

# THE LION'S ROAR

- MCAVINNUE'S COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER: WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11TH -

## MCAVINNUE'S PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello McAvinnue Community!

Well...that was an interesting end to the week with the unexpected closer of all Lowell schools due to the extreme heat and internal building temperatures. It was extremely warm inside McAvinnue during the first few days of this past week. Ultimately, the district made the correct call and cancel school on Thursday and Friday as the conditions were hindered for productive and meaningful instruction to occur.

With that bring said, It was a super short but busy and amazing week at McAvinnue! It was so great to welcome our PreK and Kindergarten friends this week. There was a tremendous amount of excitement and energy in the building on Wednesday...and they were already settled in and working by the end of the school week! Now, 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.

For the teaching and learning side of things, I've seen a multiple engaging lessons and activities with our students that focus on writing, speaking, moving, and collaborating with one another. I'm eager to see what this up and coming week brings! Stay tuned and be on the lookout for various posts on Class Dojo and our social media outlets for samples of what our students are working on during the school day!

The afternoon buses improved toward the end of this past week. 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 continue to reach out to families using Class Dojo when we have information that a bus is delayed.

Please be aware that there may still be delays in both the morning and the afternoon busing over the next week or so. There are several new drivers this school year which has impacted the timeliness of some of the bus routes. If you need to check the location of the morning or afternoon bus, you can do so by calling NRT at (978) 323-0101. Press "5" for the Lowell Public Schools.

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:

- **Thursday, September 21st** - Grade 4 Field Trip: Patriots Hall Of Fame STEAM Showcase
- **Friday, September 22nd** - McAvinnue's "Back To School Bash"
- **Thursday, September 28th** - Kindergarten Field Trip - Parlee Farms
- **Friday, September 29th** - McAvinnue's "Lions Pride" All School Core Value Celebration @ 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM

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](mailto:mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us).

## MCAVINNUE'S WEEK IN REVIEW



Grade 1 students in Room 201 working on moving within the building while demonstrating our core values: Respect, Responsibility, and Safety!



Grade 4 students working on maintaining a beat using "body percussion" with Mrs. Crafts during music class this past week!



The sights of Kindergarten's first few days of school!

## 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 Friday, September 22nd 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, and more!

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.



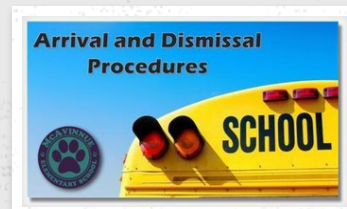


Please reach out as soon as possible to get her the necessary paperwork and to arrange drop off of new medications. Nurse Danielle's email address is [dralls@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:dralls@lowell.k12.ma.us) and she can also be reached by calling (978) 937-2871 ex. 47858. Our fax number is (978) 937-2880.

## 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.

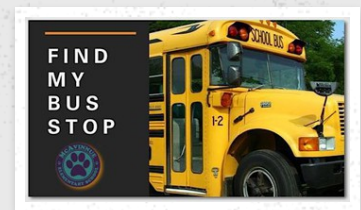
### Pick-Up Logistics

- 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.

## SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION



# INFORMATION



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

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS



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

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- Friday, September 29th - McAvinnue's "Lions Pride" All School Core Value Celebration @ 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM
- Friday, October 6th - Grade 3 Field Trip: Concord Museum (2 Classes)
- Monday, October 9th - No School: Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Tuesday, October 10th - Grade 3 Field Trip: Concord Museum (2 Classes)

## 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR



Superintendent of Schools-Lowell Public Schools- Lowell, MA  
2023-2024 School Year Calendar

Monday, August 28, 2023	Staff Return to School for Staff Orientation Day
Tuesday, August 29, 2023	First Day of School - Grades 1-12
Friday, September 1, 2023	No School - Labor Day Recess
Monday, September 4, 2023 *	No School - Labor Day
Tuesday, September 5, 2023	First Day of School - Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten
Monday, October 9, 2023 *	No School - Indigenous Peoples' Day
Tuesday, November 7, 2023	No School for Students - Election Day - Professional Day for Staff
Friday, November 10, 2023 *	No School - Veterans' Day Observed
Wednesday, November 22, 2023	Early Dismissal - Thanksgiving Recess
Thursday, November 23, 2023 *	No School - Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 24, 2023 *	No School - Thanksgiving Recess
Monday, November 27, 2023	Schools Re-Open
Wednesday, December 6, 2023	Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12
Friday, December 22, 2023	Winter Vacation Begins at the Close of Day
Monday, December 25, 2023 *	Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 26, 2023 *	Central Office and Family Resource Office Closed
Sunday, December 31, 2023	New Year's Eve
Monday, January 1, 2024 *	New Year's Day
Tuesday, January 2, 2024	Schools Re-Open
Wednesday, January 10, 2024	Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12
Monday, January 15, 2024 *	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Friday, February 16, 2024	February Vacation Begins at the Close of School
Monday, February 19, 2024 *	President's Day [School Vacation: Monday, February 19 - Friday, February 23, 2024]
Monday, February 26, 2024	Monday - Schools Re-Open
Wednesday, March 6, 2024	Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12
Friday, March 29, 2024 *	No School - Good Friday
Friday, April 12, 2024	Spring Vacation Begins at the Close of School
Monday, April 15, 2024 *	Patriot's Day - [School Vacation: Monday, April 15 - Friday, April 19, 2024]
Monday, April 22, 2024	Schools Re-Open
Monday, May 27, 2024 *	No School - Memorial Day
Tuesday, June 11, 2024	180th School Day
Tuesday, June 18, 2024	185th School Day [Includes five (5) Snow Days]
Wednesday, June 19, 2024 *	Juneteenth



Approved by the Lowell School Committee at their meeting of

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

Number of School Days Per Month			
August	3	January	21
September	19	February	16
October	21	March	20
November	18	April	17
December	16	May	22
		June	7



School Calendar 2023-2024.pdf

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## McAVINNUE'S SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL



McAvinnue's Site Council is a group of faculty, parents, and community stakeholders who come together to help drive the instructional focus of the McAvinnue Elementary School. We look at student data and make decisions about the school's Quality Improvement Plan and budget.

We need one additional parent to join this important group. The commitment is one, one-hour, meeting each month usually on Zoom. As we hit budget season in February-April, there will be other meetings added.



If you would like to be a part of the team, please fill out the form below. If you have questions, please reach out to Mr. Domina at [mdomna@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:mdomna@lowell.k12.ma.us).



## McAvinnue's School Site Council Interest Form

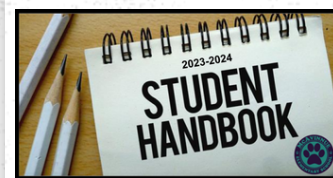
Please complete the information below if you are interested in joining McAvinnue's School Site Council.



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## PARENT & FAMILY RESOURCES

### STUDENT HANDBOOK 2023-2024



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 UPDATED STUDENT HANDBOOK**



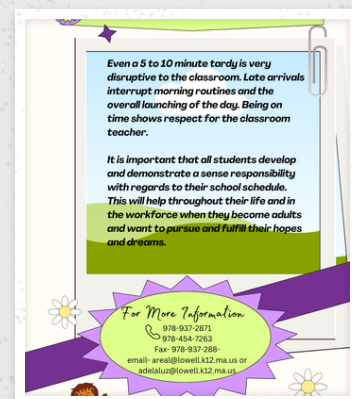
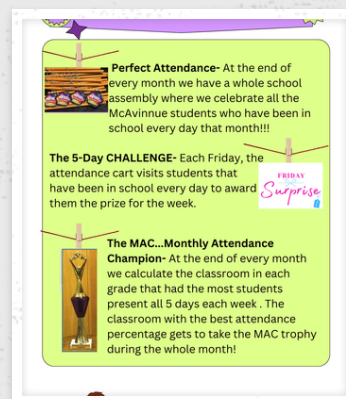
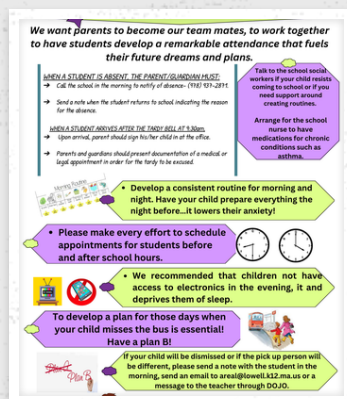
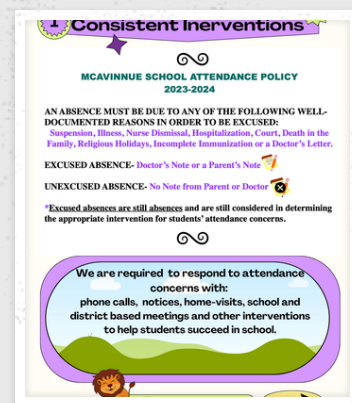
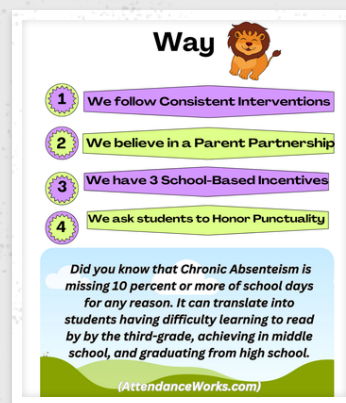
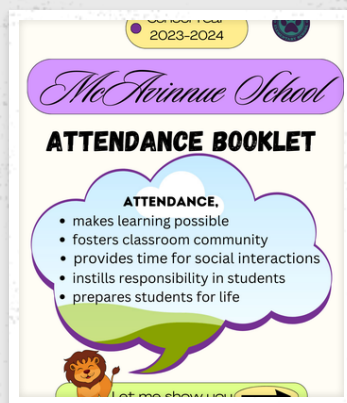
# McAVINNUE'S SCHOOL ATTENDANCE INFORMATION



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.



# BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE FREE FOR ALL LPS STUDENTS



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

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

Any concerns please feel free to email [foodservice@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:foodservice@lowell.k12.ma.us)

## BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS: AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

A colorful graphic for the August/September 2023 Elementary Lunch Menu. It features a garden scene with a white picket fence, a red sun, and smiling clouds. In the foreground, there are cartoon fruits and vegetables: a purple eggplant, a bunch of purple grapes, a purple apple, and a head of purple cabbage. The text on the graphic includes the Aramark logo, the Lowell Public Schools logo, the title "AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2023 Elementary Lunch Menu", and the following information: "Breakfast and Lunch is Free for all Students!", "Our menu consists of Whole Grains, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables. Students must take a fruit and/or vegetable with each lunch.", "All Meals served with milk.", and "Sunbutter and Jelly and Vegetarian Meals served daily." At the bottom, there is a disclaimer about non-discrimination in accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy.





**LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

# Breakfast MENU

## September Elementary Breakfast Menu

Check out <https://lowellk12ma.nutrislice.com/> for Menu's, Nutrition Education & Monthly Promotions! Questions or concerns please contact [foodservices@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:foodservices@lowell.k12.ma.us)

All Breakfast items are whole grain. Offered Daily: 1 % and Skim Milk and Fresh Fruit All Breakfast is provided free for all students. Menu is subject to change.

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**28**  
**Welcome Back to School!**

**4**  
**No School Labor Day Recess**

**11**  
Cinnamon Raisin Bagel  
Assorted Cereal Bowl with Graham Cracker  
Served with Apples & Pears

**18**  
Nature Valley Chocolate Chip Breakfast Round  
Assorted Cereal Bowl with Graham Crackers  
Served with Apples & Pears

**25**  
Blueberry Breakfast Bread  
Assorted Cereal Bowl with Graham Crackers  
Served with Apples & Pears

**29**  
Mixed Berry Yogurt Parfait  
Blueberry Muffin  
Served with Oranges & Juice

**5**  
Cinnamon Roll  
Chocolate Chip Muffin  
Served with Oranges & Juice

**12**  
Sausage, Egg, and Cheese Bagel Sandwich  
Chocolate Chip Muffin  
Served with Oranges & Juice

**19**  
Mixed Berry Yogurt Parfait  
Blueberry Muffin  
Served with Oranges & Juice

**26**  
French Toast Sticks  
Chocolate Chip Muffin  
Served with Oranges & Juice

**30**  
Powdered Sugar Donut  
Assorted Cereal Bar with Graham Crackers  
Served with Strawberries & Clementines

**6**  
Country Chicken Biscuit  
Double Chocolate Betty Crocker Bar with Graham Crackers  
Served with Strawberries & Clementines

**13**  
Apple Frudel  
Assorted Cereal Bar with Graham Crackers  
Served with Strawberries & Clementines

**20**  
Maple Mini Waffles  
Benefit Bar  
Served with Strawberries & Clementines

**27**  
Sausage, Egg, and Cheese Bagel Sandwich  
Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Betty Crocker Bar with Graham Crackers  
Served with Strawberries & Clementines

**31**  
Bacon, Egg, and Cheese on an English Muffin  
Oatmeal Raisin Breakfast Round  
Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice

**7**  
Blueberry Mini Waffle  
UBR Round  
Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice

**14**  
Egg and Cheese English Muffin  
Cranberry Orange Oatmeal Round  
Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice

**21**  
Sausage, Egg, and Cheese Wake up Wrap  
UBR Round  
Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice

**28**  
Chocolate Filled Crescents  
Nature Valley Breakfast Round  
Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice

**1**  
**No School Labor Day Recess**

**8**  
Chocolate Filled Crescent  
Bagel with Cream Cheese  
Served with Apples & Bananas

**15**  
Mixed Berry Scone  
Bagel with Cream Cheese  
Served with Apples & Bananas

**22**  
Cinnamon Roll  
Bagel with Cream Cheese  
Served with Apples and Bananas

**29**  
Mini Cinnamon Creamy Cheese Bagels  
Bagels with Cream Cheese  
Served with Apples and Bananas

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
28 <b>Welcome Back To School!</b>	29 Lowell Grande Nachos Crispy Chicken Sandwich & Spicy Crispy Chicken Sandwich Bagel Power Pack V LG Moroccan Harissa Chicken Wrap LG Kickin' Beans & Broccoli Oranges & Apples	30 Penne Bolognese with a Breadstick Cheese Quesadilla V Ham Chef Salad with Flatbread LG Italian Sub Cucumbers & Carrots LG Bananas & Berry Cup	31 Cheese Pizza V Pepperoni Pizza Bagel Power Pack V LG Moroccan Harissa Chicken Wrap LG Green Beans & Carrots LG Pears & Fresh Fruit Cup	1 <b>No School Labor Day Recess</b>
4 <b>No School Labor Day Recess</b>	5 Arroz con Pollo BBQ Chicken and Cheddar Flatbread Chocolate Hummus Platter V Caprese Chicken Sub LG Street Corn Salad & Carrots LG Clementines & Apples	6 Buffalo Chicken Mac and Cheese with a Breadstick Mac and Cheese with a Breadstick V Crispy Chicken Sandwich Chicken Caesar Salad with Flatbread LG Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Roasted Broccoli & Carrots LG Bananas & Berry Cup	7 Chili Garlic Popcorn Chicken Lo Mein Pizza Crunchers V Chocolate Hummus Platter V Caprese Chicken Sub LG Celery Sticks & Kale Caesar Salad LG Pears & Fresh Fruit Cup	8 Cheese Pizza V Hawaiian Pizza Chicken Caesar Salad with Flatbread LG Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Red Pepper Strips & Side Salad LG Apples & Bananas
11 French Toast Sticks with Chicken Sausage or Vegetarian Sausage V Hamburgers & Cheeseburgers Greek Salad with Flatbread LG Chicken Salad Sandwich Tater Tots & Roasted Butternut Squash Apples & Peaches	12 LTO: Chipotle Cheesy Bean Nachos V Crispy Chicken Sandwich & Spicy Crispy Chicken Sandwich Yogurt & Fruit Power Pack V Greek Chicken Wrap LG Chic Pea Salad & Fiesta Corn Oranges & Apples	13 Chicken Parmesan with Penne Cheese Quesadilla V Greek Salad with a Flatbread LG Chicken Salad Sandwich on a Bulky Roll Oven Roasted Green Beans & Carrots LG Bananas & Berry Cups	14 General Tso's Beef and Broccoli with Fried Rice Chicken Tenders with a Dinner Roll Fruit & Yogurt Power Pack V Greek Chicken Wrap LG Broccoli & Carrots LG Pears & Fresh Fruit Cup	15 Cheese Pizza V Pepperoni Pizza Greek Salad with Flatbread LG Chicken Salad Sandwich on a Bulky Roll Red Pepper Strips & Side Salad LG Apples & Bananas
18 <b>National Cheeseburger Day</b> Hamburger & Cheeseburgers Chicken Biryani Chickpea Biryani V Kale Chicken Caesar Salad with Flatbread LG Ham and Cheese Sandwich Broccoli & Carrots LG Apple & Pears	19 Chicken Fajita with a Tortilla Wrap Black Bean Taco V Bosco Cheese Sticks with Marinara V Pizza Platter Chicken Caesar Wrap LG Roasted Chickpeas & Cucumbers Clementines & Apples	20 Shepherd's Pie with a Dinner Roll Vegetarian Nuggets with A Roll V Fish and Chips with Coleslaw and A Dinner Roll Kale Chicken Caesar Salad with Flatbread LG Ham and Cheese Sandwich Corn & Carrots LG Bananas & Berry Cup	21 Chicken & Vegetable Dumplings with Mixed Veggies Edamame Dumplings with Mixed Veggies V Chicken Parmesan Sub Pizza Platter Chicken Caesar Wrap LG Green Beans & Carrots LG Pears & Fresh Fruit Cups	22 Cheese Pizza V BBQ Chicken Pizza Kale Chicken Caesar Salad with Flatbread LG Ham and Cheese Sandwich Red Pepper Strips & Side Salad LG Apples & Bananas
25 Lok Lak with Rice Pizza Cruncher V Asian Chicken Salad with Flatbread LG Tuna Salad Sandwich on a Bulky Roll Side Salad LG & Green Beans Apples & Pears	26 Pork Carnitas Taco on a Tortilla Wrap Hamburger & Cheeseburger Black Bean Burger V Pretzel Platter V Turkey BLT Sub LG Zesty Coleslaw & Broccoli Oranges & Apples	27 Pasta Primavera with a Breadstick V Chicken Tenders with a Dinner Roll Asian Chicken Salad with Flatbread LG Tuna Salad Sandwich on a Bulky Roll Cucumbers & Carrots LG Bananas & Berry Cup	28 Waffles with Chicken Sausage Cheesy Potato Breakfast Bake V Pretzel Platter Turkey BLT Sub LG Roasted Veggies & Green Beans Pears & Fresh Fruit Cup	29 <b>World Vegetarian Day</b> Cheese Pizza V Margarita Pizza V LG Garden Salad with Cheese and a Dinner Roll V LG Bagel Power Pack V LG Roasted Chickpeas & Red Peppers Apples & Bananas

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EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM: 2023-2024

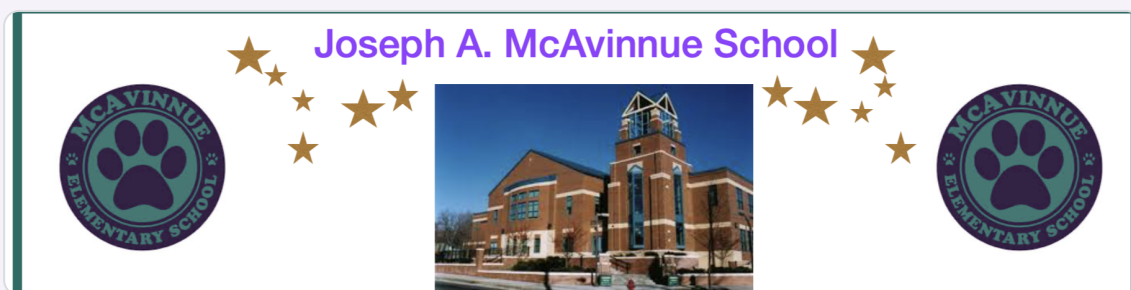


Get a jump start now and complete your emergency contact form for the 2023-2024 academic school year?

We have made it really easy for you to complete this important task. You can access the online form below. When you complete this form, it is immediately sent to McAvinnue and we will print it out for our records.

You don't need to come to the school to complete this form...you can do it right on your phone, tablet, or computer!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. De La Luz at [adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us) or contact the Main Office at McAvinnue for support!



## Emergency Form

## Formulario de Emergencia

## Formulário de Emergência 2023-2024



[Sign in to Google](#) to save your progress. [Learn more](#)

## 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, and

access to important information regarding transportation and the Family Leadership Institute.

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 30% off deal occurring now on all items! This is a major discount if you are interested in purchasing McAvinnue merchandise.**

Like during previous school years, we are also exploring additional local options to purchase McAvinnue gear. Stay tuned for more information in the month of September.

To access our current online store for McAvinnue spirit gear, please click the link below.

**CLICK TO ACCESS PREP SPORTSWEAR SPIRIT GEAR**

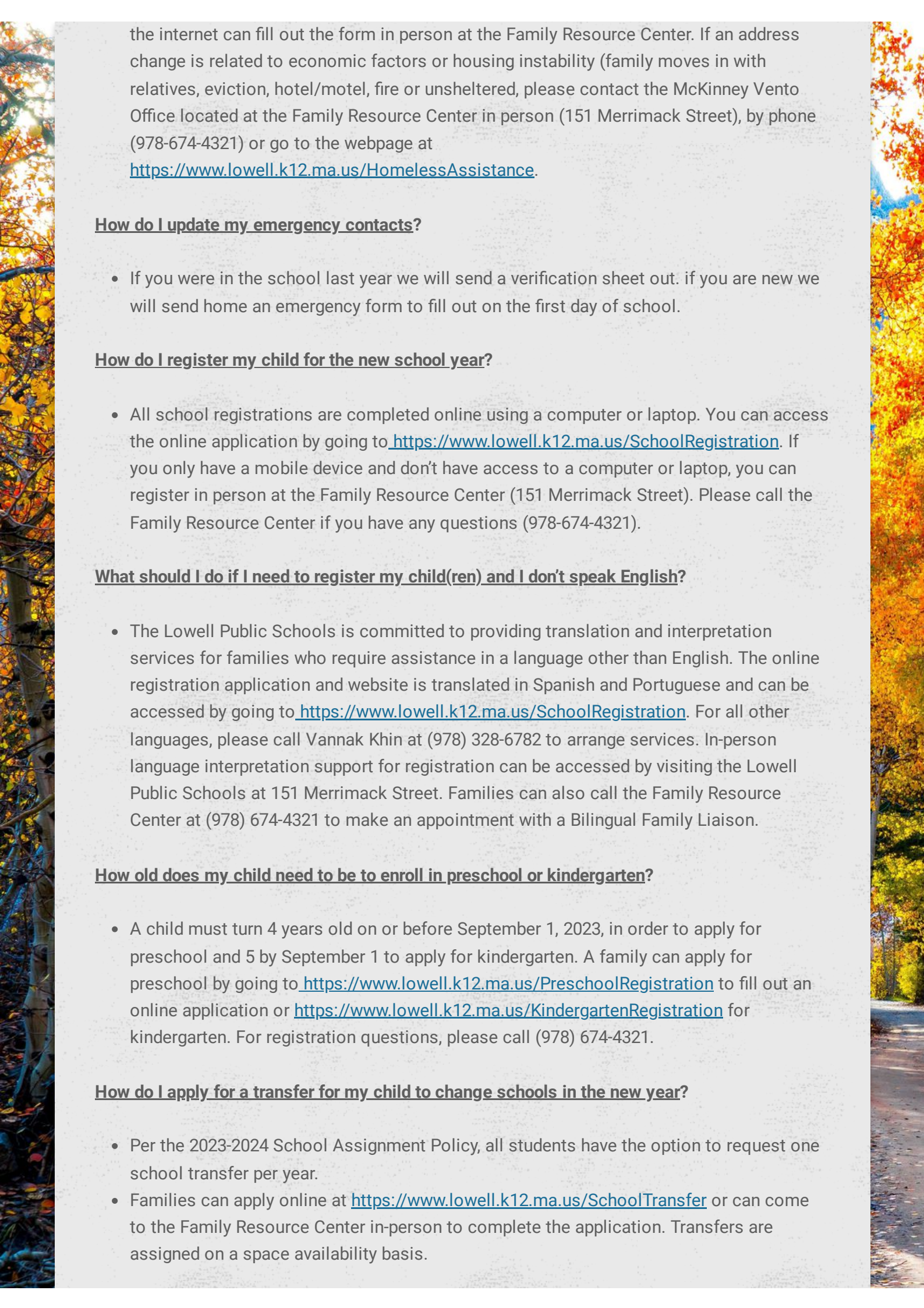
## GENERAL INFORMATION

**How can I update my contact information (phone number/email/address)?**

- Go online to the Family Resource Webpage (<https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/UpdateContactInfo>) and fill out the "contact us" form. Families who don't have access to







the internet can fill out the form in person at the Family Resource Center. If an address change is related to economic factors or housing instability (family moves in with relatives, eviction, hotel/motel, fire or unsheltered, please contact the McKinney Vento Office located at the Family Resource Center in person (151 Merrimack Street), by phone (978-674-4321) or go to the webpage at <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/HomelessAssistance>.

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

- If you were in the school last year we will send a verification sheet out. if you are new we will send home an emergency form to fill out on the first day of school.

### **How do I register my child for the new school year?**

- All school registrations are completed online using a computer or laptop. You can access the online application by going to <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolRegistration>. If you only have a mobile device and don't have access to a computer or laptop, you can register in person at the Family Resource Center (151 Merrimack Street). Please call the Family Resource Center if you have any questions (978-674-4321).

### **What should I do if I need to register my child(ren) and I don't speak English?**

- The Lowell Public Schools is committed to providing translation and interpretation services for families who require assistance in a language other than English. The online registration application and website is translated in Spanish and Portuguese and can be accessed by going to <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolRegistration>. For all other languages, please call Vannak Khin at (978) 328-6782 to arrange services. In-person language interpretation support for registration can be accessed by visiting the Lowell Public Schools at 151 Merrimack Street. Families can also call the Family Resource Center at (978) 674-4321 to make an appointment with a Bilingual Family Liaison.

### **How old does my child need to be to enroll in preschool or kindergarten?**

- A child must turn 4 years old on or before September 1, 2023, in order to apply for preschool and 5 by September 1 to apply for kindergarten. A family can apply for preschool by going to <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/PreschoolRegistration> to fill out an online application or <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/KindergartenRegistration> for kindergarten. For registration questions, please call (978) 674-4321.

### **How do I apply for a transfer for my child to change schools in the new year?**

- Per the 2023-2024 School Assignment Policy, all students have the option to request one school transfer per year.
- Families can apply online at <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolTransfer> or can come to the Family Resource Center in-person to complete the application. Transfers are assigned on a space availability basis.

# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES



## 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](http://www.pack7lowell.com)



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



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



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



Visit [www.Pack7Lowell.com](http://www.Pack7Lowell.com) to find about our next open house or to visit one of our weekly den meetings and learn about the year-long programming.

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

[www.Pack7Lowell.com](http://www.Pack7Lowell.com)

[join@pack7lowell.com](mailto:join@pack7lowell.com)



**LOWELL FALL LOCAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**



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## EXPERIENCE FALL IN LOWELL

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*The Night Watchwoman by The Myth Makers*

Lowell Kinetic Sculpture Race  
September 16

MonsterBash & Halloween Stroll  
October 28

City of Lights  
November 25

### Feast of Our Lady of Loreto

Sept. 1-3 | Holy Ghost Society, 65 Village St.

### India Heritage Fest

Sept. 9 | Lowell Heritage State Park,  
160 Pawtucket Blvd.

### Lowell Irish Festival

Sept. 23 | Lowell Memorial Auditorium,  
50 E. Merrimack St.

### One City, Many Cultures Exhibit Opening

Sept. 23 | Lowell National Historical Park,  
Mogan Cultural Center, 40 French St.

### Latinx & Hispanic Festival

Sept. 30 | North Common, 413 Fletcher St.

### Lowell Celebrates Kerouac Festival

Oct. 5-9 | Various locations,  
lowellcelebrateskerouac.org

### El Encuentro: The Latin Film Experience

Oct. 13-14 | MCC's Richard and Nancy Donahue  
Family Academic Arts Center, 240 Central St.

### Lowell Asian American Film Festival

Oct. 20-22 | MCC's Richard and Nancy Donahue  
Academic Arts Center, 240 Central St.

# MILL CITY GROWS: AUTUMN MARKET





— Friends of Tyler Park —

# AUTUMN MARKET

makers | artisans | farmers | growers



**Sunday, September 10, 2023**  
**11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

—  
Tyler Park, Lowell, MA

## 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](mailto:wma@commteam.org)
      - Karen 978-729-7216, [kshannon@commteam.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 calls, visits, mental health, and Special Education workshops and more. For more



information about the FLI visit: <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/5263> or email FLI Director Zoe Dzineku at [zdzineku@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:zdzineku@lowell.k12.ma.us).

## LOCAL FOOD SUPPORT

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




Click the link below for a list of local food pantries that are willing to help.

You can also reach out to Mrs. De La Luz, McAvinnue's Social Worker, for support navigating these and other options.




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

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## COMMUNITY VACCINATION INFORMATION



Community vaccination sites.pdf

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## MCAVINNUE'S FAMILY READ-A-LOUD

**"WHAT DO TEACHERS DO (AFTER YOU LEAVE SCHOOL)"**

What Do Teachers Do ( After You Leave School ) By Anne Bowen Illustration  
By Barry Gott / Read Aloud



## 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!

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## OUR VISION

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

**#McAvinnuePride #BeTheDifference #NextLevel**

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