



# THE LION'S ROAR

McAvinnue's Community Newsletter: Week Of September 29th

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## MCAVINNUE'S PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello McAvinnue Community!

We have successfully completed another great week at McAvinnue! Our students and teachers are working hard daily and there has been some great progress made with our daily routines and expectations!



I had the chance to observe some amazing lessons focusing on our new literact curriculum from the American Reading Company (ARC), some exciting Math lessons and a few successful morning meeting Open Circle lessons. Our teachers are working to plan meaningful lessons that your children are truly benefiting from. The teaching and learning will continue over the month of October. We will be sending out a formal progress report that will review your child's progress in a few weeks. Be on the look out more information from your child's teacher and in the Lion's Roar Community newsletter next week.

Our students have finished the iReady diagnostic assessment for both English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. This assessment will allow for our teachers to see what your child has a solid understanding of connected to various teaching standards that fall under each of these two areas. Also, the iReady platform will map out online lessons for your child that will target specifically what they need more practice on. Your child's progress will continued to be monitored by the classroom teacher and on the iReady instructional platform.

On another note, we needed to reschedule McAvinnue's "Back To School Bash" due to the poor weather conditions we had this past Thursday. The new date is Wednesday, October 1st from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM! We were lucky enough to reschedule with all of our vendors so everything is set and ready to go on Wednesday evening! Reminder to bring some money if you are interested in getting some food from Egg Roll Cafe or a cool treat from Michelle's Ice Cream Dreams & More! Both vendors will make sure that the prices are affordable for everyone! We hope to see everyone there!

Please note that there is some information for some upcoming events at McAvinnue such as Indigenous Peoples Day (formally known as Columbus Day), McAvinnue's Picture Day, and McAvinnue's "Spooky Fun Fall" Family Celebrations! Mark your calendars for these events!

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

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 this upcoming week:

- **Monday, September 29th - McAvinnue Reopens @ 9:10 AM**
- **Monday, September 29th - UMass Lowell String Project Presentation - Grade 4 @ 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM**
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- **Friday, October 3rd - 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 at [mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us).

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## **McAVINNUE'S "BACK TO SCHOOL BASH"**





**UPDATE:** We have rescheduled McAvinnue's "Back To School Bash" to Wednesday, October 1st due to the inclement weather that we had last Thursday. The time still remains the same with this amazing event starting at 5:00 PM and will conclude at 6:30 PM. We will be outside in the faculty parking lot including behind the building. The weather looks to be perfect on Wednesday with temperatures in the 60s with plenty of sunshine to close out the day!

This annual and traditional event allows everyone in the McAvinnue Community to gather 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!

**We have a few options available for everyone that are paid services. We have Eggroll Cafe and Michelle's Ice Cream Dreams & More scheduled to be at this event.**

**If you are interested in either or both of these options, please bring some money with you. Each option will be very reasonably priced...and is a great way to support local businesses!**





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## "POPCORN FRIDAY" VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Do you smell something? We do...it's Fresh Popcorn Friday!

This Friday, October 3rd, marks the first of many "Fresh Popcorn Fridays" during lunch! Students will have the chance to purchase a bag of warm, delicious popcorn for just \$1.

Mr. Shanahan and Mrs. LaLiberty are seeking a few parent volunteers to assist with bagging, collecting, and organizing popcorn between 11:15 AM and 1:30 PM.

Please note: All volunteers must have a completed CORI on file prior to the event. If you're interested in helping out for this or future Popcorn Fridays, please email Mrs. LaLiberty at [nlaliberty@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:nlaliberty@lowell.k12.ma.us).





# CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED



We are gladly accepting candy donations for McAvinnue's "Spooky Fun Fall Family Celebration"!

Please feel free to drop off a bag of candy to the Main Office at McAvinnue anytime during school hours. Also, you can have your child bring a bag of candy with them to school...and they can drop it off at the Main Office when they arrive to the school building.

We will accept donations all the way up to the big event on Wednesday, October 29th!

Thank you in advance for your support with this!

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## EARLY RELEASE DAY

# Early Release Day



**Wednesday, October 8th**

**Student dismissal will occur 1:30 PM. PreK students in Ms. Annie's and Ms. Ana's classes will have no school.**

**#McAvinnuePride**

There will be a district-wide Early Release Day on Wednesday, October 8th for all students.

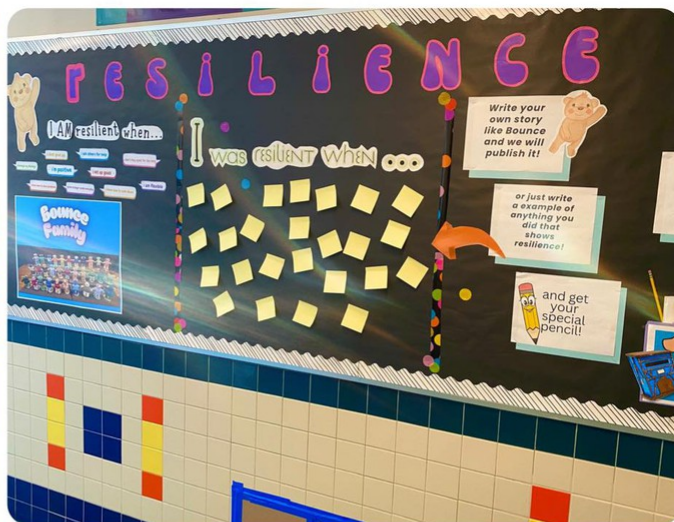
McAvinnue will dismiss students at 1:30 PM on this day. Please make the necessary arrangements to be available for your child.

PreK students in Ms. Annie's and Ms. Ana's classrooms will not have school on this day.

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## McAVINNUE'S "WEEK IN REVIEW"





Some great bullet boards are already up at McAvinnue! It's so important to showcase student work and post helpful student information/resources!

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.

## Should I Send My Child To School?



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

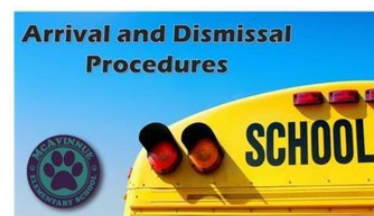
If you have any questions or are not sure whether you should send your child to school, please reach out to the school and ask to speak with Nurse Danielle.



## 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.

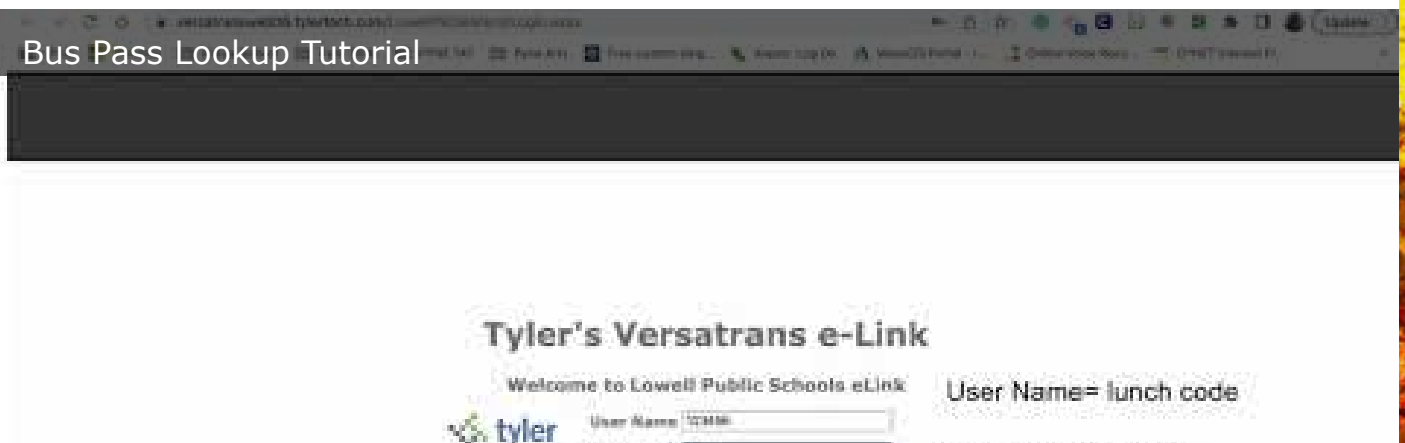
Please note that Kindergarten and 1st grader students **must** have an older sibling (4th grade or older) or parent present at the bus stop in the afternoon in order to depart from the school bus. If a parent or older sibling is not present, the student will be brought to the Moody School, located at 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 LPSP "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 LPSP "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.



Password= birthday  
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 Example: August 31, 2009  
 08312009

## Is Your Bus On Time?

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

Check it out today: <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
	Mrs. Pepper 205	Mrs. Lewis 206	Mrs. Woods 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		Mrs. Voilleux 201	Mrs. Joyce 202	Mrs. 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. Carbone 102	Mrs. Pratt 103	Mrs. 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		Mrs. Ryder 301

Please remember to wear your sneakers!  
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Grade 3

### Grade 4-Physical Education Class

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mrs. Clemente 309	Mrs. Leczynski 310		Mrs. Figueroa 307	Mrs. McGarr 308

Please remember to wear your sneakers!  
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Grade 4

### CSA-Physical Education Class

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

Please remember to wear your sneakers!  
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CSA



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## McAvinnue's Mindfulness Pose Of The Week - "Flying Birth Breath"

We will try a new pose this week called the "Flying Bird Breath"...and will add on to the "Mountain" pose that we worked on last week!



This new pose will allow us to work on remaining calm while increasing our focus by maintaining grace through our own person "center". We will practice the "Flying Bird Breath" pose daily during our "Virtual" Morning Announcements during this up and coming week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- **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
- **Friday, October 17th** - Bully Prevention & Awareness Day - McAvinnue's "Black Out Bullying" Day
- **Monday, October 20th** - McAvinnue's Picture Day - Student & Faculty Individual Photos
- **Thursday, October 23rd** - Dentist @ McAvinnue
- **Thursday, October 23rd** - McAvinnue's Family Movie Night @ 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
- **Wednesday, October 29th** - McAvinnue's "Spooky Fun Fall" Family Celebration @ 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

# INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY: MONDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

Mark your calendars and make arrangements to be available for your child...There will be no school on Monday, October 13th due to Indigenous Peoples Day.

The first seed of Indigenous Peoples' Day was planted at a U.N. international conference on discrimination in 1977. The first state to recognize the day was South Dakota in 1989. Berkeley, California, and Santa Cruz followed suit.

Although the day was still considered Columbus Day up to 1937, many people began calling it Indigenous Peoples' Day to celebrate the rich culture and the lives of the Native American people.

For the Native Americans, Columbus Day was always hurtful as it glorified the violent past constituting 500 years of colonial torture and oppression by European explorers like Columbus and those who settled in America. Indigenous Peoples' Day draws attention to the pain, trauma, and broken promises that were erased by the celebration of Columbus Day. Before his arrival, the indigenous folk were successful self-sufficient communities that sustained life for thousands of years.

Year by year, the movement to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day spreads to more and more states, towns, and cities across the United States of America.

Indigenous Peoples' Day celebrates, recognizes, and honors the beautiful traditions and cultures of the Indigenous People, not just in America, but around the world. Their way of life and culture carries wisdom and valuable insights into how we can live life more sustainably.

Today, 14 U.S. states celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day and not Columbus Day, as well as the District of Columbia. More than 130 cities including Arlington, Amherst, Cambridge, Brookline, Marblehead, Great Barrington, Northampton, Provincetown, Somerville, and Salem also celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Understanding Indigenous Peoples' Day | VOA News





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# PICTURE DAY – MONDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

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## McAVINNUE'S "SPOOKY FUN FALL" FAMILY CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars for our next all school family event! Please join us for McAvinnue's "Spooky Fun Fall" Family Celebration on **Wednesday, October 29th from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM.**

This event is free of charge! All you need to do is come by with your costume on, bring a bag for candy, and we will do the rest! There will be a chance to get some early Halloween candy and make some fun spooky projects, and have some treats!

More information to come over the next few weeks!

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## ST MATH WEEKLY PROGRESS UPDATE

Hang 10 Dude...Surf's Up with ST Math at McAvinnue!

We've officially been surfing through one month of school, and the ST Math waves are rolling in strong!

- **Puzzles Piled High:** Our students have already solved over 100,000 puzzles!
- **Progress:** McAvinnue's Average Puzzle Goal Progress is riding at 10%!
- **Players Participating:** 446 students have already logged in and started puzzling!



Be sure to check out the tracker in the cafeteria to see where your class is on the puzzle wave.

Golden JiJi Trophy News: This week's shimmering surfboard salute goes to Liam Balbuena Restrepo for an incredible puzzle rate. Liam is solving about 2 puzzles for every 3 minutes of puzzle play.

And... stay tuned! In just over two weeks, we'll launch our first school-wide challenge for 2025-2026. Details are coming soon, and it's sure to keep the tide turning! Pumpkins pop up, leaves drop down, and puzzles rise high... McAvinnue's on the move!

Let's keep paddling with persistence, puzzling with purpose, and powering up progress as we ride the ST Math waves together!



# 2025–2026 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR



2025-2026 LPSD Calendar.pdf

Download  
101.9 KB

# 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 15th!



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/UC7hxiBuRjgjqfASL\\_RLMleQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7hxiBuRjgjqfASL_RLMleQ)

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

## McAvinnue's Morning Announcements 9.26.2025



## PARENT & FAMILY RESOURCES

### Operation Nourish

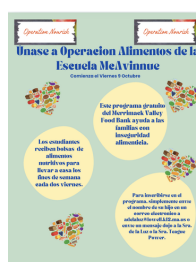
Need help with supplementing with food on a weekly basis? No worries...we have you covered!

With our partnership with the Merrimack Valley Food Bank, we can provide weekly pre-packaged bags of nutritious food that students can take home on Friday.



All you need to do to enroll in this program is to contact Mrs. De La Luz at [adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us) or send a Class Dojo message to her or Mrs. Teague-Powers. Just include your child's name in the message and we will take care of the rest.

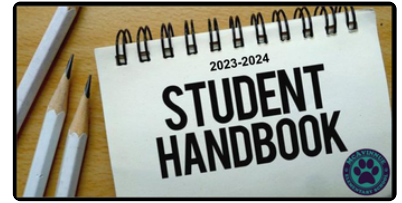
If you have any questions, please reach out to the school directly for support!



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## 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](#)

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## McAvinnue's School Attendance Information

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



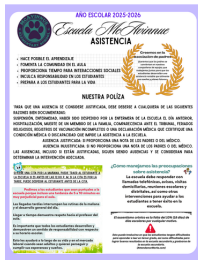
The McAvinnue Attendnace Team will monitor student attendance on a weekly basis and will reach our directly to families when they notice frequent absences, a pattern of absences, or an increased number of consecutive absences within a short period of time.

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

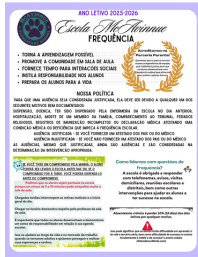
The handbook is provided in four languages below.



## 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](mailto:foodservice@lowell.k12.ma.us)



# OCTOBER BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS

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**Elementary Breakfast Menu - October 2025.pdf**

[Download](#)

385.6 KB



**Elementary Lunch Menu - October 2025.pdf**

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295.0 KB

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## Eureka Math Squared Information

Are you interested in learning more about the fantastic Math Curriculum that we are using for our Kindergarten - Grade 4 students? Look no further...we have everything that you need for Eureka Math Squared!

Here are some links that you can use to explore the philosophy of the curriculum, sample materials and lessons, tips for how you can support your child at home with their Math skill development, and activities that you can use with your child consistently each week during the school year.

English: <https://greatminds.org/math/eurekamathsquared/family-engagement>

Spanish: <https://greatminds.org/es/eurekamathsquared/recursos-para-la-familia>

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## McAvinnue Spirit Gear By Prep Sportswear

We have an online store if you wish to order any McAvinnue gear! It is open 24 hours per day and there is no due date for orders. Anytime you want to order...on any day!

The company is Prep Sportswear and has been reliable with solid product quality from reputable brands.

**There is a 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.

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## **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Lowell Youth Field Hockey Clinic - Fall 2025**

No experience needed - all are welcome! This is a volunteer-run clinic meant to teach players about field hockey and hopefully instill a love for the game. Players will learn the rules of the field hockey and fundamental skills, including types of passes, dribbling, shooting and defending. Our long-term goal is to join the Baystate Youth Field Hockey league in Fall 2026 with teams for Grades 1 - 8.

Registration includes the 6 clinic dates, a T-shirt, youth night at an LHS Field Hockey game, and a fun celebration clinic on November 2nd.

#### **Event Details:**

- Dates: Sundays from September 28th - November 2nd
- Time: Grades K-3 @ 10:30 AM-11:30 AM and Grades 4-8 @ 12:00 PM -1:30 PM\
- Location: Carvalho Turf Field at Cawley Memorial Stadium
- Registration Fee: \$50 ; Day-of registration is also welcome
- Equipment: We have sticks and shin guards available for players to borrow, but please bring them if you have your own. Each player must bring a mouthguard, goggles and sneakers. More



information about these items will be provided closer to the start of the clinic.

To register, click the link below...

<https://tinyurl.com/88zemf33>

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## **Lowell Girls Lacrosse Clinic**

Calling all girls in Grades K-8! Whether you're a seasoned player or just curious about the sport, Lowell Girls Lacrosse has a clinic for you!

### Introduction to Lacrosse Clinic:

Perfect for girls (Grades Kindergarten - looking to get exposure to LAX fundamentals like stick handling, ground balls, and passing and catching. This clinic is led by experienced coaches dedicated to providing personalized instruction and reinforcing having fun. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to become part of the lacrosse community and make new friends!

Date: Sunday, September 21, 2025

Time: 10 AM - 12 PM

Location: Carvalho Field at Cawley Memorial Stadium

Equipment: Stick, goggles, mouth guard and water bottle. For those without equipment, LGL will provide sticks/goggles (please note when signing up via the Google Form so we can plan accordingly)

Registration Fee: No Fee

Sign-Up Here: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfllaPaRXPSMc.../viewform>

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### LGL Skills Clinic:

Perfect for LGL girls (Grades 1- looking to continue to refine their lacrosse skills and stay fresh in the off-season. Special guests (info to follow) will coach the girls through offensive/defensive skills, stick handling, and more!

Date: Sunday, October 5, 2025

Time: 10 AM - 12 PM

Location: Carvalho Field at Cawley Memorial Stadium

Equipment: Stick, goggles, mouth guard and water bottle

Registration Fee: No Fee

Sign-Up Here: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfllaPaRXPSMc.../viewform>

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## **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/>

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## 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/>

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## 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-wUQgXCgcFccgBoAEv5LSdM9QjQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdFfnxLu40g_1iarQ1fkTi-wUQgXCgcFccgBoAEv5LSdM9QjQ/viewform)

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## Cub Scout Pack 7 Information

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

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



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## 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 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](mailto:adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us).



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

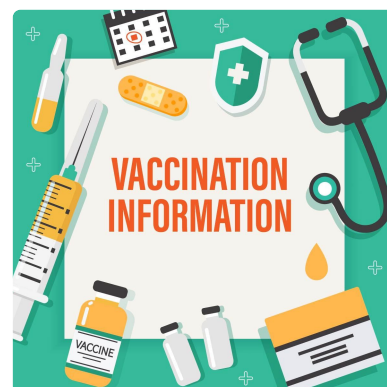
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## Community Vaccination Information

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: "MEET OCTOBER"



### 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

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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