# The Lion's Roar

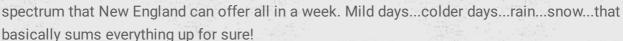
MCAVINNUE'S COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER: WEEK OF FEBRUARY **27TH** 

### MCAUINNUE'S PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello McAvinnue Community!

calendars!

I hope that everyone is having a fantastic Winter Break with family and friends! It is always nice to get some time away to relax and recover. Let's talk about the weather for a second...l believe we have witnessed and experienced the full weather





On the Friday before we left for Winter Break, we had a great musical showcase for our Grade 2 students! They performed "Colors: We're Better Together"...and did an amazing job! Check out the picture and video from the all school meeting performance. So amazing!

see the section called "Upcoming News" in this Smore newsletter and mark your personal

Here are a few items that you need to be aware for this up and coming week. Please mark your calendars for the following events and activities that will occur at McAvinnue:

• Monday, February 27th - McAvinnue Reopens

You will find additional details for the events and activities list above in this edition of McAvinnue's "Lion's Roar" Community Newsletter.



As usual, we are looking forward to another amazing week at the "best school that we all know"!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Main Office at McAvinnue or send Mr. Domina a message a <a href="mailto:mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us">mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us</a>.

# "COLORS: WE'RE BETTER TOGETHER" - GRADE 2 MUSICAL SHOWCASE





### PARENT NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

As we develop our Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) for the 2023-2024 School Year, McAvinnue's School Site Council would like to hear from you! Please consider taking the short survey below so we can get an idea of what is important to you in meeting the needs of your child while they are at school.



The survey can be translated to multiple languages by following the steps below:

- 1. Right click anywhere on the form and several options will appear.
- 2. Click on "Translate" or "Translate to." Another box will appear in the upper right corner.

- 3. If the language you want to translate to does not appear, click on the three vertical dots and select "Choose another language."
- 4. Click on the drop-down menu, choose the desired language and click the "translate" button
- 5. Proceed with completing the form.

Please click the link below to complete the survey.

https://forms.gle/UhwVBH7aFJCcXZUGA

### MCAVINNUE'S WEEK IN REVIEW



# MCAVINNUE'S "ARTIST OF THE WEEK"

McAvinnue's "Artist of the Week" is Daniel in Room 309! Daniel made dozens of Valentines with the Printmaking Technique we learned. He made so many extras that he had time to experiment with colors and patterns! Amazing work!



# MCAVINNUE'S KINDNESS CHAIN

McAvinnue's "Kindness Chain" on full display in our gym! Every student created a link to this chain with a way that they could be kind. We have amazing students!



### JIJI'S FEBRUARY FREEZE!

Look who made an appear at McAvinnue this past week during JiJi's "February Freeze"! This was a super fun and exciting incentive for the top 5 winning classrooms from McAvinnue's ST Math "Winter Waddle" Challenge.

JiJi joined in on the game action that was lead by Mr.
Domina and Mrs. Bellerose.
Students had a chance to play 3 different games in the gym first thing in the morning!

ST MATH GOOD NEWS: 100% PROGRESS & BEYOND!

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27TH** 



## McAvinnue's ST Math Progress Champions





Amara - Room 207



Doro - Room 301



Jenna - Room 310



# McAvinnue's ST Math Progress Champions





Konnor - Room 201



Marley - Room 302



Wyatt-Room 302



## McAvinnue's ST Math Progress Champions





Davian Room 101



Emilee Room 308



Maria Klara Room 304



Sina Room 308



## McAvinnue's ST Math Progress Champions





Jackson Room 304



Olivia Room 308

ST MATH WEEKLY UPDATE: WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27TH

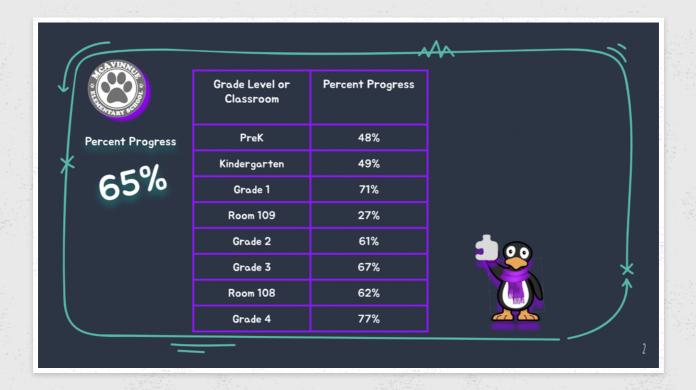


What an amazing month of puzzle play for McAvinnue! We have completed near 664,730 puzzles have been solved by students! It was April of 2022 when McAvinnue students reached this point last year! This year's puzzle count is nearly 2 months ahead of last year's count!

Percent Progress Averages continue to impress! Our school reached 65% Percent Progress! Our school goal is to reach 80% progress by the end of May. This goal will most likely be reached by April break. It also looks very likely that we will reach 100% progress as a school by the end of this school year.

JiJi and McAvinnue are always ready for the next challenge! March Mathness is heading your way. The details of this ST Math Challenge are being finalized. Be on the lookout for brackets and basketballs.



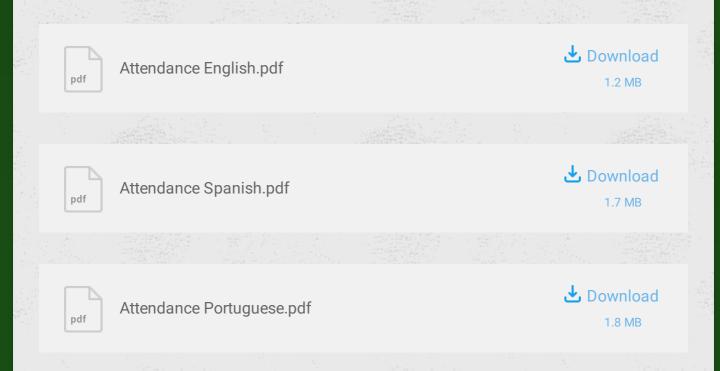


# MCAVINNUE'S STUDENT DAILY ATTENDANCE POLICY



Please click the links below to access McAvinnue's Student Attendance Policy for the 2022-2023 academic school year. For your convenience, we have included the policy flyer in multiple languages.

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





Here are important dates to remember for the end of February and during the month of March:

- Monday, February 27th McAvinnue Reopens
- Thursday, March 2nd Read Across America Day
- Tuesday, March 7th "Top Secret Science" Family Night @ 5:15 PM 6:45 PM
- <u>Wednesday, March 8th</u> Early Release Day: Students Dismissed @ 1:30 PM (No PreK Classes In Ms. Annie's Room)
- Wednesday, March 15th Grade 4 Visits The Wang Middle School: Play Showcase @ 10:00 AM
- Friday, March 17th St. Patrick's Day
- Monday, March 20th Grade 3 Field Trip: Lowell Boott Mills (2 Classes)
- Monday, March 21st Grade 3 Field Trip: Lowell Boott Mills (2 Classes)
- Wednesday, March 22nd Report Card Distribution (PreK Grade 4)
- Thursday, March 23rd Parent/Teacher Conferences @ 3:45 PM 5:45 PM

# CHECK OUT MCAVINNUE'S "VIRTUAL" MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Like we had successfully done last school year, 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".

You can check out each edition of McAvinnue's Morning Announcements on our YouTube channel using the link below.

### https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7hxiBuRjqjqfASI\_RLMleQ

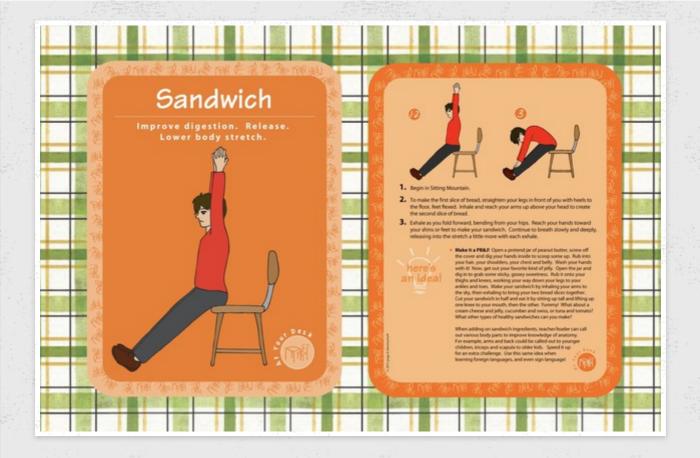
If you want a peek of the latest edition of McAvinnue's "Virtual Morning Announcements", check out the video below!



# 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!



### 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.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

- 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.

# SCHOOL 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 24th. 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.

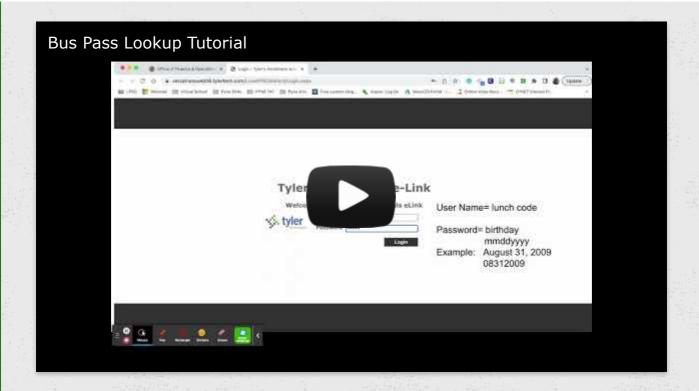
Please note that Kindergarten and 1st grader students <u>must</u> have an older sibling (4th grade or older) or parent present at the bus stop in the afternoon in order to depart from the school bus. If a parent or older sibling is not present, the student will be brought to the Moody School, located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



# NEED INFO? FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



How can I update my contact information (phone number/email/address)?

Go online to the Family Resource Webpage
 (https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/UpdateContactInfo) and fill out the "contact us" form.
 Families who don't have access to the internet can fill out the form in person at the Family Resource Center. If an address change is related to economic factors or housing instability (family moves in with relatives, eviction, hotel/motel, fire or unsheltered, please contact the McKinney Vento Office located at the Family Resource Center in person (151 Merrimack Street), by phone (978-674-4321) or go to the webpage at <a href="https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/HomelessAssistance">https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/HomelessAssistance</a>.

#### How do I update my emergency contacts?

If you were in the school last year we will send a verification sheet out. if you are new we
will send home an emergency form to fill out on the first day of school or use the online
form found in this newsletter.

#### What should I do if my child needs a Chromebook or if my child's Chromebook needs repairs?

• Families should contact their school to coordinate the issuing of a new Chromebook or to schedule repairs. After the school year begins, the district will resume its "tech tent" services and will inform families via email, text, and phone once the services resume.

#### How do I register my child for the new school year?

All school registrations are completed online using a computer or laptop. You can access
the online application by going to <a href="https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolRegistration">https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolRegistration</a>. If
you only have a mobile device and don't have access to a computer or laptop, you can
register in person at the Family Resource Center (151 Merrimack Street). Please call the
Family Resource Center if you have any questions (978-674-4321).

### What should I do if I need to register my child(ren) and I don't speak English?

• The Lowell Public Schools is committed to providing translation and interpretation services for families who require assistance in a language other than English. The online registration application and website is translated in Spanish and Portuguese and can be accessed by going to <a href="https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolRegistration">https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolRegistration</a>. For all other languages, please call Vannak Khin at (978) 328-6782 to arrange services. In-person language interpretation support for registration can be accessed by visiting the Lowell Public Schools at 151 Merrimack Street. Families can also call the Family Resource Center at (978) 674-4321 to make an appointment with a Bilingual Family Liaison.

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

A child must turn 4 years old on or before September 1, 2021, in order to apply for
preschool and 5 by September 1 to apply for kindergarten. A family can apply for
preschool by going to <a href="https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/PreschoolRegistration">https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/PreschoolRegistration</a> to fill out an
online application or <a href="https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/KindergartenRegistration">https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/KindergartenRegistration</a> for
kindergarten. For registration questions, please call (978) 674-4321.

#### How do I apply for a transfer for my child to change schools in the new year?

 Per the 2021-22 School Assignment Policy, all students have the option to request one school transfer per year. Families can apply online by going to <a href="https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolTransfer">https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolTransfer</a> or can come to the Family Resource Center in-person to complete the application. Transfers are assigned on a space availability basis.

### **MEDICAL INFORMATION REMINDER**

Any students who have emergency medications (Epi-Pens, inhalers, etc.) or who will receive medication in school must have a medication order from the prescribing physician <u>AND</u> a completed consent form from the City Health Department.

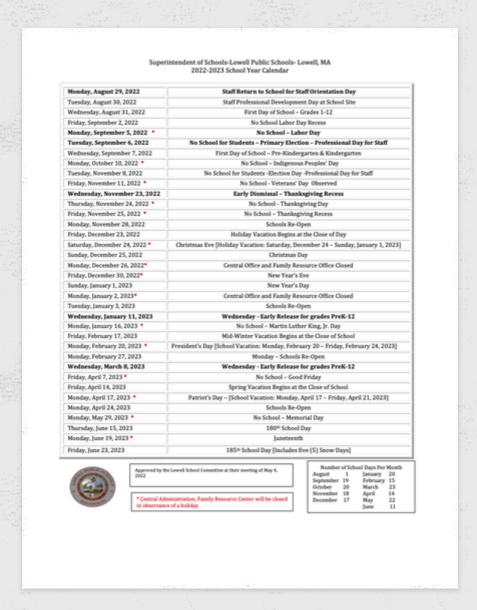


Forms and medication can be dropped off to Nurse Robin any time during the school day. However, it's ideal to drop things off between 9:10 AM - 9:30 AM each day.

Nurse Robin cannot administer <u>ANY</u> medications without a physician's order, including overthe-counter medications. Please make sure that the school nurse is provided refills in advance of any medication supply running out.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Nurse Robin directly,

### 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR



CLICK TO ACCESS THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

FEBRUARY & EARLY MARCH BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENU





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February Breakfast Menu.pdf

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February Lunch Menu.pdf

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### PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION



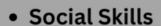
# Preschool Registration 2023-2024

# February 1 - April 24 Register Online

www.lowell.k12.ma.us/preschoolregistration

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at the Family Resource Center 151 Merrimack St.



Language & Literacy
 Development

Explore Math,
 Science & Social
 Studies

#### Questions?

Laurie Carney lauriecarney@lowell.k12.ma.us 978-446-7000

Laura Valdez lvaldez@lowell.k12.ma.us 978-674-2065

Children must be 4 by Sept. 1

Transportation not provided

Full-day offered at Bartlett, Cardinal, Greenhalge &

Murkland only

**Information on Kindergarten Registration Coming Soon** 

WINTER READING CHALLENGE 2023



### January 23—March 11

For Children Grade 5 and Younger\*

Sign up and track your progress online via Beanstack (https://lowelllibrary.beanstack.org/reader365) or contact the Children's Department at 978-674-1529.

Earn online badges and online raffle tickets by reading and doing activities. The more you do, the more tickets you earn for our end of Winter Reading Raffle. Prizes include a Lego Safari Wildlife Treehouse Kit, a Play-Doh Pizza Kitchen Set, and a cozy Owl Squishmallow.

\*Being Read to Counts!

Pollard Memorial Library 401 Merrimack St., Lowell, MA 01852 978-674-1529 www.LowellLibrary.org

### SNAP BENEFITS FOR FAMILIES

# BOOST YOUR FOOD BUDGET.

Start with SNAP and get help paying for food—for you, and anyone you're responsible for.

GettingSNAP.org

#### WITH SNAP (SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM) BENEFITS, YOU CAN:

- Boost your grocery budget with monthly funds you can use at locations of your choice, statewide.
- Automatically qualify your kids for free school meals, no application needed.
- Automatically qualify to participate in the Healthy Incentive Program (HIP), which lets you earn additional money to spend on groceries when you purchase fruits and vegetables from your local participating HIP vendors.
- Shop for the food you like, that meets your dietary needs, allergy restrictions, and cultural preferences.

If you're having trouble paying for groceries—whether or not you're working—you could be eligible for SNAP. Visit GettingSNAP.org or call 1-800-645-8333 for help.











### MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AVAILABLE

### IT'S OKAY TO ASK FOR HELP



Calming the Chaos of Mental Health Care Care Solace connects students, staff, and their families to care. At no cost to you, Care Solace will quickly and confidentially find available mental health and substance use providers matched to your needs.

Find the right help at the right time.



#### 6 24/7/365 MULTILINGUAL SUPPORT

A multilingual team is available 24/7/365 to help you understand options, call providers on your behalf, and schedule an appointment.



### CARE REGARDLESS OF INSURANCE

Connect to care with any coverage including Medicaid, Medicare, and sliding scale options for those without insurance.



#### EASY ACCESS TO CARE

Use Care Match, the selfserve website, to find a provider on your own. GET CONNECTED
TO CARE TODAY

888-515-0595

caresolace.com/



Please note: Care Solace is not an emergency response service or mental health services provider. In the event of a life threatening emergency, call 9-1-1 or the National Suicide Hotline 9-8-8.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM: 2022-2023

Get a jump start now and complete your emergency contact form for the 2022-2023 academic school year?



We have made it really easy for you to complete this important task. You can access the online form below. When you complete this form, it is immediately sent to McAvinnue and we will print it out for our records.

You don't need to come to the school to complete this form...you can do it right on your phone, tablet, or computer!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. De La Luz at <u>adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us</u> or contact the Main Office at McAvinnue for support!



Emergency Form Formulario de Emergencia Formulário de Emergência 2022-2023

Sign in to Google to save your progress. Learn more

### 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.



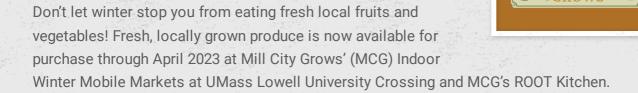
There is a 30% off deal occurring now on all items! This is a major discount if you are interested in purchasing McAvinnue merchandise.

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

### MILL CITY GROWS WINTER MARKETS





The full Indoor Winter Mobile Market schedule can be viewed and downloaded at <a href="https://www.millcitygrows.org/mobile-markets/">https://www.millcitygrows.org/mobile-markets/</a>, including multilingual schedules in Khmer, Spanish, Vietnamese, Portuguese, Chinese, Haitian Creole, and Pashto. Please follow <a href="Mill City Grows">Mill City Grows</a> on Facebook and Instagram for all scheduling updates or call 978-455-2620. The full schedule is listed below:

#### 2022-2023 MILL CITY GROWS INDOOR WINTER MOBILE MARKET SCHEDULE

University Crossing Atrium at UMass Lowell 220 Pawtucket Street, Lowell Monthly on Wednesdays from 2 PM – 4 PM

- March 15, 2023
- April 19, 2023
- \* Parking is available at the Pawtucket Metered Lot across from University Crossing at 219 Pawtucket Street.

Mill City Grows ROOT Kitchen

19 Hall Street, Lowell

Bi-weekly on Thursdays from 2 PM – 5 PM

March 2 & 16, 2023



# Indoor Winter Farmers' Markets

Select Wednesdays & Thursdays
Starting November 16

Shop fresh and local at UMass Lowell's University Crossing and at Mill City Grows' ROOT Kitchen!

Use your SNAP/EBT and HIP benefits



# **ROOT Kitchen at Mill City Grows**

Bi-weekly on Thursdays 2pm - 5pm

2022

November 17 December 1 & 15 2023

January 5 & 19 February 2 & 16 March 2 & 16

19 Hall Street

### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES



### BASEBALL & SOFTBALL LEAGUES!

This unseasonably warm weather has us thinking about . . . baseball and softball! Lowell's first citywide recreation baseball and softball league is now accepting registration for the spring. See more info below and at <a href="https://www.lybsl.org">www.lybsl.org</a> (their website can be translated into multiple languages). Play Ball!



The Lowell Public School's Early Childhood Department offers a series of Winter playgroups for kids under the age of 5 and their families.

Register here: https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLScox9aCS.../viewform



6-WEEK ENGLISH CLASSES









### 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.

- Community Team Work (CTI) (978) 454-5100
  - Families who are already enrolled in a CTI program...
    - · Call or text school-age coordinators to request a slot
      - Billy 978-995-0028, wma@commteam.org
      - Karen 978-729-7216, <a href="mailto:kshannon@commteam.org">kshannon@commteam.org</a>
  - Families who are not enrolled in a CTI program
    - If you've filled out a CTI application in the past...
      - Contact Karen (978) 729-7216, <u>kshannon@commteam.org</u> to see if where you are on the waitlist (if there is a waitlist)
    - If you've never filled out a CTI application...
      - Fill out an application at 17 Kirk St., 126 Phoenix Ave
      - Or call the main CTI number (978) 454-5100 to request an email version of the application.
- YMCA: (978) 454-7825; 1 YMCA Dr in Lowell
  - Karen Espinola is the school-age director
    - Fill out a application online or at the YMCA to request a slot
  - Debbie Doben is the preschool director if your child is preschool age
- Family Childcare: Call programs to see if they have openings near you
  - Bethel Family Childcare (978) 458-6577
  - Clarendon Family Childcare (978) 454-3026
  - Child Development and Learning (CDE) (978) 275-2843
  - ACRE Family Childcare (978) 937-5899
  - CTI: See above contact information
- Girls Inc: (978) 458-6529, 220; Worthen St. in Lowell
  - Accept girls ages 5-14 years old
  - Accept Child Care Circuit vouchers, DCF vouchers, and private pay (income-based, sliding scale)
  - Call Pam Lerocque (Director of Finance & Administration) to check on openings
- Boys and Girls Club: (978) 458-4526; 657 Middlesex St in Lowell
  - School-age openings for after-school
  - Teens who are working with the Department of Children and Families can call BGC or DCF to see if they're eligible

### 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.

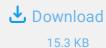


Click the link below for a list of local food pantries that are willing to help.

You can also reach out to Mrs. De La Luz, McAvinnue's Social Worker, for support navigating these and other options.



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



# "A TURKEY'S VALENTINE SURPRISE"



### 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

FaceBook:

https://www.facebook.com/McAvinnueElementarySchool

- Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/McAvinnueLPS">https://twitter.com/McAvinnueLPS</a>
- Instagram: <a href="http://instragram.com/mcavinnueelementarylps">http://instragram.com/mcavinnueelementarylps</a>
- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7hxiBuRjqjqfASI\_RLMI eQ





### **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



💡 131 Mammoth Road, Lowell, ...





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