



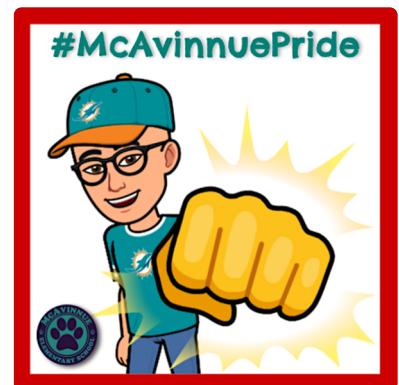
The Lion's Roar

McAvinnue's Community Newsletter: Week Of
September 16th

MCAVINNUE'S PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello McAvinnue Community!

I hope that everyone is doing well and enjoying the summer-like weekend we are having! I don't know about you...but, I am looking forward to some of the more typical Fall weather. It looks the the projected weather forecast will be in the low 70's with some sunny days to wrap up the week. This is some great news!



As you know, McAvinnue's first full week has completed and is officially in the books! It was a great week with many moments of highly engaging lessons, students working hard and making great choices, amazing lunch options in our cafeteria, and some fun time outside enjoying the nice weather during recess! We are back in full swing of things...exciting but exhausting times at McAvinnue!

We completed our first iReady Math diagnostic testing session of the school year this past week. Students worked hard and were eager to "show what they know" on this important foundational benchmark assessment. We will continue with the iReady Reading diagnostic testing session this upcoming week. The results will be used to create instructional groups for our students as we launch into the meat of our new instruction in the upcoming weeks.

We are excited to host our first family event at on Friday, September 20th from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM....McAvinnue's "Back To School Bash"! This has been such a fantastic family event at

McAvinnue that we have done annually for multiple years. We are so excited to host this annual event once again! The weather looks like it will be perfect...so, we can't wait to see everyone for some fun to end the week! We on the look out for updates and announcements throughout this week!

The Fall season officially begins on Sunday, September 22nd and we expect the weather to begin to shift to cooler and more consistent temperatures. It is also important to watch the daily weather forecast and dress accordingly based on the predicted conditions. Things can change on a dime during this time of the school year...and we need to ensure that your child is dressed to head outside for recess. I would suggested wearing layers that can be taken off if the afternoon temperatures increase during the day. I appreciate your attention to this!

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

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach directly and we hope to see everyone at McAvinnue's annual "Back To School Bash" on Friday starting at 5 PM.

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

- **Monday, September 16th - Friday, September 20th - iReady Reading Diagnostic Assessment Window**
- **Friday, September 20th - McAvinnue's "Back To School Bash" @ 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**
- **Friday, September 27th - McAvinnue's "Lions Pride" All School Core Value Celebration: September Edition @ 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.

McAvinnue's Week In Review



Can You Be The "I" In KIND?

Check out our new bulletin board right outside the Main Office! Our students and faculty can be the "I" in KIND!



Lets Make A Mini Apple Tree!

Kindergarten students in Room 206 had a blast designing and building mini apple trees in STEAM Studio!



3D Name Tags!

Students in Grades 3 & 4 completed a beginning of the year activity in STEAM Studio where they worked through the steps of the Engineering Design Process (EDP) to design and build a 3D name tag



PreK Apple Week Fun!

It was “Apple Week” in Ms. Annie’s PreK class! They made apple prints, counted seeds, tasted apples, and even measured their height with apples. So awesome!

for their desk. They did an amazing job!

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 20th 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.

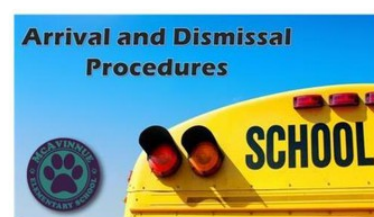


Please reach out as soon as possible to get her the necessary paperwork and to arrange drop off of new medications. Nurse Danielle's email address is dralls@lowell.k12.ma.us and she can also be reached by calling (978) 937-2871 ex. 47858. Our fax number is (978) 937-2880.

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: [redacted]

Login

User Name= lunch code

Password= birthday
mmddyyyy

Example: August 31, 2009

Is Your Bus On Time?

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

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




Physical Education Class Information With Ms. Rindo

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

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

Kindergarten- Physical Education Class


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

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

Kindergarten

Grade 1- Physical Education Class


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

 Please remember to wear your sneakers!
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Grade 1

Grade 2- Physical Education Class


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mrs. Ubele 101	Mrs. Makumbi 102	Ms. Carrucini 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 3

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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Grade 4

CSA- Physical Education Class

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

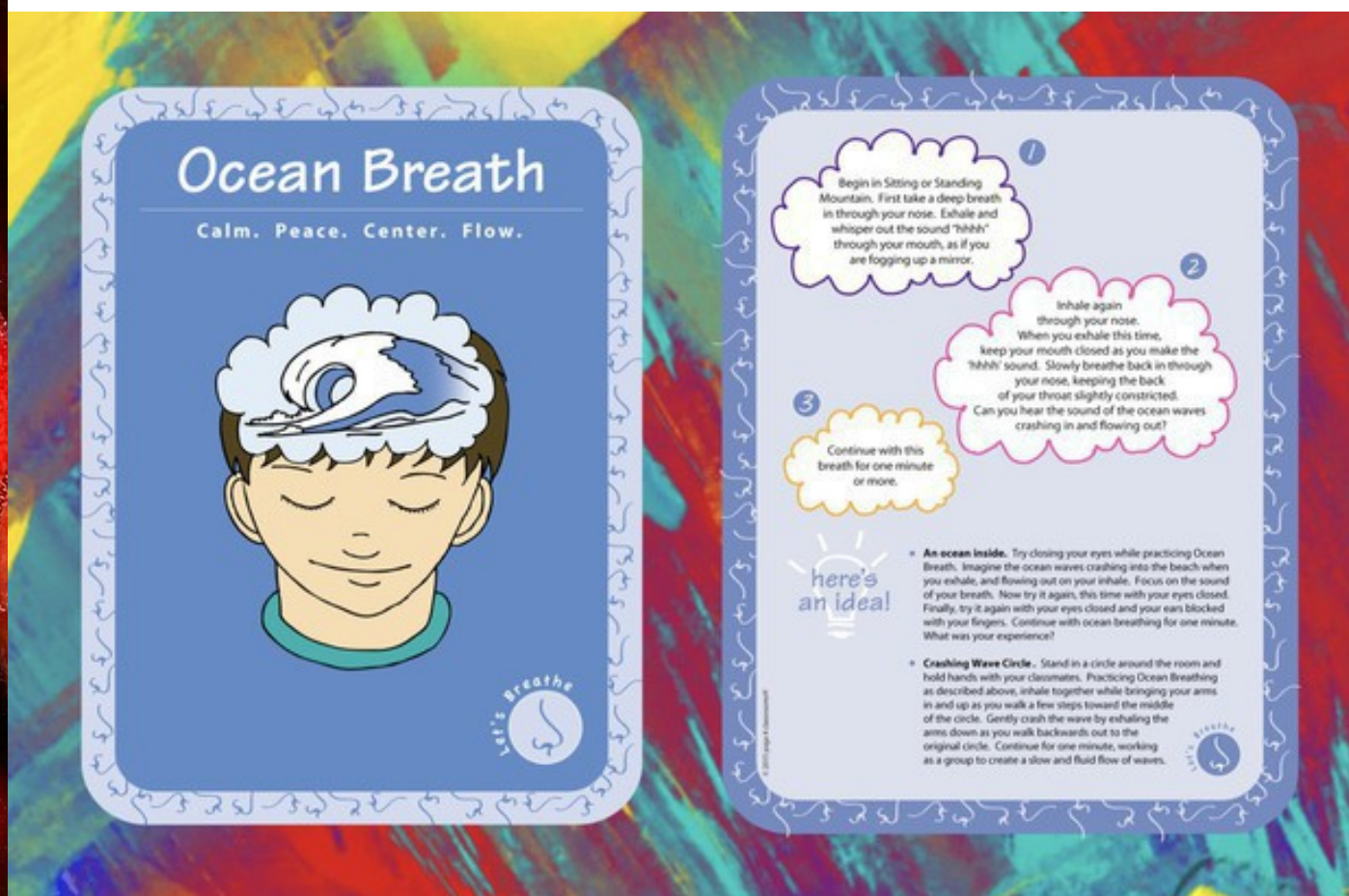
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CSA

We will kick off our mindfulness focus with this classic technique this week called the "Ocean Breath". This new technique will allow us to remain calm by finding our "center" and imagining the flow of waves at the ocean. We will practice the "Ocean Breath" technique this week during our Morning Announcements during this up and coming week.



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 first few months of the school year:

- Monday, September 16th - Friday, September 20th - iReady Reading Diagnostic Assessment Window
- Friday, September 20th - McAvinnue's "Back To School Bash" @ 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
- Sunday, September 22nd - First Day Of Fall
- Friday, September 27th - McAvinnue's "Lions Pride" All School Core Value Celebration: September Edition @ 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM
- Wednesday, October 2nd - Bully Prevention & Awareness Day
- Thursday, October 3rd - Kindergarten Field Trip - Parlee Farms
- Tuesday, October 8th - Grade 3 Field Trip: Concord Museum (2 Classes)
- Wednesday, October 9th - Early Release Day: Student Dismissal @ 1:30 PM (No PreK Classes)
- Thursday, October 10th - Grade 3 Field Trip: Concord Museum (2 Classes)
- Monday, October 14th - No School: Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Tuesday, October 15th - McAvinnue's "Before & After School Program" Begins: Session 1
- Thursday, October 17th - Progress Report Distribution: PreK - Grade 4
- Monday, October 21st - McAvinnue's Picture Day - Student & Faculty Portraits
- Tuesday, October 22nd - Grade 4 Field Trip: Patriot's Hall Of Fame Engineering Challenge: "Tower & Bridges"
- Tuesday, October 29th - McAvinnue's "Spooky Trunk Or Treat" Family Celebration @ 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM



FIRST DAY OF FALL

Sunday, September 22nd

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

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

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

Number of School Days Per Month

August	3	January	21
September	19	February	15
October	22	March	21
November	17	April	16
December	15	May	21
		June	10





2024-2025 LPSD Calendar.pdf

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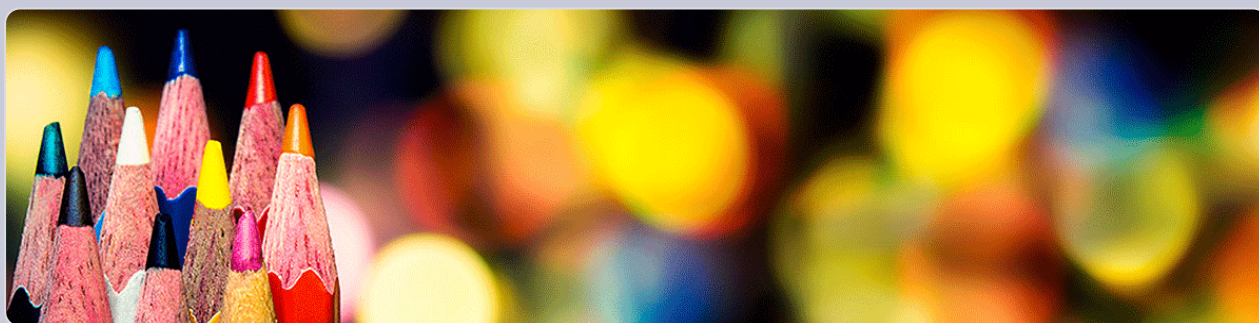
McAvinnue's School Site Council 2024-2025

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.



McAvinnue's School Site Council Interest Form

Please complete the information below if you are interested in joining 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

McAvinnue's Morning Announcements Are Back!

McAvinnue's "Morning Announcements" are back once again for the 2024-2025 academic school year! We are excited to bring these back starting on Monday, September 16th!



Like we had successfully done during previous school years, a new edition of McAvinnue's "Virtual" Morning Announcements will be presented to our students on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week. We will continue to use Tuesday and Thursday each week to be used for "Open Circle"....our Social Emotional Learning (SEL) program that focuses on community building, prosocial decision making, and appropriate responses to daily stressors both within the school and home settings.

This will continue to be a great way to bring our school together each day focusing on the same message to get the energy, commitment, and engage up before we launch into another great day at "the best school we all know".

McAvinnue's Morning Announcements will occur on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week.

You can check out current and past editions of McAvinnue's Morning Announcements on our YouTube channel using the link below.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7hxiBuRjqjgqfASl_RLMleQ

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

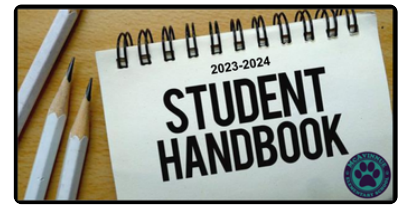
McAvinnue's Morning Announcements 6.7.2024



Parent & Family Resources

Student Handbook 2024-2025

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



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

Please reach out directly if you have any questions.

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

McAvinnue's School Attendance Information

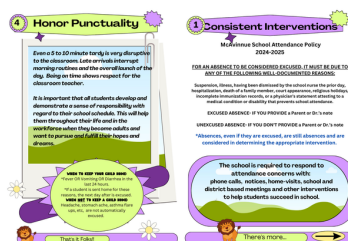
As you are aware, attending school is first step each in the learning process for our students. It is critical that our students arrive to school on time each day so that they can access all of the engaging and meaning lessons that have been planned by our teachers and related service providers.



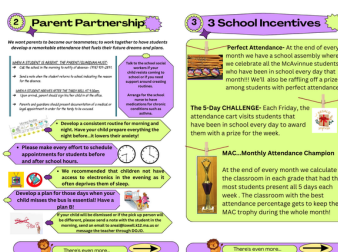
The McAvinnue Attendance Team will monitor student attendance on a weekly basis and will reach out directly to families when they notice frequent absences, a pattern of absences, or an increased number of consecutive absences within a short period of time.

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

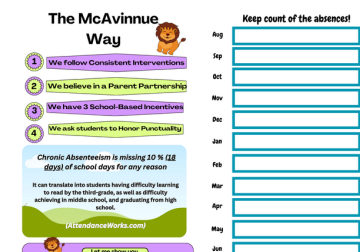
The handbook is provided in three languages below.



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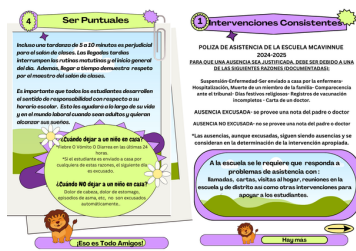


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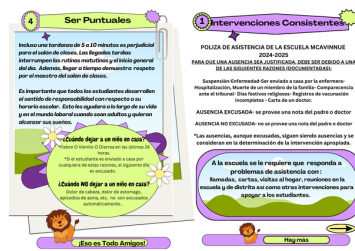


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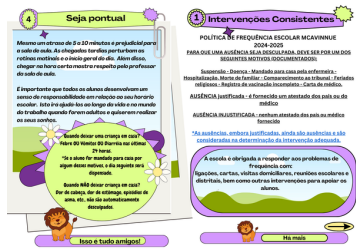
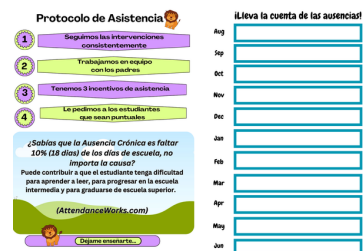




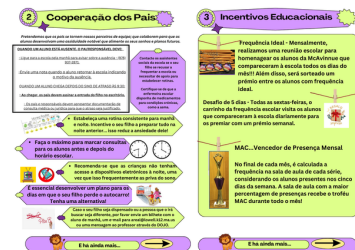
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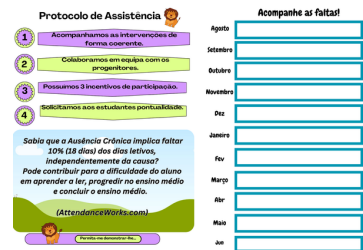
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Portuguese



Breakfast and Lunch Will Be Free for All LPS Students

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

Please keep up to date on our program, nutrition education, monthly menus and back to school letters on the [LPS Food and Nutrition website](https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/foodservice).

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



GREAT NEWS

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

WHY EAT SCHOOL BREAKFAST + LUNCH?

Better Productivity

Better Health

Better Days

improved focus, behavior,
& attendance rate.

good for the brain & gives
students the fuel to learn.

one less thing to worry
about & it's free!

**STAY FULL.
EAT AT
SCHOOL.**

PROJECT BREAD'S CAMPAIGN TO GET EVERY CHILD TO EAT SCHOOL MEALS. FROM PROJECT BREAD'S CAMPAIGN TO GET EVERY CHILD TO EAT SCHOOL MEALS.

September Breakfast & Lunch Menus

**Breakfast
MENU**

**August/September
Elementary
Breakfast Menu**

Check out <https://lowellk12ma.nutrislice.com/> for Menu's, Nutrition Education & Monthly Promotions! Questions or concerns please contact foods@lowellk12ma.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.

26 WELCOME BACK!		27 Sausage, Egg, and Cheese Bagel Sandwich Chocolate Chip Muffin Served with Oranges & Juice	28 Apple Frudel Assorted Cereal Bar with Graham Cracker Served with Strawberries & Clementines	29 Egg and Cheese on an English Muffin Cranberry Orange Sunrise Oatmeal Round Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice	30 No School Labor Day Recess
2 No School Labor Day Recess	3 No School Election Day	4 Mixed Berry Yogurt Parfait with a Graham Cracker Benefit Bar Served with Strawberries & Clementines	5 Sausage, Egg, and Cheese Wake Up Wrap UBR Round Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice	6 Cinnamon Roll Bagel with Cream Cheese Served with Apples & Bananas	
9 Blueberry Breakfast Bread Assorted Cereal Bowl with Graham Crackers Served with Apples & Pears	10 French Toast Sticks Chocolate Chip Muffin Served with Oranges & Juice	11 Sausage, Egg, and Cheese Bagel Sandwich Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Betty Crocker Bar with a Graham Cracker Served with Strawberries & Clementines	12 Chocolate Filled Crescent Nature Valley Breakfast Round Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice	13 Mini Cinnamon Creamy Cheese Bagel Mixed Berry Yogurt Parfait with a Graham Cracker Served with Apples & Bananas	
16 Pumpkin Breakfast Bread Assorted Cereal Bowl with Graham Crackers Served with Apples & Pears	17 Egg and Cheese Wake up Wrap Blueberry Muffin Served with Oranges & Juice	18 Powdered Sugar Donut Assorted Cereal Bar with Graham Cracker Served with Strawberries & Clementines	19 Bacon, Egg, and Cheese English Muffin Oatmeal Raisin Breakfast Round Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice	20 Mixed Berry Yogurt Parfait with Graham Cracker Bagel with Cream Cheese Served with Apples & Bananas	
23 Cinnamon Roll Assorted Cereal Bowl with Graham Crackers Served with Apples & Pears	24 Strawberry Filled Bagel Chocolate Chip Muffin Served with Oranges & Juice	25 Country Chicken Biscuit Double Chocolate Betty Crocker Bar with Graham Cracker Served with Strawberries & Clementines	26 Blueberry Mini Waffle UBR Round Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice	27 Egg and Cheese Wake Up Wrap Bagel with Cream Cheese Served with Apples & Bananas	

<div> <div> </div> <div> <div>AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2024</div> <div>Elementary Lunch Menu</div> </div> </div> <div> <p>Breakfast and Lunch are 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 are served with the option of milk. Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwiches and Vegetarian Meals served daily. Menus are subject to change. V= Vegetarian LG=Locally Grown LTO= Limited Time Offer HOTM=Harvest of the Month</p> </div>				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<div>26</div> <div>Welcome Back To School!</div>	<div>27</div> <div> Beef Taco Crispy Chicken Sandwich Kickin' Bean Taco V Yogurt & Fruit Power Pack V Greek Chicken Wrap LG Chickpea Salad & Fiesta Corn Oranges & Apples </div>	<div>28</div> <div> 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 Cup </div>	<div>29</div> <div> Cheese Pizza V Pepperoni Pizza Yogurt & Fruit Power Pack V Greek Chicken Wrap LG Red Pepper Strips & Side Salad LG Apples & Bananas </div>	<div>30</div> <div>No School Labor Day Recess</div>
<div>2</div> <div>No School Labor Day Recess</div>	<div>3</div> <div>No School Election Day</div>	<div>4</div> <div> Chicken Biryani Chickpea Biryani V Bosco Cheese Slicks with Marinara V Kale Chicken Caesar Salad with Flatbread LG Ham and Cheese Sandwich Corn & Carrots LG Bananas & Berry Cup </div>	<div>5</div> <div> Shepherd's Pie with a Dinner Roll Vegetarian Nuggets with A Roll V Fish and Chips with Coleslaw and A Dinner Roll Chicken Caesar Wrap LG Green Beans & Carrots LG Pears & Fresh Fruit Cup </div>	<div>6</div> <div> Cheese Pizza V BBQ Chicken Pizza Kale Chicken Caesar Salad with Flatbread LG Ham & Cheese Sandwich Red Pepper Strips & Side Salad LG Apples & Bananas </div>
<div>9</div> <div> Philly Chicken Cheesesteak Sub Pizza Crunchers V Asian Chicken Salad with Flatbread LG Tuna Salad Sandwich Side Salad LG & Green Beans Apples & Pears </div>	<div>10</div> <div> Lowell Grande Nachos Chipotle Cheesy Bean Nachos Crispy Chicken Sandwich Pretzel Platter V Turkey BLT Sub Kickin Beans & Corn Clementines & Apples </div>	<div>11</div> <div> Buffalo Chicken Mac and Cheese Mac and Cheese V Asian Chicken Salad with Flatbread LG Tuna Salad Sandwich Cucumbers & Carrots LG Bananas & Berry Cups </div>	<div>12</div> <div> Waffles with Chicken Sausage Loaded Baked Potato with a Roll Pretzel Platter Turkey BLT Sub LG Roasted Veggies & Green Beans Pears & Fresh Fruit Cup </div>	<div>13</div> <div> Cheese Pizza V Buffalo Chicken Pizza Asian Chicken Salad with Flatbread LG Tuna Salad Sandwich Red Pepper Strips & Side Salad LG Apples & Bananas </div>
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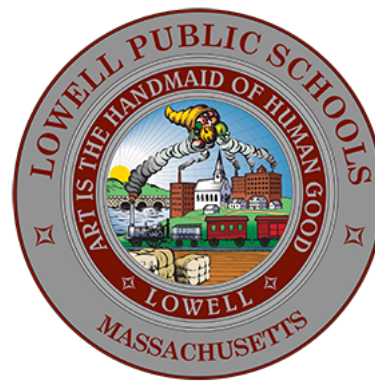
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LPS Connector Newsletter: Summer Edition

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, 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

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



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



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



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

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

www.Pack7Lowell.com

join@pack7lowell.com



Be A Girl Scout

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

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

gsema.org/jion





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

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

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

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

Bring your grown-up(s) along.
Scan code to RSVP or visit
www.gsema.org/eventrsvp2



Car seats can be tricky and if not properly installed they can be dangerous. Join the partners of the Maternal Child Health Task Force on Saturday September 21st from 9 AM - 12 PM in the Market Basket Parking lot on Old Ferry Rd. in Pawtucketville for a car seat safety check. Bonus - your favorite teddy bear or other stuffie can get a free health check-up at the same time!



Car Seat Safety Checkpoint & Teddy Bear Clinic



Saturday, September 21st
9-12pm
Market Basket Parking Lot
90 Old Ferry Rd. Lowell, MA



Join us to check the safety of your car seat, assist you in properly installing your car seat or answering any car seat safety questions you may have



Bring your child & their favorite teddy bear (stuffed animal) to go through our "Check-Up" clinic.

TuftsMedicine
Lowell General Hospital

Hosted by:
The Maternal Child
Health Task Force

**FREE
EVENT!**

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](#)

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Equity, Excellence, Empowerment.

Early Childhood Department

Coordinated Family and Community Engagement

Starting September 17, 2024 FALL PLAYGROUPS



Lowell Public Schools' CFCE program provides weekly playgroups for young children under the age of five and their families! Sing songs, read books, engage in activities and share ideas with peers. Join the fun and invite your friends! Click on the link above to register.

Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Sept. 17 - Dec. 10 10am-11am	Sept. 18 - Dec. 11 10am-11am	Sept. 19 - Dec. 12 10am-11am	Sept. 20 - Dec. 13 10am-11am
Location #1: YMCA, 35 YMCA Dr. Language Support: English	Location #1: IINE, 101 Jackson St, Suite 2 Language Support: Spanish	Location: YMCA, 35 YMCA Dr. Language Support: English	Location #1: Pollard Memorial Library, 401 Merrimack St. Language Support: Spanish
Location #2: Lowell Housing Authority, 580 Chelmsford St Language Support: Khmer	Location #2: St. Rita's 158 Mammoth Rd Language Support: Khmer		Location #2: St. Rita's 158 Mammoth Rd Language Support: Spanish

For questions call 978-967-6784
Visit the Lowell Public Schools calendar and Early
Childhood homepage for more information
www.lowell.k12.ma.us

Lowell Public Schools (LPS) CFCE program is funded by the
Coordinated Family & Community Engagement grant awarded to the LPS by
the Department of Early Education and Care.



Mill City Prevention Network

Our friends at the Mill City Prevention Network have a variety of important classes/programs to provide knowledge to families raising kids in 2024. Not only do they provide you with invaluable tools and information - but you will also earn Market Basket gift cards for participating (up to \$150!). In case you are looking at this on your phone, here are the links from the QR codes in these flyers (scroll through to see the flyers in Spanish, Portuguese, and Khmer):

Parent Surveys:

English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LOWELL-PCN-PARENT-SURVEY>



Portuguese: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Lowell-Pesquisa-Para-Pais>

Spanish: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Lowell-Encuesta-Para-Padres>

Khmer: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Lowell-Parent-Survey-Khmer>

Youth Mental Health First Aid: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2Y5Q63W>

Guiding Good Choices Parent Classes: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BACK2SCHOOL_GGC



Community Resources & Daycare Options for Families

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

Here is a list of daycare options in Lowell:



- **Community Team Work (CTI)**: (978) 454-5100
 - Families who are already enrolled in a CTI program...
 - Call or text school-age coordinators to request a slot
 - Billy 978-995-0028, wma@commteam.org
 - Karen 978-729-7216, kshannon@commteam.org
 - Families who are not enrolled in a CTI program
 - If you've filled out a CTI application in the past...
 - Contact Karen (978) 729-7216, kshannon@commteam.org to see if where you are on the waitlist (if there is a waitlist)
 - If you've never filled out a CTI application...
 - Fill out an application at 17 Kirk St., 126 Phoenix Ave
 - Or call the main CTI number (978) 454-5100 to request an email version of the application.
- **YMCA**: (978) 454-7825; 1 YMCA Dr in Lowell
 - Karen Espinola is the school-age director
 - Fill out a application online or at the YMCA to request a slot
 - Debbie Doben is the preschool director if your child is preschool age
- **Family Childcare**: Call programs to see if they have openings near you
 - Bethel Family Childcare (978) 458-6577
 - Clarendon Family Childcare (978) 454-3026
 - Child Development and Learning (CDE) (978) 275-2843
 - ACRE Family Childcare (978) 937-5899
 - CTI: See above contact information
- **Girls Inc.**: (978) 458-6529, 220; Worthen St. in Lowell
 - Accept girls ages 5-14 years old
 - Accept Child Care Circuit vouchers, DCF vouchers, and private pay (income-based, sliding scale)
 - Call Pam Lerocque (Director of Finance & Administration) to check on openings
- **Boys and Girls Club**: (978) 458-4526; 657 Middlesex St in Lowell
 - School-age openings for after-school
 - Teens who are working with the Department of Children and Families can call BGC or DCF to see if they're eligible





The Family Leadership Institute

The Family Leadership Institute provides families with the knowledge and skills to partner with schools and communities to ensure their children achieve their full potential.

Throughout the year, the FLI runs a variety of programs including: survival English classes, family college visits, mental health and financial literacy workshops, and more. For more information about the FLI visit: <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/5263> or email FLI Director Zoe Dzineku at zdzineku@lowell.k12.ma.us.

Local Food Support

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



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

You can also reach out to Mrs. De La Luz, McAvinnue's Social Worker, for support navigating these and other options at adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us.



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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: "The Leaf Thief"

The Leaf Thief - An Autumn Animated Read Aloud with Moving Pictures



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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[Click To Access McAvinnue's "X" \(Twitter\) Page](#)

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

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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

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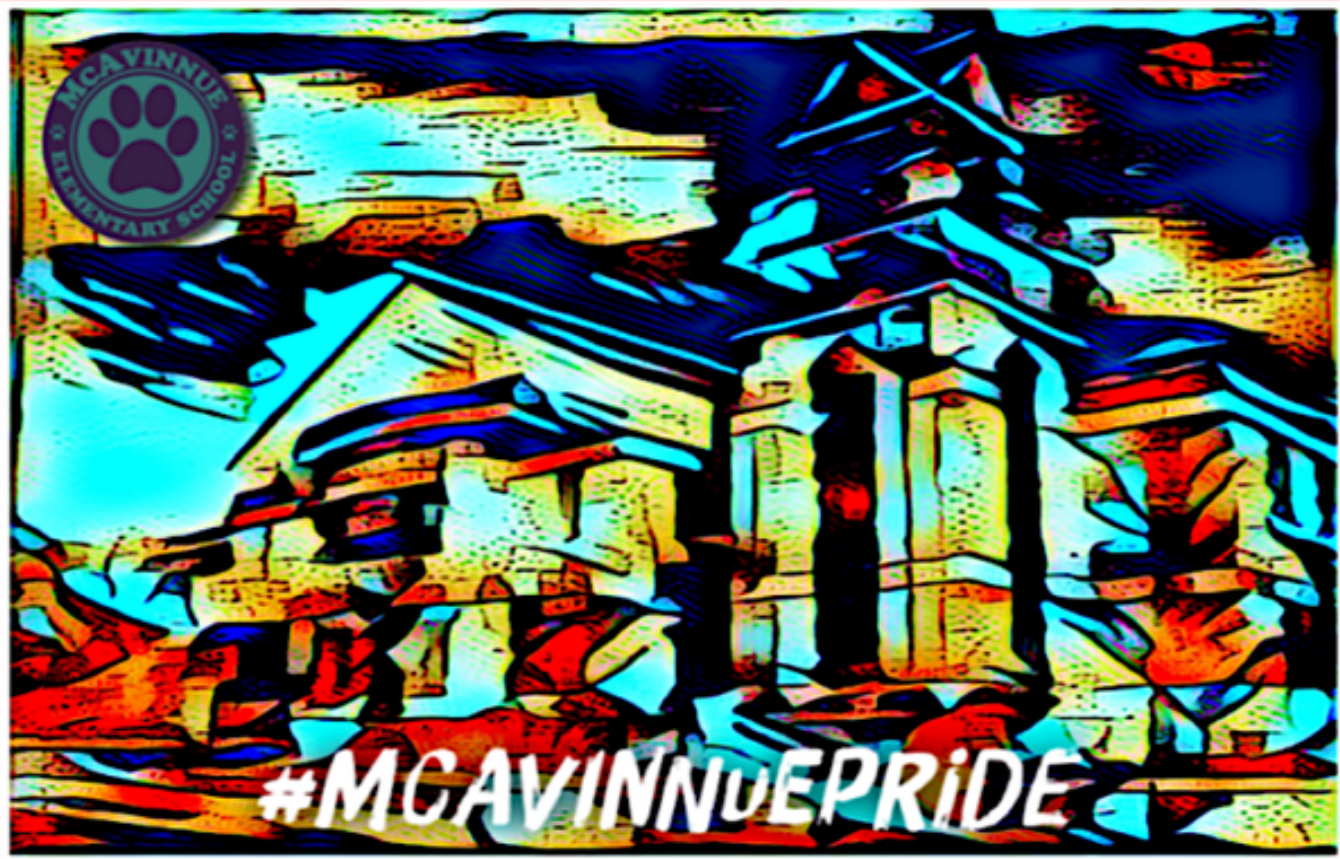
Website: <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Domain/21>

Location: 131 Mammoth Road, Lowell, MA, USA

Phone: (978) 937-2871

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