



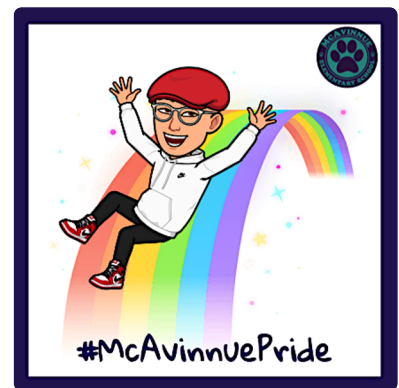
THE LION'S ROAR

Community Newsletter: Week Of March 3rd

MCAVINNUE'S PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello McAvinnue Community!

What a fun and exciting first week back from the Winter Break! It was so great to reconnect with everyone...and things picked up in a positive way right where we left off! The weather has warmed up some and a few classrooms had a chance to get outside for recess!



Things will begin to pick up speed in the month of March with many activities, events, and assessments that will occur at McAvinnue. It is important to stay engaged with everything that is going on so that you can support your child and participate in all events!

It's school budget season for McAvinnue as we are putting the necessary plans and pieces together for the 2025-2026 academic school year. Our School Site Council will be meeting to develop an appropriate and effective Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) which will be used to drive our school budget. I will provide updates throughout this month as we systematically move through each of the required action-steps. We are extremely optimistic that a comprehensive school budget will be developed and approved that meets the needs of our students

Just a few quick reminders for everyone...we will have an "Early Release Day" on Wednesday, March 5th. All students will be dismissed at 1:30 PM. There will no AM or PM PreK classes for Ms.

Annie's students. Also, McAvinnue's After School Program will not occur. The Before School Program will be still be in session on Wednesday.

Finally, The annual ritual is nearly here! The start of daylight saving time, which subtracts an hour of sleep, is fast approaching. The seasonal time change when we "spring forward" will occur on Sunday, March 9th a full week before the official start of spring on March 20th. Daylight saving time begins at 2 AM which is the official hour to set all of our clocks ahead one hour. That's when local time will instantly become 3 AM and people lose an extra hour of time.

I am looking forward to catching up with everyone first thing on Monday morning!

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

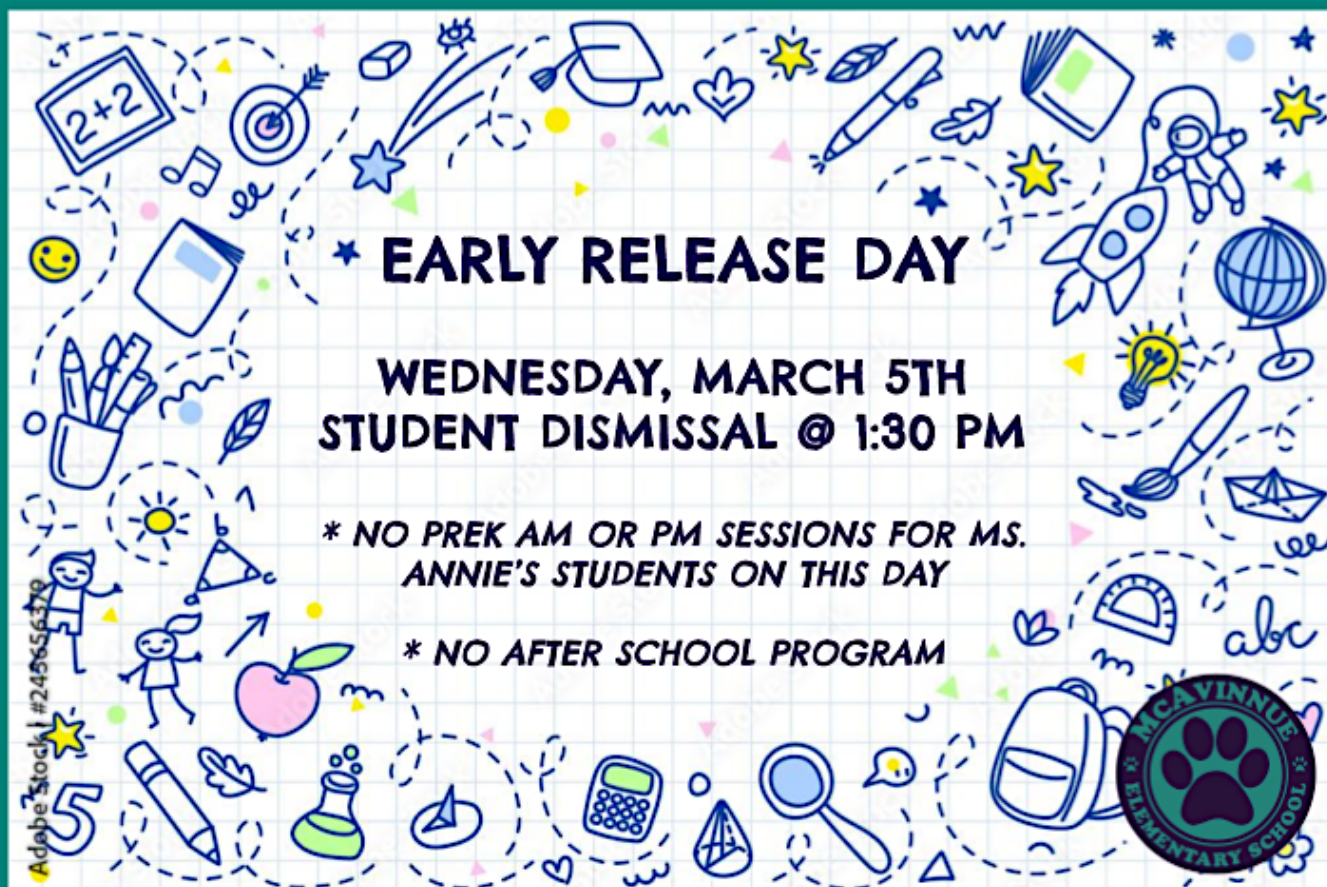
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach directly.

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:

- **Sunday, March 2nd - "Read Across America Day"**
- **Monday, March 3rd - McAvinnue Reopens @ 9:10 AM**
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- **Tuesday, March 11th - McAvinnue's Spring Picture Day (Faculty Picture; Individual Portraits; Class Pictures)**

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.

Early Release Day



There will be a district-wide "Early Release Day" on Wednesday, March 5th. At McAvinnue, students will be dismissed at 1:30 PM. There will be no morning or afternoon sessions for Ms. Annie's PreK students. Our After School Program will not occur on this day. However, the Before School Program will still take place starting at 8:00 AM.

Please make the necessary arrangements to be available for your child on this day.

McAvinnue's Popcorn Fundraiser Friday!



Mark your calendars! We will be trying something new to raise some additional funds for field trips and other student events. Using our new popcorn popping machine, we will be making fresh popcorn and selling it to students for a modest price!

We will be selling popcorn on **Friday, March 7th** during lunch time. The cost for a bag of popcorn will be \$1. Students will be permitted to buy only 1 bag of popcorn. Each bag of popcorn that is purchased will need to be consumed in the cafeteria during the grade level lunch period.

The grade levels that will have a chance to purchase popcorn on Friday, March 8th will be the following: **Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2.**

Grades 3 and Grades 4 will be able to purchase popcorn on **Friday, March 21st.**

REMINDER- New Trial Traffic Patten



ATTENTION: NEW TRAFFIC PATTERN TRIAL: STARTING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

The City's Engineering Department will be running a 60-Day trial of a new traffic pattern during normal pickup and drop-off times at McAvinnue Elementary School.

4th Avenue will become a one-way road from Mt Grove St to Mammoth Rd from 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM and from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

Traffic will not be able to turn onto 4th Avenue from Mammoth Road during these times.

This new pattern seeks to alleviate congestion and safety concerns in front of the school.

McAvinnue's Week In Review



JiJi Visits Room 202!

Grade 1 students in Room 202 recently won the ST Math "Winter Waddle" Challenge! The students had a surprise visit from JiJi from ST Math! JiJi presented the students of Room 202 a special "Winter Waddle" trophy, reward certificate, and a set of ST Math stickers.

They also found out that they would also have a chance to continue to celebrate their BIG win an ST Math "Snowball Sundae Party"! Needless to say, everyone was super excited!





Pop Out Heart Art!

Check out the really cool pop out heart art work completed by our students! Such a fun and creative project that really gets your attention when you are in the hallway outside of the Art room!





Plate Printing Fun!

Grade 4 students have been working hard on learning the technique of creating a printing plate using scratch embossing. They were able to add some paint to the plates they created to make some really cool prints!



Gingerbread Engineer & Art Challenge Winners!



**1ST PLACE
EVA, HAZALEE, STELLA - ROOM 307**



2ND PLACE - TIE
ROHA, SKYLA, JULIAN - ROOM 307



2ND PLACE - TIE
DIYA, YANEICY, AINARA - ROOM 309



3RD PLACE MARIAH, DALIA, SARAI - ROOM 308

Here are the BIG winners of the annual "Gingerbread House Engineer & Art Challenge" for our Grade 4 students!

This fun and collaborative learning opportunity is a joint effort by Mrs. Patterson, STEAM Studio Teacher, and Mrs. Pike, Art Teacher. Students worked in teams to design, build, and decorate a gingerbread house! All of the students at McAvinnue had a chance to vote on the design that they appreciated the most.

Congratulations to all of the Grade 4 students for keeping this challenge alive at McAvinnue...and for pushing the bar even higher for such amazing creations!

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

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

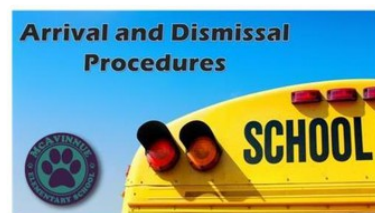


Please reach out as soon as possible to get her the necessary paperwork and to arrange drop off of new medications. Nurse Danielle's email address is dralls@lowell.k12.ma.us and she can also be reached by calling (978) 937-2871 ex. 47858. Our fax number is (978) 937-2880.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Logistics

Drop-Off Logistics

- Arrival begins at 9:10 AM each day. The late bell rings at 9:25 AM.
- Please pull up to the 4th Avenue side of the building when dropping off your child.
- As you approach the 4th Avenue sidewalk, a faculty member will greet and support getting your child safely out of the vehicle.
- This area is a drop off area ONLY. You will not be permitted to park in this location.
- Please be sure to drive all the way down to the end of the sidewalk so we can fit as many vehicles in this location as possible.
- Ensure your child is ready to go and do not get out of the car so we can keep traffic moving.
- Students accessing our CSA program will be dismissed out the 4th Avenue door near the rear of the school building by the exit driveway.
- Large bus students will enter using the back door located in the rear of the school building.
- Small bus and van transportation students will use the 4th Avenue door near the rear of the school building by the exit driveway.



Morning Lining Up Locations

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

Pick-Up Logistics

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

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



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

Please note that Kindergarten and 1st grader students **must** have an older sibling (4th grade or older) or parent present at the bus stop in the afternoon in order to depart from the school bus. If a parent or older sibling is not present, the student will be brought to the Moody School, located at 158 Rogers Street. A driver's license or valid identification must be presented to the staff in order to dismiss the student.

You can use the LPSD "Bus Lookup Tool" using the link below. You will need to use you child's LASID or lunch number along with their birthdate to access this helpful system.

There also is a helpful video that you can watch that will walk you through the process.


[Click Here For The LPSD "Bus Lookup Tool"](#)

You will need to have your child's LASID or lunch number to access the most up to date bus information for your child. Please keep in mind that this number is also used to log into your child's borrowed device.

Bus Pass Lookup Tutorial

Tyler's Versatrans e-Link

Welcome to Lowell Public Schools eLink

 User Name: Password:

User Name= lunch code

Password= birthday
mmddyyyy

Example: August 31, 2009
08312009

Is Your Bus On Time?

The Lowell Public Schools Transportation Department has added a live spreadsheet to its webpage that indicates in the AM or PM if a school bus (grades K-8) is running late and by how long.

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




Physical Education Class Information With Ms. Rindo


Here is information regarding when each grade level and homeroom has weekly Physical Education Class with Ms. Rindo.

Please ensure that your child wears sneakers on their assigned day in the gymnasium so that can fully participate.

Kindergarten- Physical Education Class

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Mrs. Pepper 205	Mrs. Lewis 206	Mrs. Zolkos 207	Mrs. Martineau 208


 Please remember to wear your sneakers!
¡Por favor recuerda usar tus zapatos de deporte!




Kindergarten

Grade 1- Physical Education Class

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mrs. Gervais 204		Ms. Corio 201	Mrs. Joyce 202	Ms. Wagner 203


 Please remember to wear your sneakers!
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Grade 1

Grade 2- Physical Education Class

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mrs. Ubele 101	Mrs. Makumbi 102	Ms. Carucini 103	Ms. Michaud 104	


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Grade 2

Grade 3- Physical Education Class

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mrs. Abrams 302	Mrs. Cutrumbes 303	Mrs. M-C 304		Ms. Ryder 301


 Please remember to wear your sneakers!
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Grade 3

Grade 4- Physical Education Class

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ms. Clemente 309	Mrs. Leczynski 310		Mrs. Figueiredo 307	Mrs. McCann 308


 Please remember to wear your sneakers!
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Grade 4

CSA- Physical Education Class

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Mrs. Pastor 108	Mrs. Orozco 109	Mrs. Irwin 211

 Please remember to wear your sneakers!
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CSA

McAvinnue's Yoga Pose Of The Week: "Peace Crawl"

We will practice a brand new pose called the "Peace Crawl" for this up and coming week! This new pose will allow us to work on our balance through and integration of movements that will improve our coordination while enhancing brain development. We will practice the "Peace Crawl" pose

daily during our "Virtual" Morning Announcements during this up and coming week on Monday, and Friday.

You can get an early head start and practice this technique before we launch into another exciting week!



Peace Crawl

**Balance. Integration.
Coordination. Brain builder.**



1. Begin in Mountain.
2. Raise your right arm straight out in front of you while lifting your left knee to hip height. Lower both limbs and switch sides as if you are marching in place.
3. Continue until you feel balanced and have developed a good rhythm.
4. When you are ready, try adding the chant below, coordinating your movements with the words:

Do the peace crawl,
Up and down,
Moving slow,
Without a sound,
Quiet my thoughts,
Focus my mind,
Let's crawl for peace,
A second time,
(a third time, one
last time, etc.)

Last round, end with...
**You can crawl for peace
Most anytime!**



here's
an idea!

- Variation 1: Try raising the same side arm and knee.
- Variation 2: Try raising a knee forward and then opposite arm out the side.



Upcoming Events



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

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- **Wednesday, March 12th - 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**
- **Friday, March 14th - School-Wide "ALICE" Safety Drill**
- **Monday, March 17th - ELA iReady Diagnostic #3 Begins**
- **Tuesday, March 18th - Grade 2 Field Trip: Metropolitan Waterworks Museum (Rooms 103 & 104)**
- **Wednesday, March 19th - Grade 2 Field Trip: Metropolitan Waterworks Museum (Rooms 101 & 102)**
- **Thursday, March 20th - McAvinnue's "Math Family Festival" @ 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM**
- **Friday, March 21th - Popcorn Fundraiser Sale: Grades 3 & 4 (During Lunch In The Cafeteria)**
- **Friday, March 21th - Report Card Distribution: PreK - Grade 4**

- Tuesday, March 25th - Grade 4 Field Trip: Lowell Tsongas Industrial History Center
 - Thursday, March 27th - McAvinnue's "Walk-A-Thon" Fundraiser Event
 - Monday, March 31st - McAvinnue's "Lions Pride" Core Value All School Celebration: March Edition
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Daylight Savings Time Reminder



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McAvinnue's Math Festival



Please plan to join us for McAvinnue's "Math Festival" on **Thursday, March 20th at 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM** in the gymnasium! We have partnered with the Acera School in Winchester once again to plan this amazing event. You may remember that they also helped with our highly successful "STEM Family Night" back in January!

We will have many hands-on math games and activities for families to engage in. Many of the challenges will be to help our school mascot, Leo The Lion, along in many of the math challenges! There will even be a special appearance by Leo The Lion at this exciting event!

We will provide a dinner option for families!

There is no need to sign up in advance, All you need to do is come to this event prepared to have a ton of mathematical fun! We hope to see everyone on Thursday, march 20th at 5:30 PM!

ST Math Weekly Progress!

We are two months into 2025 and fantastic puzzle play continues to be logged! ST Math goals are being met all around! We continue to celebrate progress at the classroom level and at the student

level... check out last week's newest additions to the Main Office 100%ers board! Classroom averages continue to climb and classroom postcards have been updated.

Even more reasons to celebrate:


- **Puzzle Count Progress Update** - Students have solved an impressive number of puzzles- **584,650!**
- **The Math Journey Update** - McAvinnue's Puzzle Goal Progress is **60%**. Our students are 8% beyond the expected Puzzle Progress Goal!




Let's get ready for: Swish & Solve: The ST Math March Mathness Showdown!


Details are coming soon!

A large graphic banner for STMath. It features a blue sky background with white clouds, a yellow boat, a small island, and a penguin wearing a green t-shirt with the McAvinnue Elementary School logo. The text "584,650 puzzles solved" is prominently displayed in purple and black. A black puzzle piece icon is at the bottom left.

 **STMath**

584,650
puzzles solved







60%

Average Puzzle Goal Progress



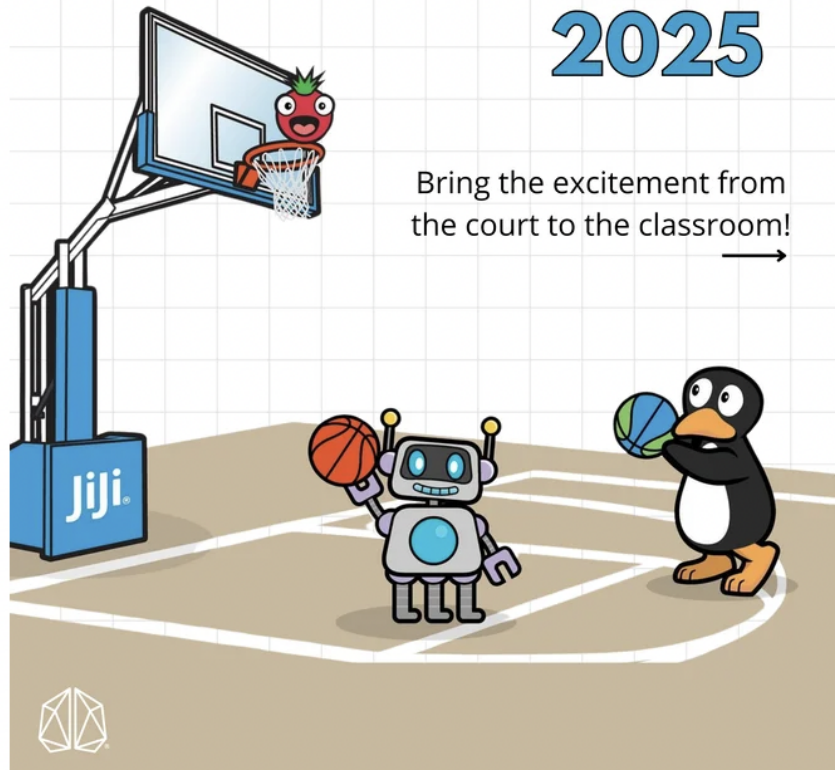
STMath



IT'S TIME FOR MARCH MATHNESS 2025



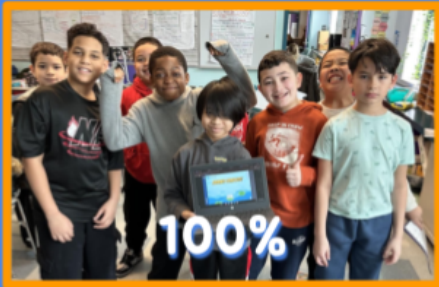
Bring the excitement from
the court to the classroom!



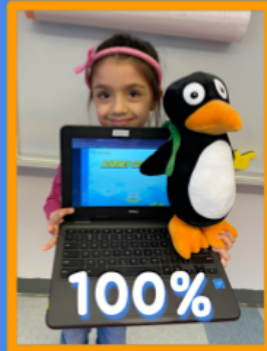
ST Math Champions!



McAvinnue's ST Math Progress Champions



Rayden
Room 310



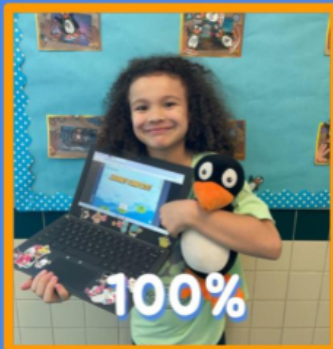
Tajala
Room 204



Zulqarnain
Room 301



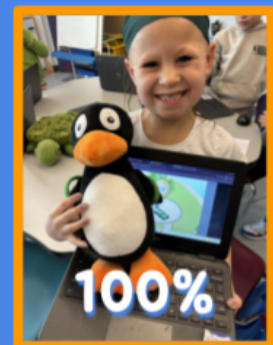
McAvinnue's ST Math Progress Champions



Cheryl
Room 302



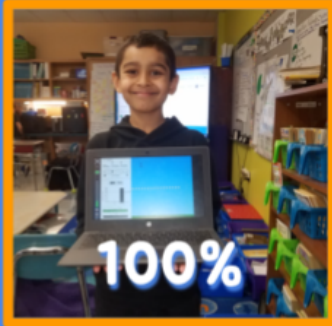
Levi
Room 203



Eli
Room 201



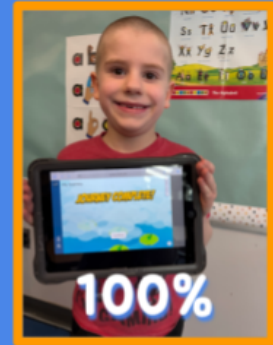
McAvinnue's ST Math Progress Champions



Dev
Room 304



Liam
Room 203



Logan
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
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	185 th School Day [Includes five (5) Snow Days]

Approved by the Lowell School Committee at their meeting of: 4/17/24

* Central Administration, Family Resource Center will be closed in observance of a holiday

Number of School Days Per Month			
August	3	January	21
September	19	February	15
October	22	March	21
November	17	April	16
December	15	May	21
		June	10





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/UC7hxiBuRjqjgqfASl_RLMleQ

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

McAvinnue's Morning Announcements 2.26.2025



McAVINNUE'S GOOD NEWS!

**"GINGERBREAD
HOUSE
WINNERS!"**



Parent & Family Resources

Need To Motivate Your Child?

Join our friends from Cartwheel for a FREE webinar about ways to motivate your kids on Tuesday, March 4th at 7 PM. Check out the flyer below for more details!

To register, please use the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/yr8btu9h>

Free webinar!

 **Cartwheel**

for Parents, Caregivers, and School Staff

Motivating Kids to Do the "No Fun, Boring, and Tough" Stuff

Zoom | March 4, 2025 | 7:00 - 8:00 PM ET

Meet our speaker:

Sharon Saline, PsyD
Licensed Clinical Psychologist
30+ years of experience with expertise in ADHD, anxiety, learning differences and mental health challenges and their impact on school and family dynamics



Do you want to help your student succeed in life but struggle with working together on tasks and goals?

It can feel frustrating to teach responsibility, motivation and persistence to students, especially those with ADHD or learning differences. If you're looking for techniques on how to partner with kids to create solutions, increase their buy-in and reduce conflict - this webinar is for you!

Join us on March 4 to learn how to:

- Teach executive functioning skills related to motivation
- Increase personal accountability
- Foster independence
- Address pushback
- Plus live Q&A

www.cartwheel.org

Scan to Register



tinyurl.com/6x26teuz

LPS Connector: February Edition

The February edition of the LPS Connector is here! A hip-hop violinist, middle school basketball action, dry ice experiments, beautiful Cambodian dancers, important registration information and

so much more!

<https://secure.smores.com/n/h87u5>



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.



2025-2026

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN

REGISTRATION OPENS ON:

FEBRUARY 3, 2025

Lottery dates:

- Round 1 - Register for Pre-K and K on or before April 4th to be eligible for the first round of the lottery on May 2nd.
- Round 2 - Register for K on or before May 16th to be eligible for the 2nd K lottery on June 13th
- Round 3 - Register for K on or before June 27th to be eligible for the 3rd K lottery on July 18th

Families may register online at:

lowell.k12.ma.us

OR in person at the FRC:

151 Merrimack St.

For more information, please visit:

lowell.k12.ma.us/Domain/84

CURRENT PRE-K FAMILIES:

If your child currently attends preschool, you are still required to enroll for Kindergarten.



2025-2026 PRE-KINDER/KINDERGARTEN

LA INSCRIPCIÓN SE ABRE EL:

3 DE FEBRERO DE 2025

Fechas de lotería:

- Ronda 1: regístrate para Pre-K y K el 4 de abril o antes para ser elegible para la primera ronda de la lotería el 2 de mayo.
- Ronda 2: regístrate para K el 16 de mayo o antes para ser elegible para la segunda lotería K el 13 de junio.
- Ronda 3: regístrate para K el 27 de junio o antes para ser elegible para la tercera lotería K el 18 de julio.

Las familias pueden registrarse en línea en: lowell.k12.ma.us O en persona en el FRC:

151 Merrimack St.

Para obtener más información, visite: lowell.k12.ma.us/Domain/84

FAMILIAS ACTUALES DE PRE-K:

Si su hijo actualmente frequenta a preschool, ele ainda deve se matricular no jardim de infância.

2025-2026 PRÉ-JARDIM DE INFÂNCIA/JARDIM DE INFÂNCIA

INSCRIÇÕES ABERTAS EM:

3º DE FEVEREIRO DE 2025

Datas do sorteio:

- Rodada 1: Inscreva-se no Pre-K e K até 4 de abril para ser elegível para a primeira rodada da loteria em 2 de maio.
- Rodada 2: Inscreva-se no K até 16 de maio para se qualificar para a segunda loteria K em 13 de junho.
- Rodada 3: Inscreva-se no K até 27 de junho para se qualificar para a loteria do 3º K em 18 de julho.

As famílias podem se registrar online em: lowell.k12.ma.us Ou pessoalmente no FRC:

151 Merrimack St.

Para obter mais informações, visite: lowell.k12.ma.us/Domain/84

FAMILIAS PRÉ-K ATUAIS:

Se seu filho atualmente frequenta a preschool, ele ainda deve se matricular no jardim de infância.

2025-2026 PRE-KINDER/KINDERGARTEN

LA INSCRIPCIÓN SE ABRE EL:

3 DE FEBRERO DE 2025

Fechas de lotería:

- Ronda 1: regístrate para Pre-K y K el 4 de abril o antes para ser elegible para la primera ronda de la lotería el 2 de mayo.
- Ronda 2: regístrate para K el 16 de mayo o antes para ser elegible para la segunda lotería K el 13 de junio.
- Ronda 3: regístrate para K el 27 de junio o antes para ser elegible para la tercera lotería K el 18 de julio.

Las familias pueden registrarse en línea en: lowell.k12.ma.us O en persona en el FRC:

151 Merrimack St.

Para obtener más información, visite: lowell.k12.ma.us/Domain/84

FAMILIAS ACTUALES DE PRE-K:











Si su hijo actualmente frequenta a preschool, ele ainda deve se matricular no jardim de infância.

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?

 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?

 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 necesario, 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)
- Sintomas 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?

 FIQUE EM CASA POR...	 Os estudantes podem voltar após...
 Febre: temperatura de 38 °C ou acima	Sem febre por 24 horas, sem o uso de medicamentos para reduzir a febre, como Tylenol ou Motrin
 Vômito ou diarreia	 Sem sintomas por 24 horas
 Erupção cutânea	A condição for diagnosticada por um médico, e o tratamento for iniciado, se indicado, e o atestado médico foi recebido pela enfermeira.
 Olhos vermelhos com secreção ocular: secreção amarela ou marrom dos olhos e formação de crostas nos cílios.	Condição diagnosticada por um médico, o tratamento iniciado, se indicado, o atestado médico (24 horas de antibióticos para conjuntivite).
 Piolhos vivos	O tratamento com shampoo terapêutico para piolhos concluído e nenhum piolho ativo for encontrado.
 Uma doença contagiosa, como catapora ou faringite estreptocócica	Um médico ou funcionário de saúde pública afirmar que é seguro retornar e/ou a criança está tomando antibióticos há 24 horas.
 As vacinações do estudante não estiverem atualizadas e um aviso de exclusão foi emitido.	As vacinas exigidas foram tomadas



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

- Doenças Crônicas (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 [City of Lowell Senior Center](#) and [University Crossing at UMass Lowell](#). 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

Free parking near University Crossing for Mobile Market shoppers:

UMass Lowell Salem Street Parking Lot
294 Salem Street, Lowell
(Please look for parking signs)

 **USDA** National Institute of Food and Agriculture
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

 **BANK OF AMERICA**



 **MDAR**

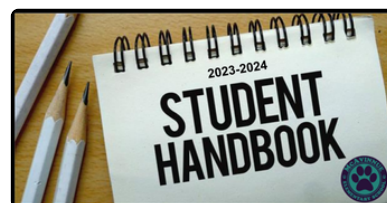


**Cummins
Foundation**



Student Handbook 2024-2025

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



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

Please reach out directly if you have any questions.

[**Click Here To Access The LPS 2024-2025 Student Handbook**](#)

McAvinnue's School Attendance Information

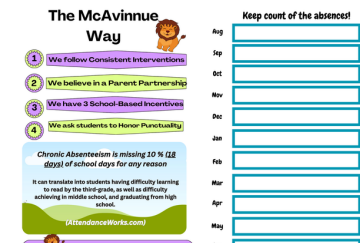
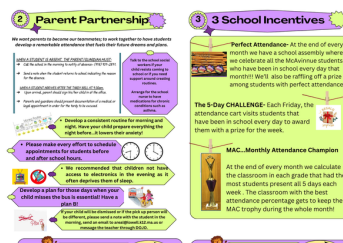
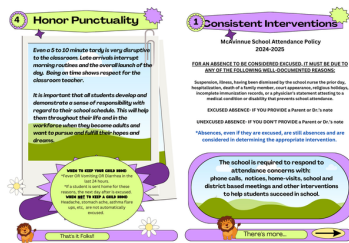
As you are aware, attending school is first step each in the learning process for our students. It is critical that our students arrive to school on time each day so that they can access all of the engaging and meaning lessons that have been planned by our teachers and related service providers.



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

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

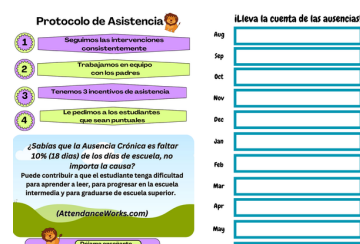
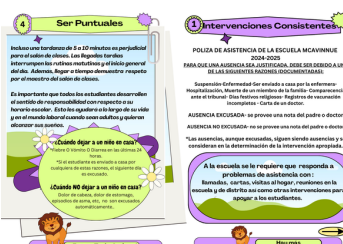
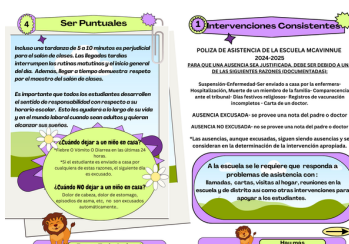
The handbook is provided in three languages below.



English

English

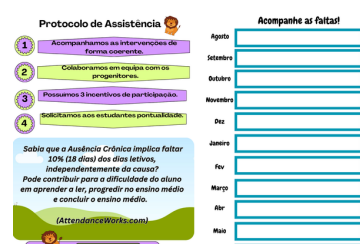
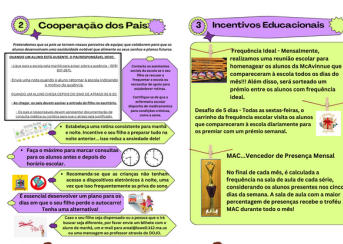
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Spanish

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Portuguese

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Breakfast and Lunch Will Be Free for All LPS Students

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



Please keep up to date on our program, nutrition education, monthly menus and back to school letters on the [LPS Food and Nutrition website](#).

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

GREAT NEWS

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

WHY EAT SCHOOL BREAKFAST + LUNCH?

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

 PROJECT BREAD 

March Breakfast & Lunch Menus



UPDATE: We are still waiting for Aramark, the food service provider for the Lowell Public School District, to release the March breakfast and lunch menu for elementary schools.

When both menus are released, we will update this section as soon as possible. Stay tuned!

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.



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



Softball & Baseball Spring Recreation League

With Spring being right around the corner, it's that time of the year again to begin signing up for some Spring Sport options for your child.

Check out the information below for baseball and softball recreation leagues in Lowell. Visit www.lybsl.org or see flyer for more details!

**BASEBALL & SOFTBALL
REC LEAGUE**



Approved by LPS

SPRING 2025

REGISTER NOW AT:
WWW.LYBSL.ORG



LOWELL'S FIRST CITYWIDE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL REC LEAGUE

T-BALL AGES: 4/5
INSTRUCTIONAL/COACH PITCH AGES: 5/6

BASEBALL AGE GROUPS:	SOFTBALL AGE GROUPS:
7/8, 9/10, 11/12 & 13/16	8U, 10U, 12U & 16U

FIND US ON THE SOCIALS:   

Our website can be translated into multiple languages

- Nuestro sitio web se puede traducir a varios idiomas
- Nosso site pode ser traduzido para vários idiomas
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Girls Lacrosse Registration Now Open!

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

To register: www.lowellgirlslacrosse.com

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

LGL Registration is OPEN for Spring 2025!

LGL Littles (new Kindergarten program for 2025)

Grades 1/2

Grades 3/4

Grades 5/6

Grades 7/8

Season runs mid-February through beginning of June

Register online @ lowellgirlslacrosse.com

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

✉ Questions, please email lowellgirlsyouthlacrosse@gmail.com



Lowell Youth Boys Lacrosse Registration Now Open!

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

<https://lowellyouthlax.com>

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

Financial aid is available if needed.

LOWELL YOUTH LACROSSE SPRING 2025 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

UNTIL FEBRUARY 22, 2025

FIRST TIME PLAYERS WELCOME
BOYS GRADES 1-8

FINANCIAL AID
AVAILABLE

PRACTICES BEGIN IN MARCH
GAMES ARE ON SUNDAYS



INQUIRE ABOUT OUR
LEARN TO PLAY
PROGRAM



REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

www.lowellyouthlax.com



lowellyouthlacrosse@yahoo.com

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Cub Scout Pack 7 Information

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

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



Cub Scout Pack 7 is a Family Pack for both girls and boys
in kindergarten through fifth grades



In partnership with FEMA—Cub Scouting is offering fun and play filled 'Be Prepared' emergency preparedness programming for youth. Kids will have a great time and learn to Be Prepared via camping, group hiking, learning to use basic tools, archery, developing communication skills and lots of playing.



Visit www.Pack7Lowell.com to find about our next open house or to visit one of our weekly den meetings and learn about the year-long programming.

Meeting Location — St. Rita Hall
(158 Mammoth Rd., Lowell)

www.Pack7Lowell.com

join@pack7lowell.com



Be A Girl Scout

Interested in joining the Girl Scouts Of America? Check out the information below for an event on Tuesday, September 17th at 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM at the Pollard Library in Lowell.

To sign up for Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts, please use the link below.

gsema.org/jion





Your Year of Adventure

- ✓ Hike to the highest point in your town.
- ✓ Learn a new outdoor skill.
- ✓ Take on challenges with confidence.

Each day as a Girl Scout brings thrills and out-of-this-world experiences. Don't miss your chance to make new friends and be part of a journey you'll never forget! Find your squad and get ready for amazing adventures.

Be a Girl Scout
gsema.org/join

girl scouts
of eastern
massachusetts

Start your Girl Scout journey in Lowell at our FREE Try Girl Scouts event!

**Tuesday, September 16
6 - 7 PM**
**Pollard Memorial Library
401 Merrimack Road
Lowell**

*Bring your grown-up(s) along.
Scan code to RSVP or visit
www.gsema.org/eventsup2*



Fall Playgroup Opportunities

The Lowell Public Schools' Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Program holds weekly playgroups for children under 5-years-old and their families.

You can access the registration form below.

[Click Here To Register](#)



Community Resources & Daycare Options for Families

Looking for before or after school daycare options for your child? Here is a short list of options and information for your consideration.

Here is a list of daycare options in Lowell:

- **Community Team Work (CTI):** (978) 454-5100
 - Families who are already enrolled in a CTI program...
 - Call or text school-age coordinators to request a slot
 - Billy 978-995-0028, wma@commteam.org
 - 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.





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

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Community Vaccination Information

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

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

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



Community vaccination sites.pdf

[Download](#)
1.1 MB

Family Read-A-Loud: "Grumpy Monkey: Spring Fever"

🐼 Grumpy Monkey Spring Fever 🐼 (kids books read aloud) online book



McAvinnue's School Website

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

Please visit our website at:

<https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/mcavinnue>



Follow McAvinnue On Social Media

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

Click the buttons below to access our social media sites!



[Click To Access McAvinnue's Facebook Page](#)

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

#McAvinnuePride #BeTheDifference #NextLevel

Email: mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us

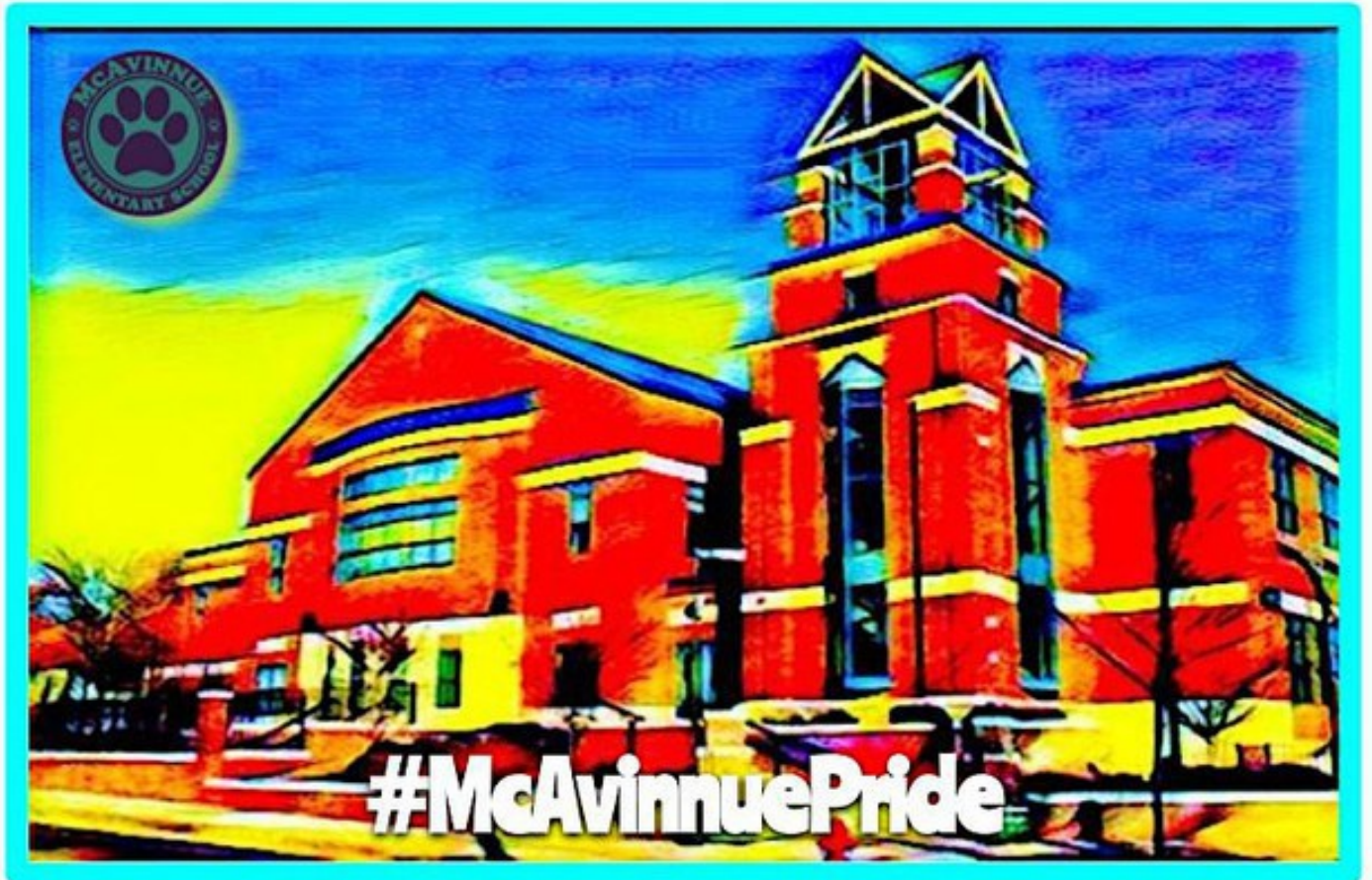
Website: <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Domain/21>

Location: 131 Mammoth Road, Lowell, MA, USA

Phone: (978) 937-2871

Facebook: facebook.com/McAvinnueElementarySchool/

Twitter: [@McAvinnueLPS](https://twitter.com/McAvinnueLPS)



Michael Domina

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