The Lion's Roar

Community Newsletter: Week Of April 28th

MCAVINNUE'S PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello McAvinnue Community!

I hope this message finds you well and that you had a wonderful, restful Spring Break! We are excited to welcome everyone back on Monday, August 28th as we head into the final stretch of the school year. This is always an exciting and busy time at McAvinnue!

The month of May will be filled with many important and fun events.



We will continue with MCAS testing for our Grade 3 and 4 students, celebrate Teacher Appreciation Days, and enjoy several field trips that will extend learning beyond the classroom. We are also looking forward to McAvinnue's "Walk-A-Thon" Fundraiser and our beloved International Night, two events that truly bring our school community together. And that's not all — there will be even more activities and celebrations on the horizon! Please stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks through our weekly newsletters, ClassDojo updates, and our school social media pages, and website.

With the warmer spring weather finally here, we will be spending more time outdoors for recess and other activities. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the changing temperatures — layers, comfortable shoes, and water bottles are all helpful!

As always, thank you for being such a vital part of our McAvinnue community. Let's finish the year strong together! We are looking forward to another successful week at the "best school that we all

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

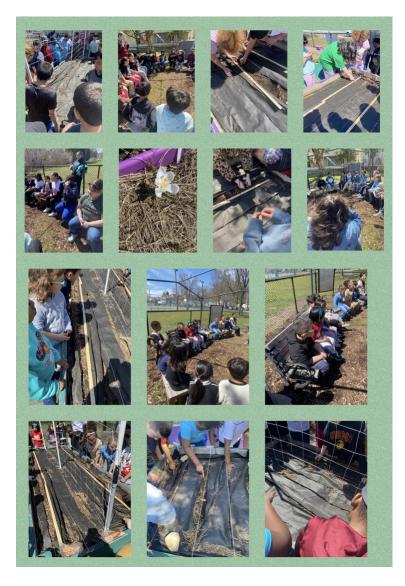
Here are a few items that you need to be aware of. Please mark your calendars for the following events and activities at McAvinnue for the next few weeks:

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

McAvinnue's Week In Review





McAvinnue's All School Plant Day

We had a perfect day on Monday for McAvinnue's "All School Planting Day"! Our students had a chance to plant a variety of things that will growth for the remainder of the school year and be harvested before the last day of school! Thanks to our partners at Mill City Grows for the support on this exciting and engaging learning opportinity!

Grassheads Update...They Are Growing!

The "Grassheads" are off and running at McAvinnue! Students were able to take them home on Thursday to continue the plant growth cycle at home! Just a bit of water and sunlight is all that is needed to keep things growing! We love this hands-on learning opportunity for our students!



Kindergarten Peep STEM Challenge

Kindergarten student in Room 208 completed a "Peep STEM Challenge" on Friday! The students needed to build a 10 cube high nest for their "peep". Check out their positive collaborative designs!



McAvinnue's International Night - Chefs Needed!

We are thrilled to invite you to McAvinnue's Annual International Night on Thursday, May 22nd at 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. This is a very special evening dedicated to celebrating the amazing cultures and traditions that make up our school community!



As part of the festivities, we are asking families to bring a favorite family dish that reflects their heritage, culture, or family traditions.

Here are a few important details:

- What to Bring: A dish that is meaningful to your family and represents your cultural background. It could be an appetizer, main dish, dessert, or snack whatever you love to share!
- Serving Size: Please prepare a dish that can serve about 20–25 small portions, so many families have the chance to sample different foods.
- Labeling: If possible, please include a small label with the name of the dish, the country or culture it represents, and any important ingredients (to help those with allergies).
- Allergies: We kindly ask that you list common allergens (such as nuts, dairy, eggs, gluten, etc.) if they are included.
- Drop-off Time: Please bring your dish to the gymnasium at 5:00 PM 5:30 PM. Tables will be set up for you to display your dish.

• Optional: Feel free to bring a small flag, photo, or short description that tells a little about your dish or your family's story!

This evening is always one of the highlights of our school year — a time to connect, share traditions, and learn from one another. We can't wait to experience the delicious tastes and rich stories that each of you will bring to this beautiful night!

If you are planning to bring a dish, please RSVP by reaching out to Mrs. De La Luz at <u>adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us</u> or send back the bottom portion of the flyer that was sent home before Spring Break so we can plan accordingly.

Thank you for helping us make our International Night a meaningful and memorable event!









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 <u>dralls@lowell.k12.ma.us</u> 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.
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- 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 **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

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User Name= lunch code

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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.

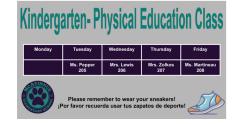
Check it out today: <u>https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/5990</u>



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

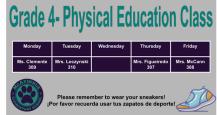


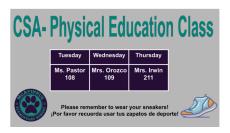


Grade 1









Grade 3

Grade 4

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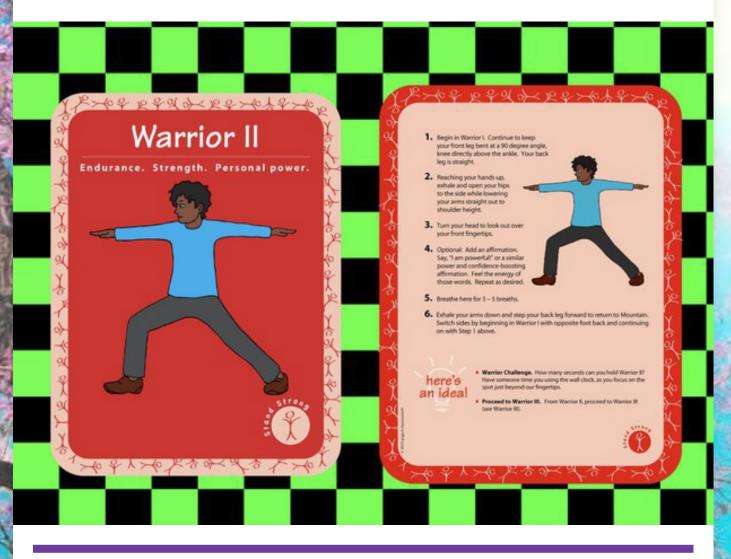
McAvinnue's Yoga Pose Of The Week: "Warrior II" Continued...

We will continue the new pose that we started before Spring Break 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 remainder of April and early May:

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- <u>Wednesday, May 7th</u> Grade 3 Math MCAS Testing: Session 1
- <u>Thursday, May 8th</u> 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
- <u>Wednesday, May 14th</u> Early Release Day Student Dismissal @ 1:30 PM (No PreK Classes For Ms. Annie's Students)
- <u>Thursday, May 15th</u> 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
- Thursday, May 22nd McAvinnue's International Night @ 5:30 PM 7:00 PM
- 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.

<u>Math</u>

- 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!

A "just-released" ST Math update is here! Exciting news heading your way!

McAvinnue puzzlers have solved over 855,000 puzzles in ST Math! This is a huge accomplishment! It demonstrates the hard work and dedication of our students, as well as the opportunities for puzzling that you provide in your classrooms.

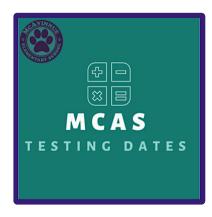
As we move through the Spring, let's continue encouraging our students to keep puzzling their way to success. Each puzzle completed brings them closer to mastering new skills and concepts. Students are averaging over 59 puzzles per week—check out the details at each grade level.

Our Progress Percentage reached 86% in the days prior to our April break.

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

Exciting Opportunity...We have a dedicated ST Math Puzzle Talk Student Ambassador who is ready to bring the math magic to your classroom!

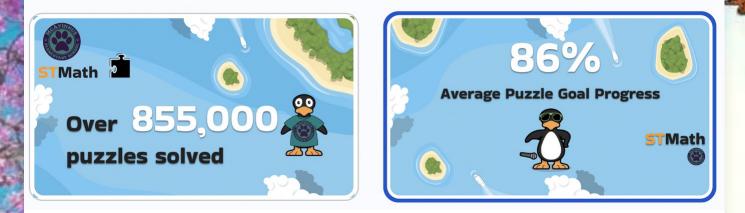




She's prepared to facilitate a Puzzle Talk with your students in PreK–Grade 3–modeling thinking, sparking discussion, and sharing JiJi joy!

Sign up here to schedule a visit: <u>https://forms.gle/5XBZTdPhYVJAXpQX7</u>

In other Puzzle Talk news... 60+ NEW Puzzle Talks Now Available on the Teacher Dashboard!



Average Number of **S**s at Each Grade Level Let's celebrate!



Grade LevelAverage Number
of PuzzlesPreK13 puzzlesK42 puzzlesGr. 175 puzzlesGr. 250 puzzlesGr. 385 puzzlesGr. 462 puzzles

STMath

ST Math Champions!



McAvinnue's ST Math Progress Champions





Jefferson Room 307



Aubrey Room 310



Adriana Room 307



McAvinnue's ST Math Progress Champions







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McAvinnue's ST Math **Progress Champions**



Landyn **Room 203**



Isadora **Room 203**



Samuel **Room 203**



Reagan **Room 208**

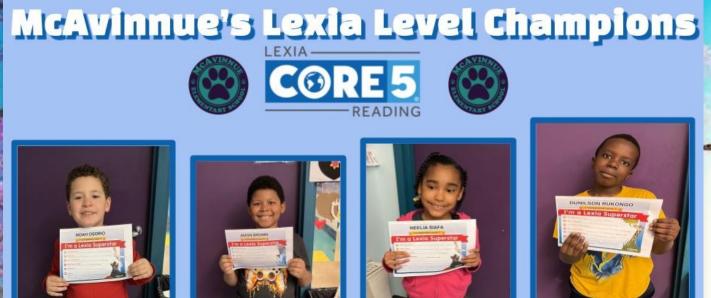


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Noah - Room 101 Level 5 Completed



Avion - Room 101 Level 2 Completed



Level 5 Completed



Dunilson - Room 101 **Level 7 Completed**

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		
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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		
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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/UC7hxiBuRjqjqfASl_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 <u>https://www.cartwheel.org/</u> 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 https://bit.ly/3QReTok

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

* Cartwheel

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

* Cartwheel

How it works



Once you fill out the interest form, your school team will review your submission.

If your school team believes that Cartwheel is the right fit for your student, they will make a referral.

Cartwheel will reach out to you via text message to get started.

Some challenges Cartwheel can help your child with:

Anxiety	Coping skills
Stress	Motivation
Depression	Family and relationships
Sadness	Anger
Grief or loss	Trauma
Low self-esteem	School avoidance
Self-harm	Social issues
Navigating identity	Sleep issues
Technology use	And more

First of all, it was so much easier and faster to get set up with Cartwheel than it would have been for us to find a new therapist in the traditional route. My son felt connected to his therapist right away, and we were grateful that a good match was found for him so quickly." -Guardian

Want to learn more about mental health support for your child?



Questions? Please contact a member of your school's team or contact Cartwheel directly by calling/texting (617) 272-7439 or emailing office@cartwheelcare.org.

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: <u>lowell.k12.ma.us/Domain/84</u>

CURRENT PRE-K FAMILIES:

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



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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		
C	Fever: temperature of 100.4°F or greater	Fever-free for 24 hours without taking fever- reducing medicine like Tylenol or Motrin		
R	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)		
7	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 necessario, con nota médica (24 horas de antibióticos si es conjuntivitis)
Piojos vivos	El tratamiento con champu medicado contra piojos se ha completado y no se encontraron piojos vivos
Una enfermedad contagiosa, como la varicela o la faringitis estreptocócica.	Un médico o un funcionario de salud pública ha indicado que es seguro regresar, y/o el niño ha estado tomando antibióticos durante 24 horas.
Las vacunas del estudiante no están actualizadas y se ha emitido un aviso de exclusión	Se han recibido las vacunas necesarias



- Por Favor, Mande a su hijo/a a la escuela si... Enfermedades crónicas (asma controlada, diabetes, anemia de células falciformes, epilepsia) 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?

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FIQUE EM CASA POR	Os estudantes podem voltar após
Febre: temperatura de 38 ºC 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 recibido pela enfermeira.
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Piolhos vivos	O tratamento com shampoo terapêutico para piolhos concluido 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.
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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!



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 Attendnace 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.



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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 <u>LPS Food and Nutrition website</u>.

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



April Breakfast & Lunch Menus



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April Lunch Menu - Elementary.pdf

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.

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



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 (<u>https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/UpdateContactInfo</u>) 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 <u>https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/PreschoolRegistration</u> to fill out an online application or <u>https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/KindergartenRegistration</u> 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 <u>https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolTransfer</u> 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 <u>www.lybsl.org</u> 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: <u>https://lowellyouthlax.com</u>

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

Financial aid is available if needed.



Cub Scout Pack 7 Information

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

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.



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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, <u>kshannon@commteam.org</u>
 - 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: <u>https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/5263</u> or email FLI Director Zoe Dzineku at <u>zdzineku@lowell.k12.ma.us</u>.

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 <u>adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us</u>.



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: ""Don't Eat Bees: Funny Life Lessons From Chip The Dog"

Children's Books Read Aloud | Funny Life Lesson From A Dog 💿



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



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

#McAvinnuePride #BeTheDifference #NextLevel



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