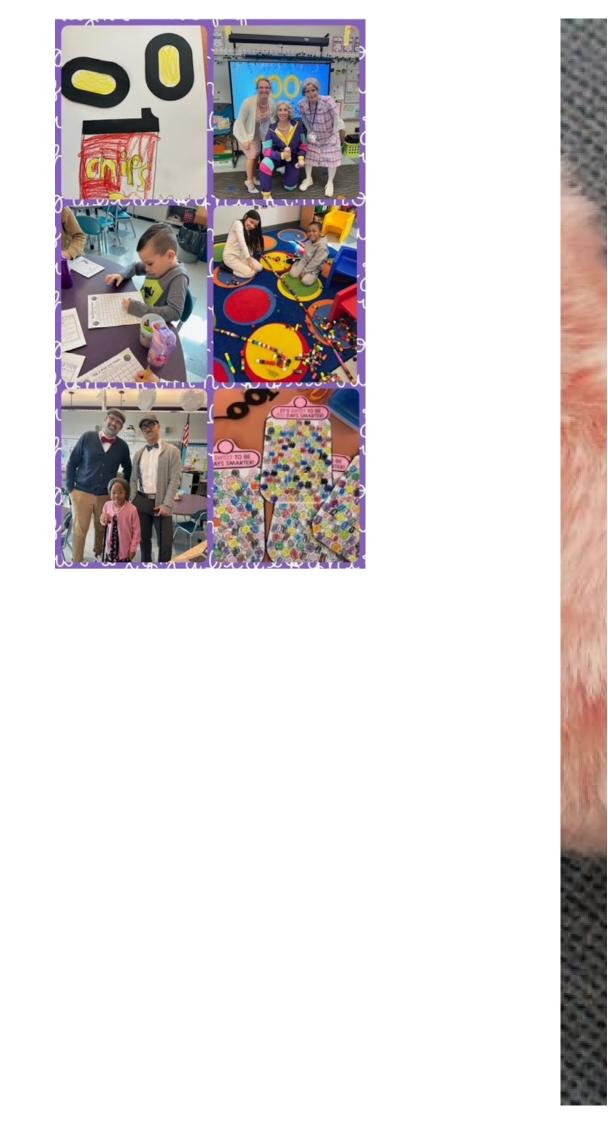
Black history is American history. It's important to learn about the struggles and successes of Black people throughout time. By celebrating, we honor the past and help build a better future for everyone!

Black history isn't just for February—it's something we should celebrate all year long!

MCAVINNUE'S WEEK IN REVIEW

100th Day Of School!

It was the 100th day of school on Wednesday! What a fun and exciting day at McAvinnue! Check out the pictures below to see all of the cool things that occured on this important school day!







Early Release Day Teacher Planning Fun!

After our students left on Wednesday's Early Release Day, our teachers were working and planning for our next STEM Challenge in March! It was a great professional development session with our partners from the Acera School in Winchester.

Stay tuned for more information and pictures in March during our next Early Release Day!



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

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- 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.



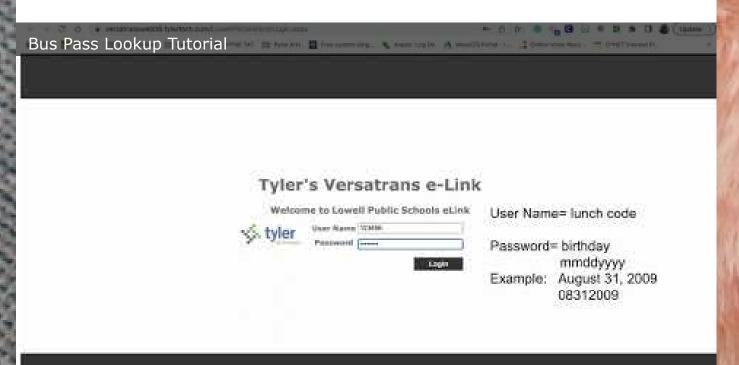
Please note that Kindergarten and 1st grader students <u>must</u> have an older sibling (4th grade or older) or parent present at the bus stop in the afternoon in order to depart from the school bus. If a parent or older sibling is not present, the student will be brought to the Moody School, located 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.



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.

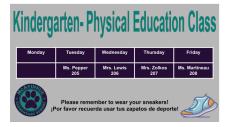
Check it out today: https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/5990



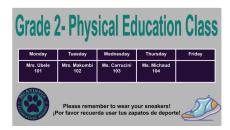
PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS INFORMATION WITH MS. RINDO

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.



Grade 1- Physical Education Class					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Mrs. Gervais 204		Ms. Corio 201	Mrs. Joyce 202	Ms. Wagner 203	
Please remember to wear your sneakers! ¡Por favor recuerda usar tus zapatos de deporte!					

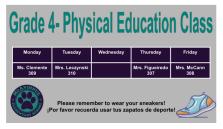


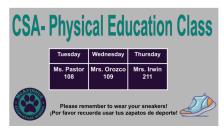
Kindergarten

Grade 1

Grade 2







Grade 3

Grade 4

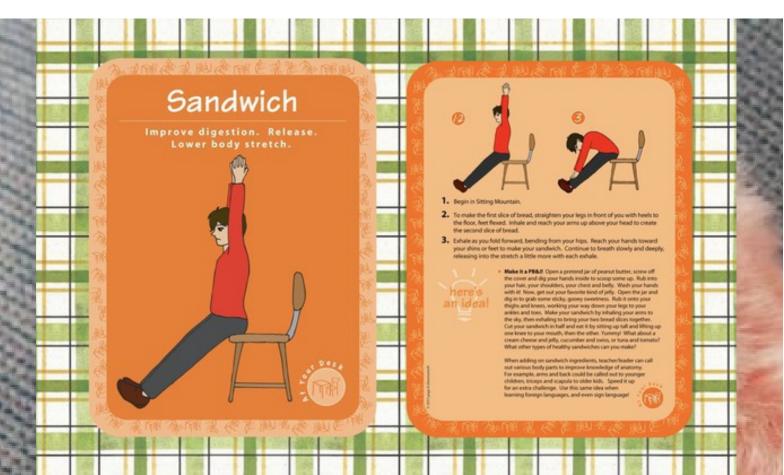
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McAvinnue's Yoga Pose Of The Week: "Sandwich"

We will practice a brand new pose called the "Sandwich" for this up and coming week after the Winter Break. This new pose will allow us to release tension through a lower body stretch that will improve your digestion! We will practice the "Sandwich" 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 February and early March:

- Thursday, Feburary 13th McAvinnue's Night At Chuck E. Cheese (Lowell, MA)
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- <u>Friday, February 28th</u> McAvinnue's "Lions Pride" Core Value All School Celebration: February Edition
- Wednesday, March 5th Early Release Day Student Dismissal @ 1:30 PM
- Thursday, March 6th Grade 4 Field Trip: Lowell Tsongas Industrial History Center
- <u>Tuesday, March 11th</u> McAvinnue's Spring Picture Day (Faculty Picture; Individual Portraits; Class Pictures)
- <u>Wednesday, March 12th</u> Kindergarten On-Site Registration @ McAvinnue @ 9:30 AM 3:00 PM
- Thursday, March 13th McAvinnue's Parent Teacher Conferences @ 3:45 PM 5:45 PM

ST MATH WEEKLY PROGRESS!

We're already five weeks into 2025, and the puzzle play has been incredible! With over 130,000 puzzles solved in just the new year alone, ST Math goals are being met across the board. The dedication, effort, and love for learning we're seeing is truly inspiring! As we celebrate Valentine's Day, let's also celebrate the hard work and perseverance of our students—we anticipate end-of-year progress to exceed 100%!



Check out last week's newest additions to the Main Office 100%ers board! The group cheers, special frames, and detailed trackers show just how much we value every student's success. Your creativity and encouragement make all the difference!

This Valentine's season, let's continue spreading the love for learning, celebrating progress, and cheering each other on!

Puzzle Count Progress = Love

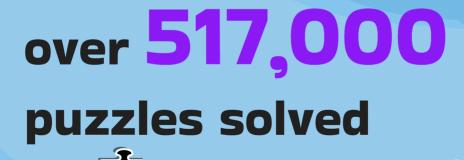
Students have solved an impressive number of puzzles- over 517,000!

The Math Journey Update

• McAvinnue's Puzzle Goal Progress is 53%. A JiJi mic drop moment...

The Winter Waddle Challenge wrapped up on Friday. Be on the lookout for the BIG reveal of the classroom winner this week!











Average Puzzle Goal Progress





ST MATH CHAMPIONS!



McAvinnue's ST Math Progress Champions





Jefferson Room 307



Gianni Room 204



Noah Room 109

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

Number of School Days Per Month
sugust 3 January 21
september 19 February 15
bctober 22 March 21
sovember 17 April 16
secember 15 May 21





MCAVINNUE'S MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

McAvinnue's "Morning Announcements" are back once again for the 2024-2025 academic school year! We are excited to bring these back starting on Monday, September 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/UC7hxiBuRjqjqfASl_RLMleQ

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



PARENT & FAMILY RESOURCES

PreK & Kindergarten Registration 2025-2026

Preschool and Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-2026 academic school year opens February 3rd.

For all the info you need about registration visit: www.lowell.k12.ma.us/registration

You can also check out the flyer below for all of the details.









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?

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



OK FOR SCHOOL!

- Chronic Diseases (Controlled Asthma, Diabetes, Sickle Cell, Epilepsy)
- Mild Cold Symptoms Stuffy nose/ runny nose, sneezing, mild cough, no fever

 - Menstrual Issues cramps
 Someone at home is sick, stressed, or hospitalized





¿DEBERIA LLEVAR A MI HIJO A LA ESCUELA?

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Estar en casa para	Los estudiantes podrán regresar después de	
Fiebre: temperatura de 38 °C o mas alta	Sin fiebre durante 24 horas, sin haber tomado medicamentos reductores de fiebre como Tylenol o Motrin.	
Vómitos o diarrea	Sin sintomas durante 24 horas	
Erupción cutánea	Un medico ha diagnosticado la afección y se ha iniciado el tratamiento si es necesario, y la enfermera ha recibido una nota del médico	
Ojos rojos con secreción ocular: secreción amarilla o marrón de los ojos y formación de costras en las pestañas	Un medico ha diagnosticado y comenzado el tratamiento si es necessario, con nota médica (24 horas de antibióticos si es conjuntivitis)	
Piojos vivos	El tratamiento con champu medicado contra piojos se ha completado y no se encontraron piojos vivos	
Una enfermedad contagiosa, como la varicela o la faringitis estreptocócica.	Un médico o un funcionario de salud pública ha indicado que es seguro regresar, y/o el niño ha estado tomando antibióticos durante 24 horas.	
Las vacunas del estudiante no están actualizadas y se ha emitido un aviso de exclusión	Se han recibido las vacunas necesarias	



Por Favor, Mande a su hijo/a a la escuela si...

- Enfermedades crónicas (asma controlada, diabetes, anemia de células falciformes, epilepsia)
 Síntomas de resfriado leve: Nariz congestinada, Nariz goteando, estornudos, tos leve, sin fiebre.
 Problemas menstruales: calambres
 Alguien en casa está enfermo, estresado o hospitalizado





DEVO MANDAR MEU FILHO PARA A ESCOLA?





Por favor, envie seu filho(a) para a escola se...

- Doenças Crónicas (Asma Controlada, Diabetes, Anemia Falciforme, Epilepsia)
- Sintomas Leves de Constipação Nariz entupido/coriza, espirros, tosse leve, sem febre
- Dificuldades menstruais dores
- Alguém em casa está doente, estressado ou hospitalizado

Mill City Grows: Mobile Farmers Market

A new year, a new Indoor Mobile Farmers Market season!

Our 2025 Winter/Spring Indoor Markets will run January 16th - April 10th on Wednesdays and Thursdays at <u>City of Lowell Senior Center</u> and <u>University Crossing at UMass Lowell</u>. Free parking is available at both locations.

All our Markets accept SNAP/EBT, HIP, Apple Pay, WellSense, S3/OTC Healthy Grocery Gift Card, cash, credit, debit, and Mill City Grows eGift Cards.

Get details at MillCityGrows.org/mobile-markets and shop all season long with Mill City Grows!



MillCityGrows.org 978-455-2620

Purchase fresh, locally grown produce in Lowell, MA, all season long!

2025 Winter/Spring Indoor Mobile Farmers Markets

University Crossing Lobby 220 Pawtucket Street

Biweekly Wednesdays 1pm - 4pm

> January 22 February 5, 19 March 5, 19 April 2

Lowell Senior Center Cafeteria 276 Broadway Street

Biweekly Thursdays 10am - 12pm

January 16, 30 February 13, 27 March 13, 27 April 10

We welcome these payment options:

SNAP/EBT, HIP, APPLE PAY, WELLSENSE, MCG E-GIFT CARDS, CASH, CREDIT, DEBIT, S3 OTC/HEALTHY GROCERY CARD













Student Handbook 2024-2025

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



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

Please reach out directly if you have any questions.

Click Here To Access The LPS 2024-2025 Student Handbook

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



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

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

The handbook is provided in three languages below.







English

English

English







Spanish

Spanish

Spanish







Portuguese

Portuguese

Portuguese

Breakfast and Lunch Will Be Free for All LPS Students

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



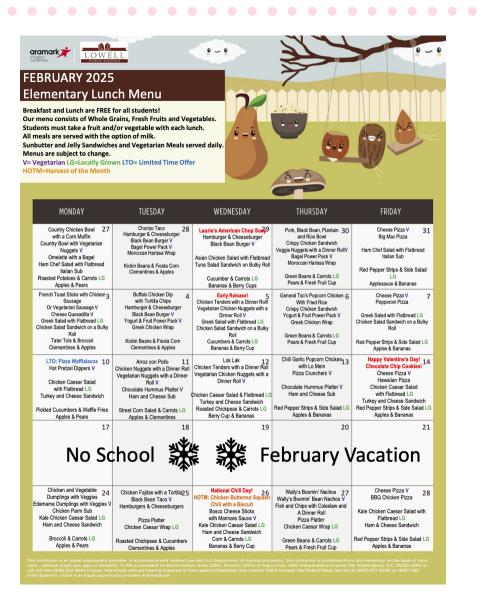
Please keep up to date on our program, nutrition education, monthly menus and back to school letters on the <u>LPS Food and Nutrition website</u>.

Any concerns please feel free to email foodservice@lowell.k12.ma.us



FEBRUARY BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS





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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



Winter Playground Opportiunities

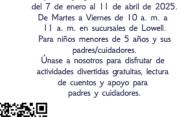
Check out the Winter Playground opportunities offered by the Lowell Public Schools. Registration information can be found below.



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.



Grupos de juego de invierno se ofrecen







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

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**



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.

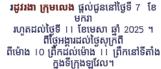




Grupos de recreação de inverno oferecidos de 7 de janeiro a 11 de abril de 2025. De terça a sexta, das 10h às 11h, em locais em Lowell.

> 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.



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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

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Girls Lacrosse Registration Now Open!

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

To register: www.lowellgirlslacrosse.com

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

LGL Registration is OPEN for **Spring 2025!**

LGL Littles (new Kindergarten program for 2025)

Grades 1/2

Grades 3/4

Grades 5/6

Grades 7/8

Season runs mid-February through beginning of June

Register online @ lowellgirlslacrosse.com Learn more about our programs on LGL's Teams and FAQs pages!



Questions, please email lowellgirlsyouthlacrosse@gmail.com



Lowell Youth Boys Lacrosse Registration Now Open!

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

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

Financial aid is available if needed.



Cub Scout Pack 7 Information

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

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





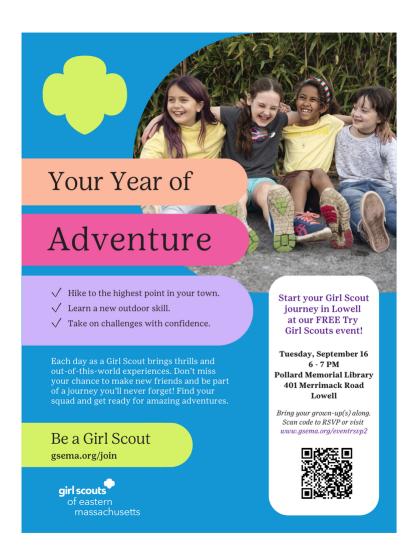
Be A Girl Scout

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.



gsema.org/jion



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, <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, kshannon@commteam.org to see if where you are on the waitlist (if there is a waitlist)
 - If you've never filled out a CTI application...
 - Fill out an application at 17 Kirk St., 126 Phoenix Ave
 - Or call the main CTI number (978) 454-5100 to request an email version of the application.
- YMCA: (978) 454-7825; 1 YMCA Dr in Lowell
 - Karen Espinola is the school-age director
 - Fill out a application online or at the YMCA to request a slot
 - Debbie Doben is the preschool director if your child is preschool age
- Family Childcare: Call programs to see if they have openings near you
 - Bethel Family Childcare (978) 458-6577
 - Clarendon Family Childcare (978) 454-3026
 - Child Development and Learning (CDE) (978) 275-2843
 - ACRE Family Childcare (978) 937-5899
 - CTI: See above contact information
- **Girls Inc**: (978) 458-6529, 220; Worthen St. in Lowell
 - Accept girls ages 5-14 years old
 - Accept Child Care Circuit vouchers, DCF vouchers, and private pay (income-based, sliding scale)

- Call Pam Lerocque (Director of Finance & Administration) to check on openings
- Boys and Girls Club: (978) 458-4526; 657 Middlesex St in Lowell
 - School-age openings for after-school
 - Teens who are working with the Department of Children and Families can call BGC or DCF to see if they're eligible



The Family Leadership Institute

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

Throughout the year, the FLI runs a variety of programs including: survival English classes, family college visits, mental health and financial literacy workshops, and more. For more information about the FLI visit: https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/5263 or email FLI Director Zoe Dzineku at zdzineku@lowell.k12.ma.us.

Local Food Support

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



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

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



Community Vaccination Information

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

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

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

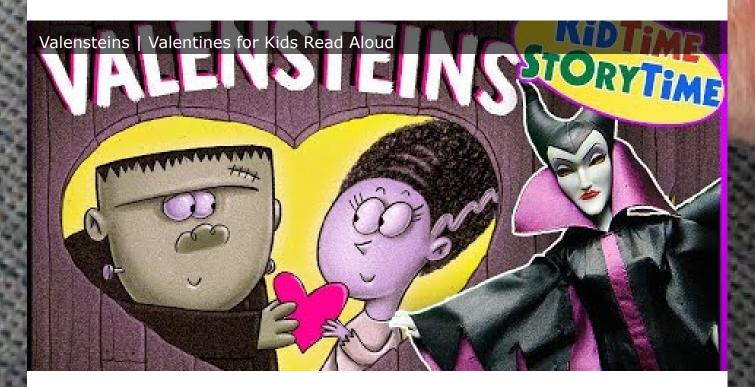




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MCAVINNUE'S FAMILY READ-A-LOUD: "VALENSTIENS"



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 To Access McAvinnue's Facebook Page

Click To Access McAvinnue's "X" (Twitter) Page

Click To Access McAvinnue's Instagram Page

Click To Access McAvinnue's YouTube Channel

Our Vision

McAvinnue Elementary School is a place...where there are <u>high expectations</u>, where students are <u>academically engaged</u>, where instruction is guided by a <u>systematic approach to examine data</u>, where there is a <u>multi-tiered system of support</u>, and where a responsive environment that fosters <u>social emotional connections</u> between faculty and students prevails.

#McAvinnuePride #BeTheDifference #NextLevel



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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