The Lion's Roar

McAvinnue's Community Newsletter: Week Of February 6th

McAvinnue's Principal's Message

Hello McAvinnue Community!

What a way to end this week! It was down right freezing on Friday afternoon during dismissal. It was great to see that a large majority of our students were dressed for the frigid weather with heavy coats, hats, and gloves. Moving forward, it is important that your child arrives to



school each day with appropriate gear that matches the weather forecast. If you need any of the items previous mentioned, please don't hesitate to contact the Main Office for support. We have access to several new winter coats, hat and gloves for our students. Just let us know and we will take care of everything!

We had a very productive week at McAvinnue! We are still conducting various benchmark assessments with our students. We will use the progress data obtained from these assessments to continue to design meaningful lessons as well as provide a level of intervention support for those students that are not progressing in an the expected manner. Our teachers have just completed the Fountas & Pinnell reading benchmark assessment and the iReady reading diagnostic assessment this past week. We are eager to see the great reading progress our students are making. We will move forward with the iReady math diagnostic benchmark assessment this up and coming week. You will receive the results of these assessments in the student progress reports that will be sent home on Wednesday, February 15th. Be on the lookout for these in your child's purple communication folder.

We have a few exciting events at McAvinnue that will be coming up soon. Our Grade 2 students have been working very hard on a musical showacase called "Colors: We're Better Together"! This performance will occur on Friday, February 17th at 9:30 AM. This is going to be amazing! Also, we have sent home sign-up information for a fantastic FREE evening event at McAvinnue called "Top Secret Science" coming up on Tuesday, March 7th at 5:15 PM - 6:45 PM in the cafeteria. This event will allow you and your child to have some Science fun by creating multiple fun take-home experiments. We have worked previously with "Top Secret Science" and they are a top notch experience that our students really enjoyed. Don't miss out on this tremendous FREE opportunity. Please see below for more information!

Finally, we have reached a school year milestone this up and coming week. We will reach the 100th day of school on Wednesday, February 8th. This is always an exciting day at our school where the focus of many of our lessons and activities center on the number 100! Stay tuned for pictures coming soon!

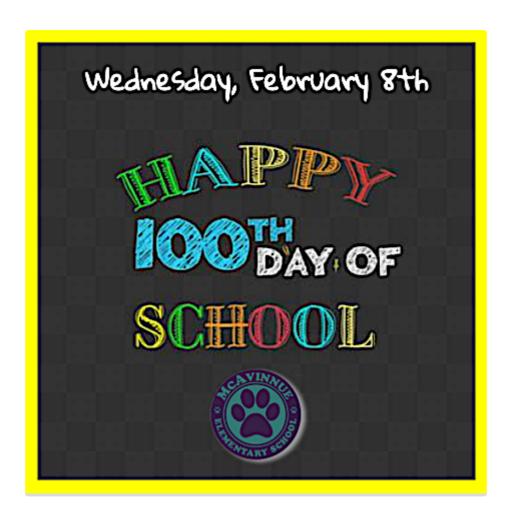
Here are a few items that you need to be aware for this up and coming week. Please mark your calendars for the following events and activities that will occur at McAvinnue:

- Monday, February 6th McAvinnue Reopens
- Monday, February 6th Friday, February 10th iReady Math Diagnostic Window (Grades 1 4)
- Wednesday, February 8th 100th Day Of School

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"!

100th Day Of School: Wednesday, February 8th



STEAM Studio Family Night!

New this year! STEAM Studio Family Night!



FREE night of STEM activities With Top Secret Science!!!

Tuesday March 7, 2023 5:15 PM -6:45 PM McAvinnue School Cafeteria

All students are invited to join us for a fun filled night of hands-on STEM activities. Students may attend with one adult family member and will get to take home several experiments that they made during the program!!

This **FREE** amazing fun-filled night is limited to the first 70 students that respond by sending back the bottom portion of the flyer!!! Don't delay and miss this fun filled opportunity!!!! No exceptions will be made as the cafeteria can only hold a limited number of people.

Paper sign-up flyers will be going home this week! Make sure to look for it in your child's folder, sign up, and send back the bottom portion of the flyer ASAP!!! Don't miss out on a **FREE** fun filled night with your child!

Want to check out more....watch the video below and click the link to see what Top Secret Science is all about!

https://topsecretscience.org/



McAvinnue's Week In Review







McAvinnue's "Artist of the Week"

McAvinnue's "Artist of the Week" is Charlotte in Room 201! Charlotte used Markers to create a design using heart shapes that completely fill her paper. Her colors choices create a balance of warm and cool colors. Excellent example of determination and craftsmanship!

McAvinnue's "Musician Of The Week"

McAvinnue's "Musician Of The Week" is Carmella in Room 304! Check out all of the great things she has done to be recognized for this prestigious recognition! Amazing effort!

A Crankenstein Valentine!

PreK students in Ms. Annie's classroom enjoyed reading "A Crankenstein Valentine"! Students had a chance to reflect and write down things that make them say "Yechhhh!" We love this!



Movie Time!

You know what happens when you complete 10,000 puzzles in ST Math? You get to have a Pajama Day with a movie and popcorn! Nice work Kindergarten students in Room 208!



Lets Make Some Valentines!

Who needs to buy valentines when you can make them during Art class! Check out these great valentines made by Kindergarten students in Room 207 this week. Can you feel the love?



Good News From The After School Program!

Students in the Lego
Engineering and Robotics
group worked on a challenge
that involved building a lego
version of a object that was
on a card that they randomly
selected. Check out the really
cool designs!

ST Math Good News: 100% Progress & Beyond!

Week Of February 6th



MCAVINNUE'S ST MATH PROGRESS CHAMPIONS





HABIB - ROOM 205



Julious - Room 101



BRAD - ROOM 108/304



MCAVINNUE'S ST MATH PROGRESS CHAMPIONS





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MCAVINNUE'S ST MATH PROGRESS CHAMPIONS





KHAUY - ROOM 309



RAUDen - Room 102



VASILI- ROOM 309

ST Math Weekly Update: Week Of February 6th



What an amazing month of puzzle play for McAvinnue! Over 600,000 puzzles have been solved by students! Students continue to break records at McAvinnue with their commitment and hard work with this interactive and engaging Math platform!

Percent Progress Averages continue to impress! Our school reached 60% Percent Progress! We are well on our way to reaching 100% progress as a school by the end of this school year. This would be an unbelievable accomplishment to say the least!

During the month of January, McAvinnue's Winter Waddle took place. Nearly 100,000 puzzles were solved. We have included the final top by winning classrooms below. They will now hold the coveted ST Math JiJi trophy and have a chance to participate in the "February Freeze" which is a super fun 30 minutes of action-packed games in the gymnasium with Mr. Domina and Mrs. Bellerose!

JiJi and McAvinnue are always ready for the next challenge! February has just begun but March Mathness is heading your way. Stay tuned for weekly updates!



Total Puzzles
Completed



Percent Progress Update



McAvinnue's
"Winter Waddle"
Total Puzzle Count

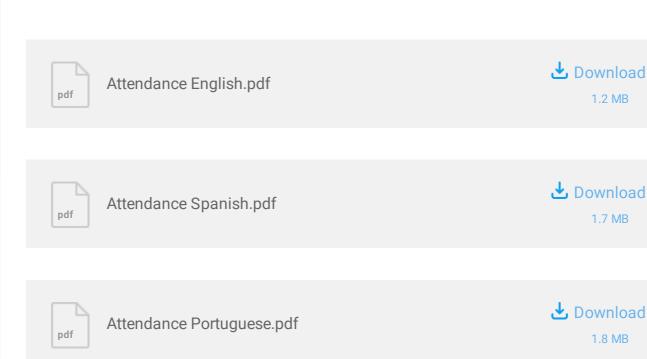


McAvinnue's Student Daily Attendance Policy

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.





Upcoming Events

Here are important dates to remember for the month of February:

- Monday, February 6th McAvinnue Reopens
- Monday, February 6th Friday, February 10th iReady Math Diagnostic Window (Grades 1 4)
- Wednesday, February 8th 100th Day Of School
- Tuesday, February 14th: Valentine's Day
- Wednesday, February 15th Student Progress Reports (Grades 1 4)
- Friday, February 17th Grade 2 Musical Showcase: "Colors: We're Better Together" @ 9:30 AM 10:30 AM
- Monday, February 20th Friday, February 24th Winter Break No School

iReady Benchmark Assessments

The 2nd iReady Diagnostic window will open this up and coming week. The follow windows will be open district-wide:

· Math - Monday, February 6th - Friday, February 10th

The district has strongly encouraged all schools to test during the assigned weeks.



Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

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



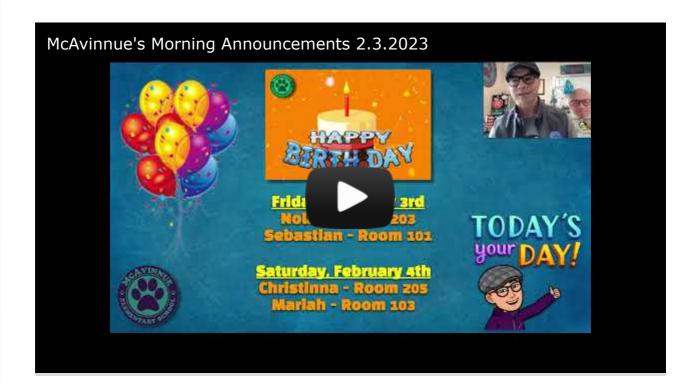
continue to use Tuesday and Thursday each week to be used for "Open Circle"....our Social Emotional Learning (SEL) program that focuses on community building, prosocial decision making, and appropriate responses to daily stressors both within the school and home settings.

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/UC7hxiBuRjqjqfASl_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: "Geyster" Continued...

We will continue to practice the "Geyser" pose for this up and coming week. This pose will allow us to release tension by decreasing negativity and excess energy that will allow us to be ready to take on the next



challenge with a clear mind and focused body! We will practice the "Geyser" 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

- 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.



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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.

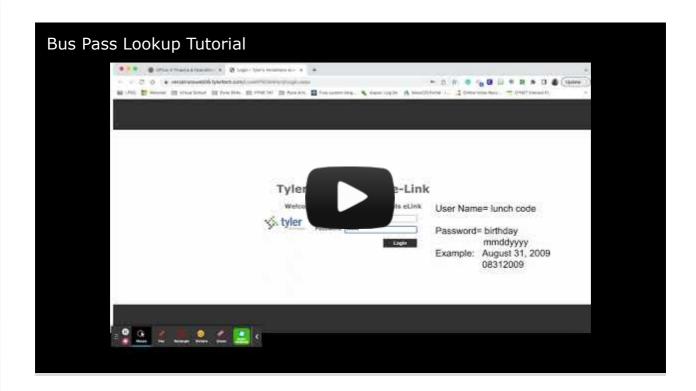
Please note that Kindergarten and 1st grader students <u>must</u> have an older sibling (4th grade or older) or parent present at the bus stop in the afternoon in order to depart from the school bus. If a parent or older sibling is not present, the student will be brought to the Moody School, located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





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 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 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, 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 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 2021-22 School Assignment Policy, all students have the option to request one school transfer per year. Families can apply online by going to
 https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolTransfer or can come to the Family Resource Center inperson 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 over-the-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,

Lowell Public Schools COVID Guidelines Update

Please see the message that was recently sent out regarding the latest COVID-19 guidance for this school year.

"Dear Lowell Public Schools Families,

We are looking forward to welcoming you all back to school on August
31st (Sept 7th for PreK and Kindergarteners) for the start of the 2022-2023 school year!

We would like to take this time to share the latest COVID-19 guidelines and policies:

- There will be no more in-school testing or contract tracing and schools will be distributing one last at-home testing kit, which will expire Sept. 29.
- Masks are not required (except for in the school nurse's office), but staff and students who wish to wear a mask may do so.
- Students and staff who do have a positive case of COVID-19 must stay out of school for a minimum of five days, but may return if symptoms improve on days 6-10 if they wear a high-quality mask.

The Centers for Disease Control's latest COVID-19 guidance can be found here: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html

We ask that you continue to stress good hygiene habits to your children, such as thorough hand washing and coughing into their elbows when they cough, and ask them not to share cups or water bottles with friends.

We strongly encourage all who are able to do so to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and subsequent boosters. We are thankful to our partners at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, who provided vaccinations at our Back-to-School Block Party, which was attended by more than 3,000 people. To find a location to receive a vaccine or booster, as well as additional information about the vaccine, visit: https://www.lowellma.gov/1523/COVID-19-Vaccine"

2022-2023 School Year Calendar



Superintendent of Schools-Lowell Public Schools- Lowell, MA 2022-2023 School Year Calendar

Monday, August 29, 2022	Staff Return to School for Staff Orientation Day
Tuesday, August 30, 2022	Staff Professional Development Day at School Site
Wednesday, August 31, 2022	First Day of School - Grades 1-12
Friday, September 2, 2022	No School Labor Day Recess
Monday, September 5, 2022	No School - Labor Day
Tuesday, September 6, 2022	No School for Students - Primary Election - Professional Day for Staff
Wednesday, September 7, 2022	First Day of School - Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten
Monday, October 10, 2022 *	No School - Indigenous Peoples' Day
Tuesday, November 8, 2022	No School for Students - Election Day - Professional Day for Staff
Friday, November 11, 2022 *	No School - Veterans' Day Observed
Wednesday, November 23, 2022	Early Dismissal - Thanksgiving Recess
Thursday, November 24, 2022 *	No School - Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 25, 2022 *	No School - Thanksgiving Recess
Monday, November 28, 2022	Schools Re-Open
Friday, December 23, 2022	Holiday Vacation Begins at the Close of Day
Saturday, December 24, 2022 *	Christmas Eve [Holiday Vacation: Saturday, December 24 - Sunday, January 1, 2023
Sunday, December 25, 2022	Christmas Day
Monday, December 26, 2022*	Central Office and Family Resource Office Closed
Friday, December 30, 2022*	New Year's Eve
Sunday, January 1, 2023	New Year's Day
Monday, January 2, 2023*	Central Office and Family Resource Office Closed
Tuesday, January 3, 2023	Schools Re-Open
Wednesday, January 11, 2023	Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12
Monday, January 16, 2023 *	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Duy
Friday, February 17, 2023	Mid-Winter Vacation Begins at the Close of School
Monday, February 20, 2023 *	President's Day [School Vacation: Monday, February 20 - Friday, February 24, 2023]
Monday, February 27, 2023	Monday - Schools Re-Open
Wednesday, March 8, 2023	Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12
Friday, April 7, 2023	No School - Good Friday
Friday, April 14, 2023	Spring Vacation Begins at the Close of School
Monday, April 17, 2023 *	Patriot's Day - [School Vacation: Monday, April 17 - Friday, April 21, 2023]
Monday, April 24, 2023	Schools Re-Open
Monday, May 29, 2023 *	No School - Memorial Day
Thursday, June 15, 2023	180° School Day
Monday, June 19, 2023 *	Junetrenth
Friday, June 23, 2023	185° School Day (Includes five (5) Snow Days)



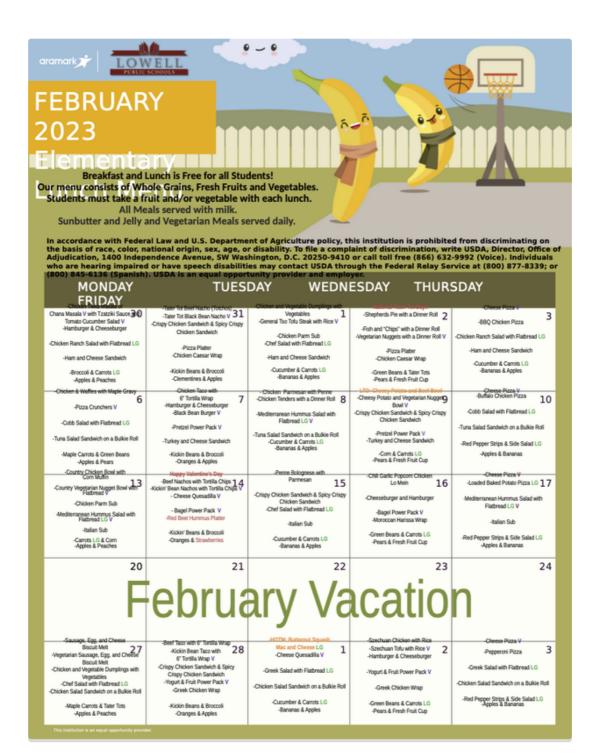
Approved by the Lowell School Committee at their meeting of May 4, 2022

Central Administration, Family Resource Center will be closed n observance of a holiday Number of School Days Per Month
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September 19 February 15
October 20 March 23
November 18 April 14
December 17 May 22
June 11

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February Breakfast & Lunch Menu





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February Lunch Menu.pdf

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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

Lowell Kid's Week: February 18th - February 26th



Wednesday, February 22***	IDEA Camp Showcase	9 AM	Reserve a spot https://bit.ly/3HLXHR	Grades 3-10	Project LEARN Inc	Yes
	Free Movie at AMC Tyngsboro	10 AM	www.lowelirec.com/info/ activities	All	Lowell Recreation Department	Yes
	Hands-on Nature Presents: Winter Hibernation	10.AM	www.lowellibrary.org/events	Grades K-12	Polard Memorial Library	Yes
	'Life Doesn't Frighten Me' Poem/Painting	10 AM	www.lowelleams.com	8-14	Lowell Learns Community Music and Art Initiative	Yes
	Make a Bookmark	11 AM	www.lalabookstore.com	AR	lala books	No
	Princess for a Day!	12:30 PM	www.lowelirec.com/info/ activities/	3-11	Lowell Recreation Department	Yes
	Make a Hanger Dolf	1 pm	Reserve by calling: 978-970-5000	All	Lowell National Historical Park	Yes
	Filmmaking for Kids	3 PM	Registration information: www.fb.mele/2Re/2kn/69	8-14	Scot Langdon	Yes
	Portraits Remix	10 AM	www.lowelleams.com	8-14	Lowell Learns Community Music and Art Initiative	Yes
Thursday, February 23**	Writer Wildlife Exploration	10 AM	www.lowellandtrust.org/kids- week-winter-nature- scavenger-hunt/	Al	Lowell Parks and Conservation	Yes
	Family Game Day	11 AM	www.iowellibrary.org/events	Grades K-12	Poland Memorial Library	Yes
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	Exploring Coin Design and Embossing	1 PM	Lowell National Historical Park Facebook	м	Lowell National Historical Park and John F. Kennedy National Historical Site	No
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	Creative Clay Creatures	1 PM	www.artsleagueoflowell.org	5-10	Arts League of Lowel	No
	Weaving by Hand	3 PM	Lowell National Historical Park Facebook	All	Lowell National Historical Park	No
	Creating Silhouettes and Letter Writing	2 PM	Lowell National Historical Park Facebook	All	Lowel National Historical Park	N
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PreK Family Focus Group: February 7th

FOCUS GROUP FOR PRE-K FAMILIES

Help us develop ways to measure your child's preschool experience. Your input will assist us in continuous improvement planning

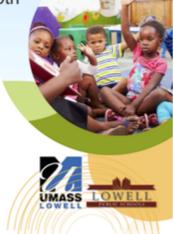
Join us on February 7, 2023 at 4:30-5:30 PM Cardinal O'Connell School snow date February 9th

TELL US WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU!

This meeting is part of a partnership between Lowell Public Schools and UMass Lowell

Join the conversation and enjoy Pizza and Refreshments

> To register click here: https://tinyurl.com/yjcpf5tw



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.



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 adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us or contact the Main Office at McAvinnue for support!



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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 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

Don't let winter stop you from eating fresh local fruits and vegetables! Fresh, locally grown produce is now available for purchase through April 2023 at Mill City Grows' (MCG) Indoor Winter Mobile Markets at UMass Lowell University Crossing and MCG's ROOT Kitchen.



Shoppers can enjoy a variety of seasonal vegetables grown on farm sites in the City of Lowell as well as fresh produce sourced from area farmers and growers. Mill City Grows Mobile Markets accept SNAP/EBT, cash, credit, debit, and Mill City Grows E-Gift Cards (a great stocking stuffer: https://squareup.com/gift/A6CVNHCK5PKAE/order) for payment. All markets also accept HIP (Healthy Incentives Program), a SNAP benefit that provides \$1 back for every dollar spent on fruits and vegetables purchased directly from a HIP authorized farm or vendor. SNAP customers are encouraged to ask about HIP discounts while shopping.

The full Indoor Winter Mobile Market schedule can be viewed and downloaded at https://www.millcitygrows.org/mobile-markets/, including multilingual schedules in Khmer, Spanish, Vietnamese, Portuguese, Chinese, Haitian Creole, and Pashto. Please follow Mill City Grows 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

- February 15, 2023
- March 15, 2023
- April 19, 2023

Mill City Grows ROOT Kitchen

19 Hall Street, Lowell Bi-weekly on Thursdays from 2 PM – 5 PM

- February 2 & 16, 2023
- March 2 & 16, 2023

^{*} Parking is available at the Pawtucket Metered Lot across from University Crossing at 219 Pawtucket Street.



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 February 2 & 16

2023

January 5 & 19 March 2816

19 Hall Street

Community Connections & Opportunities



Winter Playgroups

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/.../1FAlpQLScox9aCS.../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.

Here is a list of daycare options in Lowell:

- Community Team Work (CTI) (978) 454-5100
 - Families who are already enrolled in a CTI program...

- Call or text school-age coordinators to request a slot
 - Billy 978-995-0028, wma@commteam.org
 - Karen 978-729-7216, 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

Local Food Support

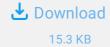
Do you need support with food options for your family. No need to worry...there are many local groups that can offer support for you during your time of need.



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.





McAvinnue's Family Read-A-Loud

"A Crankenstein Valentine"



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"!

 FaceBook: https://www.facebook.com/McAvinnueElementarySchool



- Twitter: https://twitter.com/McAvinnueLPS
- Instagram: http://instragram.com/mcavinnueelementarylps
- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7hxiBuRjqjqfASl_RLMleQ



Our Vision

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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

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