



The Lion's Roar

McAvinnue's Community Newsletter: Week Of September 2nd

MCAVINNUE'S PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello McAvinnue Community!

I hope that everyone is doing well and finding some time to relax and enjoy the long Labor Day weekend with family and friends!

It was a super short but busy and amazing 3 days at McAvinnue last week! It was so good to see our Grades 1 - 4 students return after an action-packed Summer Break. Our teachers and students spent some time reviewing and practicing our school-wide expectations and core values: Respect, Responsibility, and Safety. In all honesty, it was as if our students only left school for a week! Everyone was already in mid-school year form...and the building was very settled and ready for learning to occur! We had such an outstanding start to the new school year!



We are very excited to welcome our new PreK and Kindergarten friends this week on Wednesday, September 3rd. There will be a tremendous amount of excitement and energy in the building on Wednesday...and we are confident that our newest Lions will be settled in and working by the end of the school week!

As we are gearing up for our first full week of school ahead...It is important that your child gets sufficient sleep each night with a consistent and predictable evening routine. This will make the first full week of school a more pleasant and successful one.

Our afternoon buses have been on time for the most part during the first 3 days of the new school year. We did notice that a few of our buses were later than expected on the first day of school for both our small and large buses. This could have been due to many factors such as new bus drivers, new bus routes, and students that are new to riding LPS buses. This adjustment will take a few weeks for things to settle in and become more predictable.

Busing could be slightly delayed this upcoming week with the addition of our PreK and Kindergarten students now riding...as well as UMass Lowell students returning to campus. Please keep in mind that we remain in close communication with the LPS Transportation Department when buses are delayed or if there are any routes need to be adjusted or modified. I will reach out to families using Class Dojo when we have information that a bus is significantly delayed.

Have a great upcoming week and be on the lookout for some posts on Class Dojo and our social media platforms for a sample of the action that has occur at McAvinnue next week!

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:

- **Tuesday, September 2nd - McAvinnue Reopens @ 9:10 AM**
- **Wednesday, September 3rd - PreK & Kindergarten Begins**
- **Monday, September 15th - Friday, September 19th - iReady Math Diagnostic Assessment Window**
- **Monday, September 22nd - Friday, September 26th - iReady Reading Diagnostic Assessment Window**
- **Thursday, September 18th - McAvinnue's "Back To School Bash" @ 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**

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.

Labor Day Holiday



HAPPY Labor Day

**NO SCHOOL
FRIDAY, AUGUST 29TH & MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST**

#MCAVINNUEPRIDE

REMINDER: McAvinnue will be closed on Friday, September 29th and Monday, September 1st due to the Labor Day holiday long weekend.

We will open our doors again on Tuesday, September 2nd at 9:10 AM.

Enjoy some time with family and friends the next few days and we look forward to seeing everyone first thing on Tuesday morning!

McAvinnue's "Back To School Bash"



Marks your calendars for McAvinnue's "Back To School Bash"!

This annual and traditional event will occur at McAvinnue on **Thursday, September 18th from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM** for some fun and excitement. Families will have a chance to meet their child's teacher, play some super cool games, get a free backpack, school supplies books, meet members of the Lowell Police and Fire Departments, eat some amazing treats, magic from a mysterious magician, and more!

This event will occur outside on school grounds as long as the weather is decent!

This event is FREE of charge...so, all you need to do is come to the school and have a blast!

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.

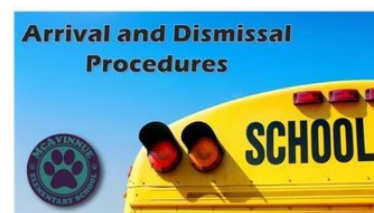
Please reach out as soon as possible to get her the necessary paperwork and to arrange drop off of new medications. Nurse Danielle's email address is dralls@lowell.k12.ma.us and she can also be reached by calling (978) 937-2871 ex. 47858. Our fax number is (978) 937-2880.



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.

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: 123456

Password: []

User Name= lunch code

Password= birthday

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 Weekly Class Schedule With Ms. Rindo

Here is information regarding when each grade level and homeroom has weekly Physical Education Class with Ms. Rindo for the 2025-2026 academic school year

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
	Ms. Pepper 205	Mrs. Lewis 206	Mrs. Woods 207	Ms. 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		Mrs. Veilleux 201	Mrs. Joyce 202	Ms. Wagner 203



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Grade 1

Grade 2-Physical Education Class

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mrs. Ubele 101	Mrs. Carbone 102	Ms. Pratt 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



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Grade 4-Physical Education Class

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



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CSA-Physical Education Class

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



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Upcoming Events

Here are important dates to remember for the first few months of the school year:

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- Wednesday, September 3rd - PreK & Kindergarten Begins
- Monday, September 15th - Friday, September 19th - iReady Math Diagnostic Assessment Window
- Monday, September 22nd - Friday, September 26th - iReady Reading Diagnostic Assessment Window
- Thursday, September 18th - McAvinnue's "Back To School Bash" @ 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, September 30th - Grade 3 Field Trip: Concord Museum (Rooms 301 & 304)
- Wednesday, October 1st - Grade 3 Field Trip: Concord Museum (Rooms 302 & 303)
- Friday, October 3rd - McAvinnue's "Lions Pride" All School Core Value Celebration: September Edition @ 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM
- Tuesday, October 7th - Bully Prevention & Awareness Day - McAvinnue's "Black Out Bullying" Day
- Thursday, October 9th - Grade 4 Field Trip - STEM Challenge @ The Patriot Hall Of Fame
- Monday, October 13th - No School: Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Friday, October 17th - Progress Report Distribution: PreK - Grade 4
- Thursday, October 23rd - McAvinnue's Family Movie Night @ 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
- Thursday, October 30th - McAvinnue's "Spooky Trunk Or Treat" Family Celebration @ 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

2025-2026 School Year Calendar



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 9th!



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 starting on Monday, September 15th!

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!

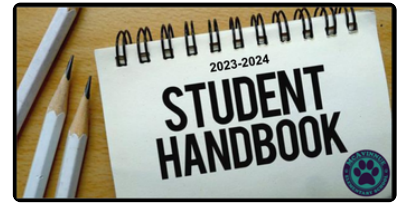
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Parent & Family Resources

Student Handbook 2025-2026

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 2025-2026 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.

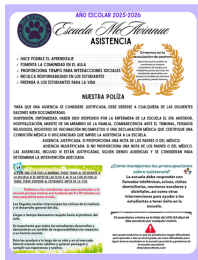


The McAvinnue Attendance Team will monitor student attendance on a weekly basis and will reach out directly to families when they notice frequent absences, a pattern of absences, or an increased number of consecutive absences within a short period of time.

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 four languages below.

Spanish



Portuguese



Haitian Creole



Breakfast and Lunch Is Free for All LPS Students

All student breakfast and lunch menu items will be free of charge on all school days including Early Release Days!

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](https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/foodservice).

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



September Breakfast & Lunch Menus



September Breakfast Menu 2025 - Elementary.pdf

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September Lunch Menu 2025 - Elementary.pdf

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LPS Connector Newsletter: "Summer Edition"

The LPS Connector is a monthly newsletter that highlights the happenings of the previous month in all Lowell Public Schools. Check it out for some cool articles and pictures of the great things happening in our district.

Click below for the Summer edition of the LPS Connector which includes highlights from many of the summer programs put on by the district, new district and school leadership, access to important information regarding transportation, and much more helpful content!

Click the button below to access this Smore Newsletter!

[Click Here To Access The Summer Newsletter](#)

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 25% 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

YMCA Fall Sports

There is a lot going on at the YMCA this fall! Registration is now open for their fall programs. Check out the flyers below for more details.

To register, click the link below:

<https://greaterlowellymca.org/index.php/sports-and-recreation/>



YMCA Youth Basketball Leagues

Check out the flyer below for information about the YMCA Youth Basketball Leagues. The leagues will run from September 22nd - November 25th.

There are leagues for 10-12 and 13-15 year old children for a variety of skill and ability levels.

Click the link below to register:

<https://greaterlowellymca.org/index.php/sports-and-recreation/>



Early Childhood Family Workshops

There is a wonderful series of workshops for families with children ages 3-5 coming up this school year. Check out the flyer below for the details and needed information!

To register for one or all sessions, use the link below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdFfnxLu40g_1iarQ1fkTi-wUQqXCgcFccgBoAEv5LSdM9OjQ/viewform



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!



Mill City Grows Harvest Festival!

Mill City Grows will be hosting their annual "Harvest Day" at their big urban farm in Pawtucketville at 1001 Pawtucket Blvd. on Saturday September 13th at 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. For more information, click the link below:

<https://www.millcitygrows.org/harvestday/>

Check out the flyer below for more information and details.



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>.



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.



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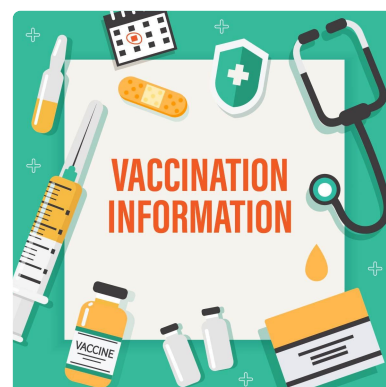


Community Vaccination Information

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

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McAvinnue's Family Read-A-Loud: "Fish Don't Go To School"

FISH DON'T GO TO SCHOOL | Overcoming Nervous Feelings! | EDITORS' PICK! |
#readaloud #esl



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)



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