

# The Lion's Roar

Community Newsletter: Week Of April 14th



#### MCAVINNUE'S PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello McAvinnue Community!

As we head into the final week before Spring Break, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued partnership and support. It's hard to believe we're already this far into the school year—our students have made incredible progress, and we're so proud of all their hard work. This upcoming week, April 14th through April 17th, will be filled with a mix of focused learning and some fun, seasonal activities designed to keep students engaged and motivated.



Across the building, classrooms will be incorporating spring-themed projects, hands-on learning activities, and opportunities for students to celebrate their academic growth. Some grade levels will be holding small celebrations, working on collaborative art or writing projects, or participating in themed proejcts. Teachers will be in touch with specific details about what's happening in their rooms, so please keep an eye out for messages on ClassDojo or in your child's purple communication folder. Students are also working hard to meet their goals in ST Math and i-Ready, and we encourage families to ask their children about their progress—it's a great way to stay involved and celebrate the effort they're putting in.

Spring Break will officially begin on Monday, April 21st. We hope all of our families enjoy a safe, restful week filled with joy, connection, and maybe even a little adventure. Whether it's reading a favorite book, spending time outside, or doing something creative as a family, these small moments of rest and exploration can make a big impact. If you're looking for ways to stay connected to learning over the break, students can continue to access ST Math, read independently, or complete a fun outdoor Spring activity like sidewalk chalk art or building a structure using sticks, leaves, and rock found in your yard or park.

If you are interested in joining our April Vacation Program, please see the information below with how you are sign up. The dates of the program will be Tuesday, April 22nd - Friday, April 25th. The program will run from 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM each day. Transportation will not be provided.

As always, if your family needs any support before or during the break—whether it's food resources, enrichment ideas, or help connecting with services—please don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to help in any way we can.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. We wish you and your family a wonderful Spring Break and look forward to finishing the school year strong when we return on Monday, April 28th!

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

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

Here are a few items that you need to be aware of. Please mark your calendars for the following events and activities at McAvinnue for the next few weeks:

- Monday, April 14th McAvinnue Reopens @ 9:10 AM
- Monday, April 14th McAvinnue's All School Planting Day
- Friday, April 18th Good Friday Holiday No School

- Sunday, April 20th Easter
- Monday, April 21st Friday, April 25th Spring Break (All Schools Closed)
- Tuesday, April 22nd Friday, April 25th McAvinnue's April Vacation Program

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>.

# **McAvinnue's April Vacation Program**



We will be offering an "April Vacation Program" at McAvinnue for our students that are in Kindergarten - Grade 4.

The dates of the program will be Tuesday, April 22nd - Friday, April 25th. The program will run from 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM each day. Transportation will not be provided.

If you are interested in signing up for this amazing and FREE program, please use the link below: <a href="https://forms.gle/snmUNJaC7mqCBS2v5">https://forms.gle/snmUNJaC7mqCBS2v5</a>

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Gervais, Program Site Coordinator, at <a href="mailto:mgervais@lowell.k2.ma.us">mgervais@lowell.k2.ma.us</a>.

We hope to see many of our students at this program!

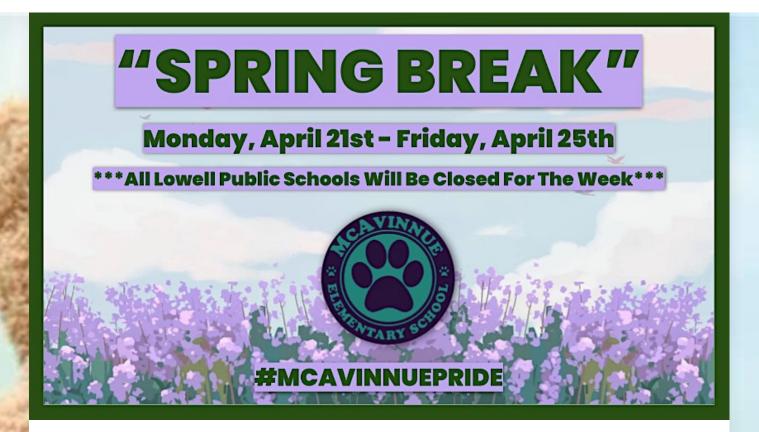
# No School - Good Friday: April 18th



<u>REMINDER</u>: All schools that are part of the Lowell Public School District will be closed on Friday, April 18th due the observance of the Good Friday holiday.

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

No School - Spring Break: April 21st - April 25th



McAvinnue will be closed for "Spring Break" on <u>Monday, April 21st - Friday, April 25th</u>. There will be no before or after school programming during this week.

We will open our doors again on Monday, April 28th at 9:10 AM.

Enjoy the time off doing things that you love the most...and we look forward to catching up with everyone when we return for the home stretch of the school year!

# **McAvinnue's Week In Review**



### **Grade 4 MCAS "Pump Up" Breakfast!**

Grade 4 got into the MCAS action on Tuesday with their MCAS "Pump Up" Breakfast! Our students enjoyed a very special breakfast courtesy of Aramark Food Service that included pancakes, sausage, bacon, fresh fruit, yogurt, and a variety of beverage options!



#### ST Math's "JiJi Day"!

We had a blast on Friday celebrating ST Math's "JiJi Day"! Much of the day was focused on celebrating and honoring the birthday of JiJi by engaging in some fun math games, puzzle solving, and penguin style arts and crafts projects! We even had a special visit from JiJi...so exciting to say the least!



#### **Healthy Teeth Talk With Grade 1!**

Reicheld Orthodontics gave a fantastic presentation to our Grade 1 students on Friday! They learned about dental care and even got goodie bags to help keep their teeth healthy!

# 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 <a href="mailto:dralls@lowell.k12.ma.us">dralls@lowell.k12.ma.us</a> and she can also be reached by calling (978) 937-2871 ex. 47858. Our fax number is (978) 937-2880.

# **Drop-Off & Pick-Up Logistics**

#### **Drop-Off Logistics**

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

#### **Morning Lining Up Locations**

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

#### **Pick-Up Logistics**

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

# **Bus Transportation Information**

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





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

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

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

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

#### Click Here For The LPSD "Bus Lookup Tool"

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

Bus Pass Lookup Tutorial



Welcome to Lowell Public Schools eLink

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Value Name Value

Password ----

User Name= lunch code

Password= birthday mmddyyyy Eugmalau August 31, 20

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.

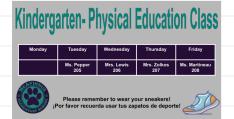
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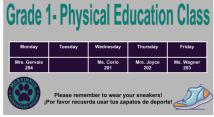


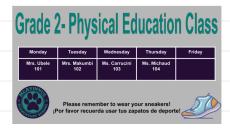
# Physical Education Class Information With Ms. Rindo

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.



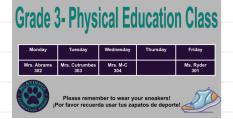




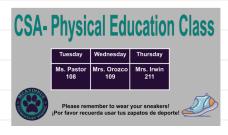
Kindergarten

**Grade 1** 

**Grade 2** 







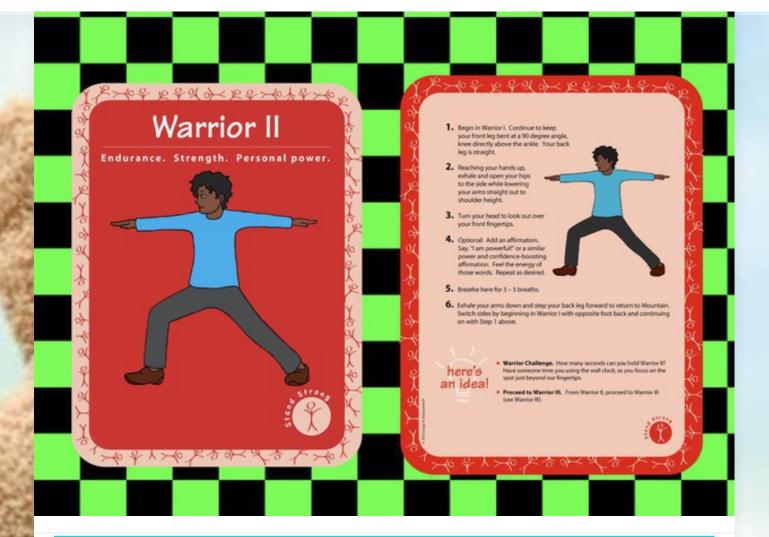
Grade 3 Grade 4 CSA

#### McAvinnue's Yoga Pose Of The Week: "Warrior II"

We will try another new pose this week called the "Warrior II". This new pose will allow us to work on increase our endurance and strength will making statements that will yield a higher sense of personal power. We will practice the "Warrior II" technique daily during our "Virtual" Morning Announcements during this up and coming week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.



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



# **Upcoming Events**



Here are important dates to remember for the month of April and May:

- Monday, April 14th McAvinnue Reopens @ 9:10 AM
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- Friday, April 18th Good Friday Holiday No School
- Sunday, April 20th Easter

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- Tuesday, April 22nd Friday, April 25th McAvinnue's April Vacation Program
- Monday, April 28th McAvinnue Reopens @ 9:10 AM
- Monday, April 28th Dentist @ McAvinnue
- <u>Wednesday, April 30th</u> McAvinnue's "Lions Pride" Core Value All School Celebration: April Edition @ 9:30 AM 10:15 AM
- Thursday, May 1st Bus Evacuation Practice Session All School (Starting @ 9:30 AM)
- Wednesday, May 7th Grade 3 Math MCAS Testing: Session 1
- Thursday, May 8th Grade 3 Math MCAS Testing: Session 2
- Friday, May 9th Mother's Day Kindergarten Event @ 10 AM (Cafeteria)
- Monday, May 12th McAvinnue's "STEM Challenge Month" Begins
- Tuesday, May 13th Grade 4 Math MCAS Testing: Session 1
- Wednesday, May 14th Early Release Day Student Dismissal @ 1:30 PM
- Thursday, May 15th Grade 4 Math MCAS Testing: Session 2
- Monday, May 19th Grade 4 Field Trip: Kimball Farms Westford
- Thursday, May 22nd Grade 2 Field Trip: Stone Zoo
- Friday, May 23rd McAvinnue's "Walk-A-Thon" Fundraiser Event
- Monday, May 26th Memorial Day No School
- <u>Thursday, May 29th</u> Kindergarten Field Trip: Stone Zoo
- <u>Thursday, May 29th</u> Turtle HATCH Program Field Trip Turtle Release Day (Rooms 202 & 303)
- <u>Friday, May 30th</u> McAvinnue's "Lions Pride" Core Value All School Celebration: May Edition @ 9:30 AM 10:15 AM

# 2025 MCAS Testing Dates: Grades 3 - 4

We have scheduled McAvinnue's MCAS dates for this school year. Please see the dates below for both Grade 3 and Grade 4.

#### Math

- Grade 3 Math May 7th (Session 1); Math 8th (Session 2)
- Grade 3 Math Make Up Sessions Math 9th & 12th
- Grade 4 Math May 13th (Session 1); May 15th (Session 2)
- Grade 3 Math Make Up Sessions May 16th & 19th



It's important that ALL of our students attend on the days that their grade level is testing. Being rested, on time, and fully prepared is essential for students to "show what they know" and do their very best!

If you have any questions, please reach out directly to your child's teacher for additional information.

# ST Math Weekly Progress!

The latest ST Math update is here, and we are thrilled to share some exciting news! Our students have collectively completed an incredible 818,000 puzzles in ST Math! This is a huge accomplishment and reflects the hard work and dedication of our students, as well as the opportunities for puzzling that you provide in your classrooms.



As we move through the Spring, let's continue encouraging our students to keep puzzling their way to success. Each puzzle completed brings them closer to mastering new skills and concepts. Currently, students are averaging over 60 puzzles per week—let's keep the momentum going! Our Progress Percentage reached 80% during the week! This is an amazing feat. With Friday's ST Math JiJi Day, students rose to 83%!

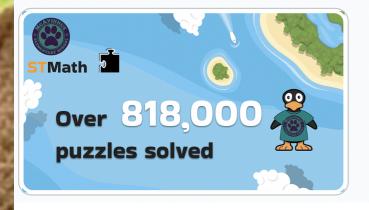
We had an amazing time celebrating JiJi on Friday—ST Math spirit was truly in full swing! From classroom attire and activities, students reaching 100%, lots of cheers, and puzzle-solving perseverance, McAvinnue showed up strong.

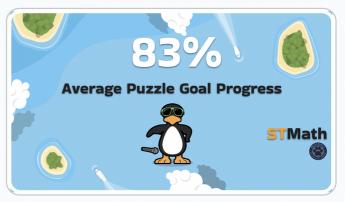
We proudly contributed to the MA to 2 Million Challenge, and together across the state, students solved over 1.3 million puzzles!

Let's Celebrate VELOCITY! Solving 2 puzzles every 3 minutes is the *ST Math sweet spot*—a perfect pace for deep thinking and steady progress!

Shoutout to our Velocity Rockstars...Rooms 203, 310, 202, and 207—you've hit the velocity zone and are modeling math momentum like pros!

Keep that puzzle power strong, McAvinnue! JiJi is proud!













# Math



# Velocity Rockstars

Students in 203, 310, 202, 207



Velocity Zone

**ST Math Champions!** 



# McAvinnue's ST Math Progress Champions





Michael Room 206



Alvina Room 206



Salma Room 203



# McAvinnue's ST Math Progress Champions





Edwin Room 104



Charlotte Room 302



Jackie Room 303



# McAvinnue's ST Math Progress Champions

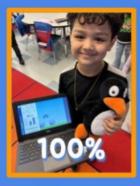




Emmanuel Room 108



Wilfreidy Room 302



Lenny Room 201

# 2024-2025 School Year Calendar

Superintendent of Schools-Lowell Public Schools- Lowell, MA 2024-2025 School Year Calendar

Monday, August 26, 2024	Staff Return to School - Staff Orientation Day	
Tuesday, August 27, 2024	First Day of School – Grades 1-12	
Friday, August 30, 2024	No School Labor Day Recess	
Monday, September 2, 2024 *	No School - Labor Day	
Tuesday, September 3, 2024	No School - State Primary Elections	
Wednesday, September 4, 2024	First Day of School - Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten	
Wednesday, October 9, 2024	Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12	
Monday, October 14, 2024 *	No School - Indigenous Peoples' Day	
Tuesday, November 5, 2024	No School for Students -Election Day -Professional Day for Staff	
Monday, November 11, 2024 *	No School - Veterans' Day Observed	
Wednesday, November 27, 2024	Early Dismissal - Thanksgiving Recess	
Thursday, November 28, 2024 *	No School - Thanksgiving Day	
Friday, November 29, 2024 *	No School - Thanksgiving Recess	
Monday, December 2, 2024	Schools Re-Open	
Wednesday, December 4, 2024	Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12	
Friday, December 20, 2024	Winter Vacation Begins at the Close of Day	
Tuesday, December 24, 2024*	Christmas Eve	
Wednesday, December 25, 2024	Christmas Day	
Tuesday, December 31, 2024 *	New Year's Eve	
Wednesday, January 1, 2025 *	New Year's Day	
Thursday, January 2, 2025	Schools Re-Open	
Wednesday, January 8, 2025	Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12	
Monday, January 20, 2025 *	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	
Wednesday, February 5, 2025	Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12	
Friday, February 14, 2025	Mid-Winter Vacation Begins at the Close of School	
Monday, February 17, 2025 *	President's Day [Mid-Winter Vacation: Monday, February 17 - Friday, February 21, 20	
Monday, February 24, 2025	Monday - Schools Re-Open	
Wednesday, March 5, 2025	Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12	
Thursday, April 17, 2025	Spring Vacation Begins at the Close of School	
Friday, April 18, 2025 *	No School – Good Friday	
Monday, April 21, 2025 *	Patriot's Day – [Spring Break: Monday, April 21– Friday, April 25, 2025]	
Monday, April 28, 2025	Schools Re-Open	
Wednesday, May 14, 2025	Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12	
Monday, May 26, 2025 *	No School – Memorial Day	
Friday, June 13, 2025	180th School Day - Early Release for grades PreK-12 on Last Day of School	
Thursday, June 19, 2025 *	Juneteenth	
Monday, June 23, 2025	185th School Day [Includes five (5) Snow Days]	

Approved by the Lowell School Committee at their meeting of: 4/17/2

Central Administration, Family Resource Center will be closed

 Number of School Days Per Month

 August
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# 2025-2026 School Year Calendar



Superintendent of Schools – Lowell Public Schools – Lowell, MA 2025-2026 School Year Calendar

Monday, August 25, 2025	Staff Return to School - Staff Orientation Day	
Tuesday, August 26, 2025	First Day of School - Grades 1-12	
Friday, August 29, 2025	No School - Labor Day Recess	
Monday, September 1, 2025 *	No School – Labor Day	
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Monday, January 5, 2026	Schools Re-Open	
Wednesday, January 14, 2026	Early Release for grades K-12 (No School PK)	
Monday, January 19, 2026 *	No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	
Wednesday, February 4, 2026	Early Release for grades K-12 (No School PK)	
Friday, February 13, 2026	Mid-Winter Vacation Begins at the Close of School	
Monday, February 16, 2026 *	President's Day [Mid-Winter Vacation: Monday, February 16 – Friday, February 20, 2026]	
Monday, February 23, 2026	Monday – Schools Reopen	
Wednesday, March 4, 2026	Early Release for grades K-12 (No School PK)	
Friday, April 3, 2026*	No School – Good Friday	
Friday, April 17, 2026	Spring Vacation Begins at the Close of School	
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\* Central Administration & Family Resource Center will be closed in observance of a holiday

August	3	January	19
September	20	February	15
October	22	March	22
November	16	April	16
December	15	May	20
		June	12



2025-2026 LPSD Calendar.pdf

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# **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/UC7hxiBuRjqjqfASI\_RLMleQ

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



# **Parent & Family Resources**

#### **Mental Health Student Support**

Lowell Public School Families: We are committed to supporting the overall well-being of our students and believe mental health is an important part of overall health. We currently partner with

Cartwheel <a href="https://www.cartwheel.org/">https://www.cartwheel.org/</a> to support the mental health needs of our students via virtual therapy with licensed clinicians.



Up until now, a student had to be identified and referred for these services by our school team. Now, parents/guardians can express interest directly in mental health services for their child. Just fill out this form <a href="https://bit.ly/3QReTok">https://bit.ly/3QReTok</a>

Our school staff can still refer a student to Cartwheel with parent/guardian consent. To learn more about this mental health program, check out the flyer below.

Here are some signs to look out for to determine if your child might benefit from mental health support:

- · Changes in mood or behavior
- Changes in eating or sleeping patterns
- Declining academic performance
- · Withdrawal from friends or activities
- Increased anxiety or stress
- Expressing feelings of sadness or hopelessness
- Experiencing transition (related to life, family, peers, school)
- Exposure to a traumatic event



### Supporting Your Child's Mental Health

Oftentimes, families are the first to recognize that their child might need mental health support but aren't sure where to start.

Cartwheel, our partner in supporting the mental health needs of our students, is now offering a way for parents/guardians to directly raise their hand for mental health support for their child.

**Just fill out this simple form** to inquire about accessing these services.



Cartwheel provides rapid access to evidence-based 1-1 teletherapy, psychiatric evaluations, medication management, parent guidance, and family therapy.

It is easy to access care. Connect via laptop, tablet, or phone. Services are available Mon-Fri, 8am-8pm (some Sat hours). Care provided in multiple languages, including Spanish.

Covered by most insurance plans. Standard co-pays and deductibles apply. Families with Medicaid or no insurance have \$0 out-of-pocket costs.



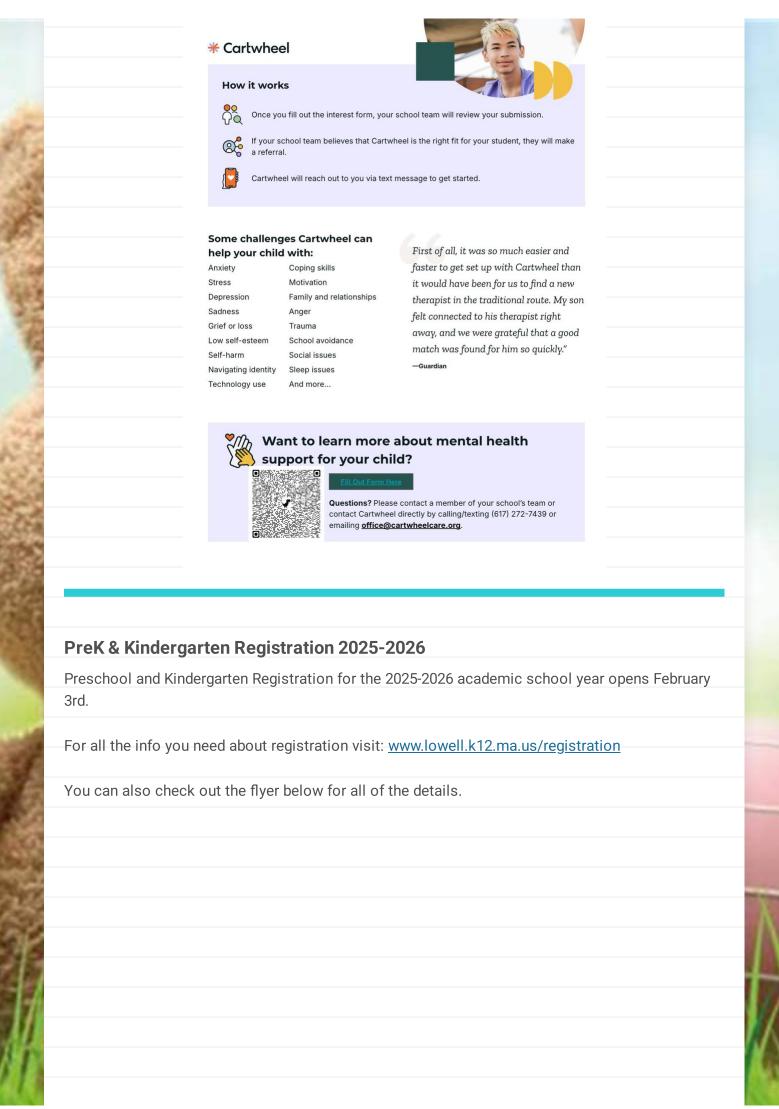
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I was extremely impressed how fast he was scheduled to see a therapist once the referral was made. Both the therapist and the psychiatrist were absolutely wonderful, created an environment that made my son feel comfortable enough to talk and were so kind and patient. Highly satisfied!"

—Parent

www.cartwheel.org





#### 2025-2026

### PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN

#### **REGISTRATION OPENS ON:**

### **FEBRUARY 3, 2025**

### Lottery dates:

- O 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.
- O 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: <a href="lowell.kl2.ma.us/Domain/84">lowell.kl2.ma.us/Domain/84</a>

#### **CURRENT PRE-K FAMILIES:**

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







#### **Should I Send My Child To School?**

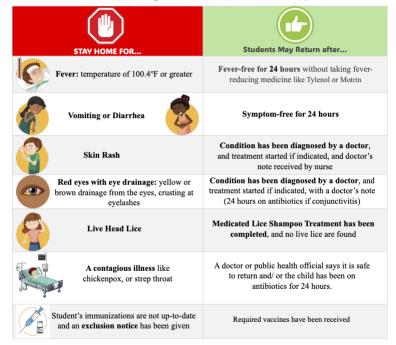
Please see the chart below that will help you decide whether you should send your child to school.

If you have any questions or are not sure whether you should send your child to school, please reach out to the school and ask to speak with Nurse Danielle.





#### SHOULD I SEND MY CHILD TO SCHOOL?





#### OK FOR SCHOOL!

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

   Menstrual Issues cramps

   Someone at home is sick, stressed, or hospitalized





#### ¿DEBERIA LLEVAR A MI HIJO A LA ESCUELA?





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

- Enfermedades crónicas (asma controlada, diabetes, anemia de células falciformes, epilepsia) Síntomas de resfriado leve: Nariz congestinada, Nariz goteando, estornudos, tos leve, sin
- fiebre.

  Problemas menstruales: calambres

  Alguien en casa está enfermo, estresado o hospitalizado





#### DEVO MANDAR MEU FILHO PARA A ESCOLA?





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

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

#### Mill City Grows: Mobile Farmers Market

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

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

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

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



#### MillCityGrows.org 978-455-2620

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

#### 2025 Winter/Spring Indoor Mobile Farmers Markets

University Crossing Lobby 220 Pawtucket Street

**Biweekly Wednesdays** 1pm - 4pm

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

Lowell Senior Center Cafeteria 276 Broadway Street

> **Biweekly Thursdays** 10am - 12pm

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

We welcome these payment options:

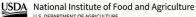
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Free parking near University Crossing for Mobile Market shoppers:

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









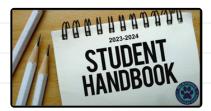






#### Student Handbook 2024-2025

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



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

Please reach out directly if you have any questions.

Click Here To Access The LPS 2024-2025 Student Handbook

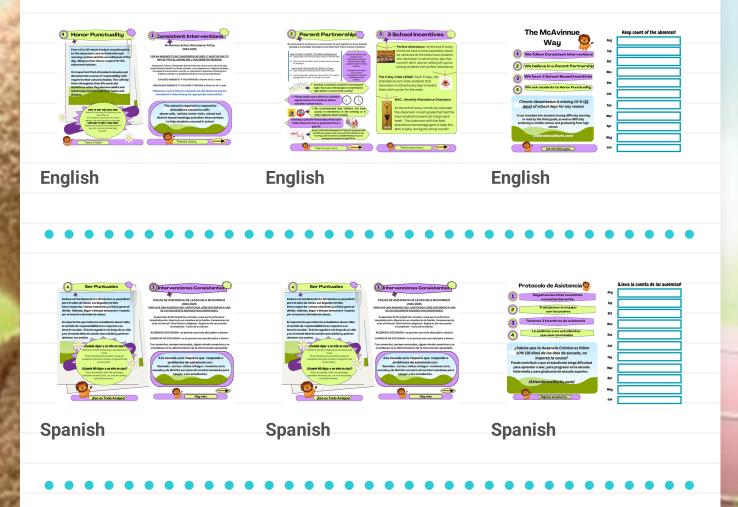
As you are aware, attending school is first step each in the learning process for our students. It is critical that our students arrive to school on time each day so that they can access all of the engaging and meaning lessons that have been planned by our teachers and related service providers.



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

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

The handbook is provided in three languages below.



Portuguese Portuguese Portuguese

#### Breakfast and Lunch Will Be Free for All LPS Students

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



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

Any concerns please feel free to email <a href="mailto:foodservice@lowell.k12.ma.us">foodservice@lowell.k12.ma.us</a>



# PERMANENT FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL

#### WHY EAT SCHOOL BREAKFAST + LUNCH?

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

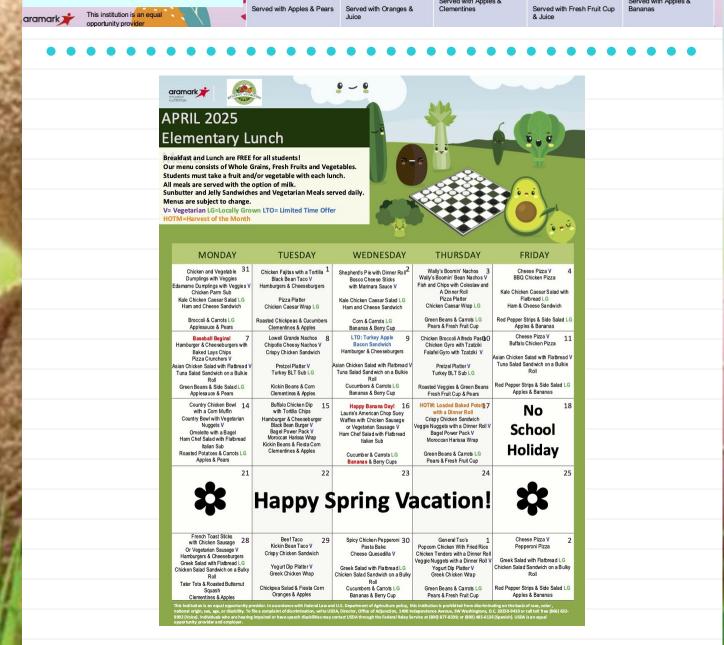


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# **April Breakfast & Lunch Menus**



Served with Apples & Pears



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#### April Lunch Menu - Elementary.pdf

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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.



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 <a href="https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/HomelessAssistance">https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/HomelessAssistance</a>.

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

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• 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 <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, 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 <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 2023-2024 School Assignment Policy, all students have the option to request one school transfer per year.
- Families can apply online at <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.

# **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 <a href="https://www.lybsl.org">www.lybsl.org</a> or see flyer for more details!



#### **Girls Lacrosse Registration Now Open!**

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

To register: www.lowellgirlslacrosse.com

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

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

LGL Littles (new Kindergarten program for 2025)

Grades 1/2

Grades 3/4

Grades 5/6

Grades 7/8

Season runs mid-February through beginning of June

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



Questions, please email lowellgirlsyouthlacrosse@gmail.com

#### **Lowell Youth Boys Lacrosse Registration Now Open!**

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

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

Financial aid is available if needed.



**UNTIL FEBRUARY 22, 2025** 

# \*FIRST TIME PLAYERS WELCOME\* BOYS GRADES 1-8

\*PRACTICES BEGIN IN MARCH\*
GAMES ARE ON SUNDAYS







### **REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!**

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 <a href="www.pack7lowell.com">www.pack7lowell.com</a>

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





#### **Be A Girl Scout**

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

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



gsema.org/jion



#### **Fall Playgroup Opportunities**

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

You can access the registration form below.

### **Click Here To Register**



#### **Community Resources & Daycare Options for Families**

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

Here is a list of daycare options in Lowell:

- Community Team Work (CTI): (978) 454-5100
  - Families who are already enrolled in a CTI program...
    - Call or text school-age coordinators to request a slot
      - Billy 978-995-0028, <u>wma@commteam.org</u>
      - Karen 978-729-7216, <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



#### 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: <a href="https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/5263">https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/5263</a> or email FLI Director Zoe Dzineku at <a href="mailto:zdzineku@lowell.k12.ma.us">zdzineku@lowell.k12.ma.us</a>.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us">adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us</a>.



#### **Community Vaccination Information**

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

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

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





**Community vaccination sites.pdf** 

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# Family Read-A-Loud: "Easter Bunny Is Missing!"



#### McAvinnue's School Website

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

Please visit our website at:

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



#### Follow McAvinnue On Social Media

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





#### Click To Access McAvinnue's Facebook Page

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

Click To Access McAvinnue's Instagram Page

Click To Access McAvinnue's YouTube Channel



#### **Our Vision**

McAvinnue Elementary School is a place...where there are <a href="https://miss.ncbi.nlm.nih.google-niss.ncbi.nlm.nih.google-niss.ncbi.nlm.nih.google-niss.ncbi.nlm.nih.google-niss.ncbi.nlm.nih.google-niss.ncbi.nlm.nih.google-niss.nih.googl

#McAvinnuePride #BeTheDifference #NextLevel

Email: mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us

Website: <a href="https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Domain/21">https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Domain/21</a>
Location: 131 Mammoth Road, Lowell, MA, USA

Phone: (978) 937-2871

Facebook: <a href="mailto:facebook.com/McAvinnueElementarySchool/">facebook: <a href="facebook.com/McAvinnueElementarySchool/">facebook.com/McAvinnueElementarySchool/</a>

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