

The Lion's Roar

McAvinnue's Weekly Newsletter: Week Of May 4th

McAvinnue's Remote Learning - Week Of May 4th

Hello McAvinnue Community!

We hope that everyone is doing well and enjoyed the great weather that we had this weekend! It definitely feels like Spring has sprung...and things are looking decent for the week. Remember that it's important that you have your child spend some time outside each day if the weather cooperates. Taking breaks away from the daily planned and expected work will support keeping your child engaged and motivated throughout the week. Fresh air and expending some energy may increase focus and mental wellbeing.

We continue to be very proud of the learning that is occurring across all of the classrooms at McAvinnue! During the weekly planning meetings with our teachers, we will discuss easy ways for you to submit completed student work. This will be an important factor when we determine how well your child is progressing with the "At Home Remote Learning" platform. We will provide an update to everyone with more specific information.

Please continue to refer to the simple outline that you can follow to support at home learning throughout the week each day. Your child's classroom teacher will continue to assign work that should be completed if possible. This information will provide support with how you can manage your daily learning time.

Recommended Daily Work

- At Home Student Work Packets: Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies (This work should be spread out for the week and it doesn't need to all be completed...we just want you to do your best)
- Read for 20 minutes or listen to Epic for 20 minutes.
<https://www.getepic.com>
- Watch 1 "Read Aloud" on LPSD YouTube Channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMIqoXopDU-6yfq5pJIPRtg>
- Use Clever for iReady or Lexia for 15 minutes
<https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/3777>

- One other activity found of your choice found on Clever: Google Classroom, BrainPop, FOSSWeb, Newslea, Scholastic, Zearn, typing.com, Reading Plus

Recommended Work - 3 Times Per Week

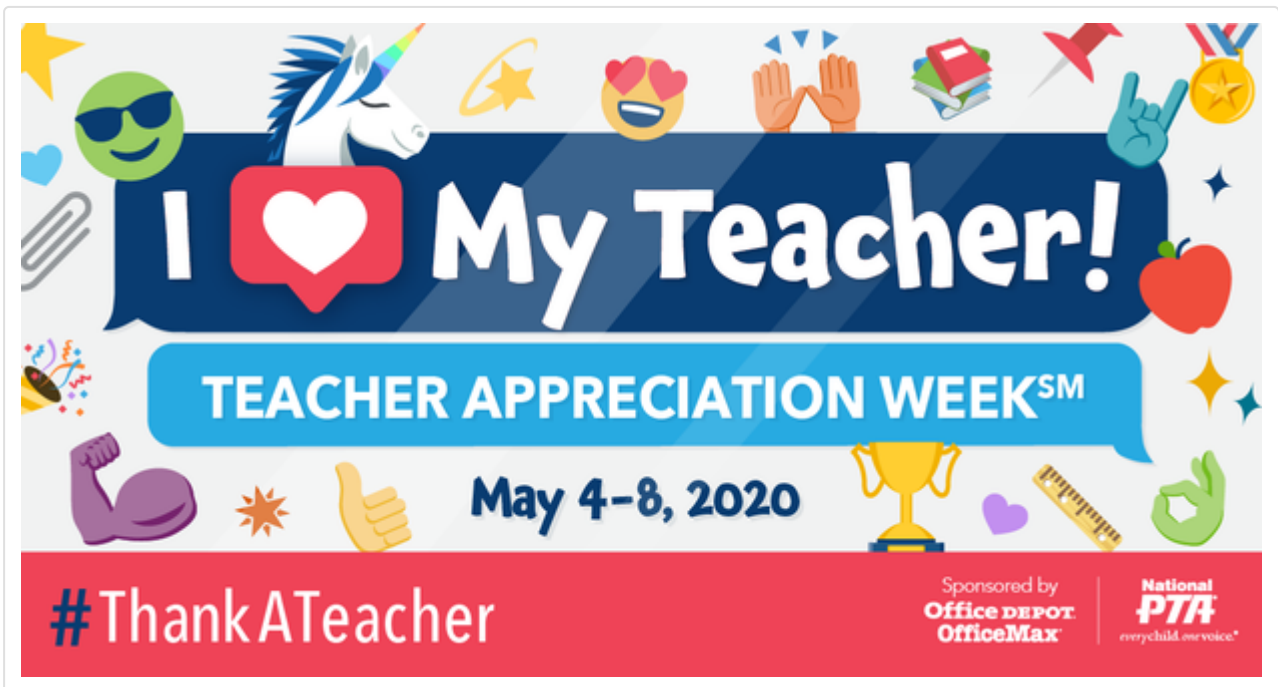
Visit the LPSD "At Home Learning" website site: <http://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/homelearning>

- 1 Home Learning Science Activity
- 1 Home Learning Art Activity
- 1 Virtual Field Trip
- 1 Physical Education Activity
- 1 Music Activity

At Home Remote Learning Plan Highlights

[Click here for important information that will support "At Home Remote Learning"](#)

**McAvinnue's Teacher Appreciation Week: Monday, May 4th -
Friday, May 8th**



It's Teacher Appreciation Week! Please reach out to your child's teacher and thank them for all of the hard work they put forth daily to support your child in all ways. Even though we are all apart, we can still be together and fill their hearts with love during this difficult time! Make a picture for them...make a nice video for them...sing your favorite song to them! Send your message directly to your child's teacher. We will definitely appreciate your efforts in making them feel special this week...and we know our faculty will as well!



McAvinnue Elementary School Faculty Contact Information

If you're looking for good times to contact the faculty at McAvinnue daily including which communication platform they are using, click this link for more information.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-47ITf3YstbMnWJCpZjZ00EPAzY7uloj19nmE25rTMA/edit?usp=sharing>

LPSD Remote Learning Student Work Packets - Week 7

Here is a link to each student learning packet for Week 7 that will be out by the main door of McAvinnue this week starting on Monday, May 4th from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM each day (weather permitting):

PreK:

<https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/4079>

Kindergarten:

<https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/4080>

Grade 1:

<https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/4081>

Grade 2:

<https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/4082>

Grade 3:

<https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/4083>

Grade 4:

<https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/4084>

**Important Parent Opportunity - Monday, May 4th &
Thursday, May 7th**



**We are sponsoring a
webinar for parents
and caregivers**

Parenting in the Time of COVID-19: Is This a Dream?

**Monday, May 4 at 10:30am
Thursday, May 7 at 7pm**

The LPSD is sponsoring a parenting webinar on Monday morning, May 4 from 10:30am – 11:15am and on Thursday evening, May 7 from 7:00pm – 8:15pm. Below is a description and link to the Zoom Webinar. All you have to do is click on the link at the time of the webinar. We hope you will join us!

Sarah Rigney and Alice Barber will present webinars for any Lowell parents/caregivers who would like to participate. The webinar is called “Parenting in the Time of COVID-19: Is This a Dream?” The session will cover acknowledging and working with big feelings, grief, challenges associated with home-based education, and “good enough parenting” during this extraordinarily challenging time.

Monday, May 4 from 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92568521762...>

Meeting ID: 925 6852 1762

Password: 016542

Thursday, May 7 from 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97094565095...>

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Password: 006579



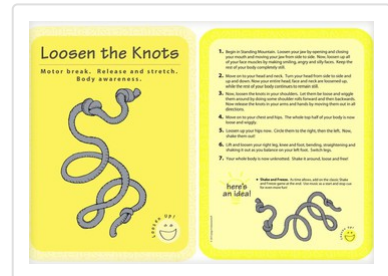
McAvinnue Elementary School Website

Please check out the website using the link below. This is an important resource and support system during the extended school closure.

Updates are made regularly under the "Resources During The Extended School Closure" tab that is part of the "Parent & Students" section on the Main Page.

Here is the link to McAvinnue's Website:

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



LPSD Provides Free Food Monday - Friday During School Closure

Meal Service will be provided at the locations and times indicated above Monday - Friday each week. Children do not have to be present for breakfast and lunch to be received daily.

McAvinnue's Daily Drawing Class Hosted By Mrs. Mac

Mrs. Mac is hosting daily engaging art opportunities for our students this week. Please see the information above for additional details. Contact Mrs. Mac if you have any questions. Please promote this event with your students throughout the week. There will be a Star Wars focus with some engaging drawing and fun dancing!

McAvinnue's "Mindfulness Pose Of The Week" - Week Of May 4th

McAvinnue's Mindfulness Pose Of The Week: "Loosen The Knots". We will focus on taking a motor break by releasing tension with a good stretch while increasing body awareness.

Mill City Grows - Facts About Weeds

Mill City Grows has shared a very cool resource focusing on "Weeds". We thought this was worth sharing and incorporating in your child's learning now that we are shifting into Spring and daily changes are occurring out in the environment. When you and your child go outside this week, see if you can identify some weeds and some of the characteristics mentioned in the link below.



"Weeds" Information: <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/4086>

New Mental Health Resources And Tips For Families, Parents & Students - Week of May 4th



How To Help Someone Who Is Feeling Low During The Lockdown



How To Look After Your Mental Health During A Time Of Uncertainty



How To Support A Student/Child Who Is Feeling Low

Need Help With A Device During the School Closure?

Please see the information below if a family requires technology support with a device they received and are currently using for "At Home Remote Learning". Each week, families can make an appointment to have the device worked on by the LPSD Technology Department at the "Service Tent" located at the STEM Academy on 43 Highland Street on Thursday and Friday.

This is a great opportunity for repairs or possible replacements if they have extra devices. Call the number below for more information.

A graphic for Lowell Public Schools' IT Help Desk. The background is a close-up of hands typing on a laptop keyboard. In the top right corner, the Lowell Public Schools logo is displayed, featuring a stylized leaf icon above the text 'LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS'. A central red box contains the text: 'Need help with your LPS-issued device?', 'Call: 978-674-2024', and 'Email: helpdesk@lowell.k12.ma.us*'. In the bottom left corner, there is a red box with the text 'IT HELP DESK' and 'INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY' over a circuit board pattern. At the bottom of the graphic, a red banner contains the text: '*A student or staff email account must be used in order to email the Help Desk.'

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Zoom Student Login Support

Here is a great Zoom login support for students and families using a computer or iPad. This is a common platform that is used for teachers and students to connect. Please ask your child's teacher if this is something they use when connecting with students.



<https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/4010>

Still Need Technology For Remote Learning?

As we mentioned last week, McAvinnue has successfully distributed over 120 devices to McAvinnue families. If you are in need of a device to access McAvinnue's "At Home Remote Learning", please contact your child's teacher or Mr. Domina directly at mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us

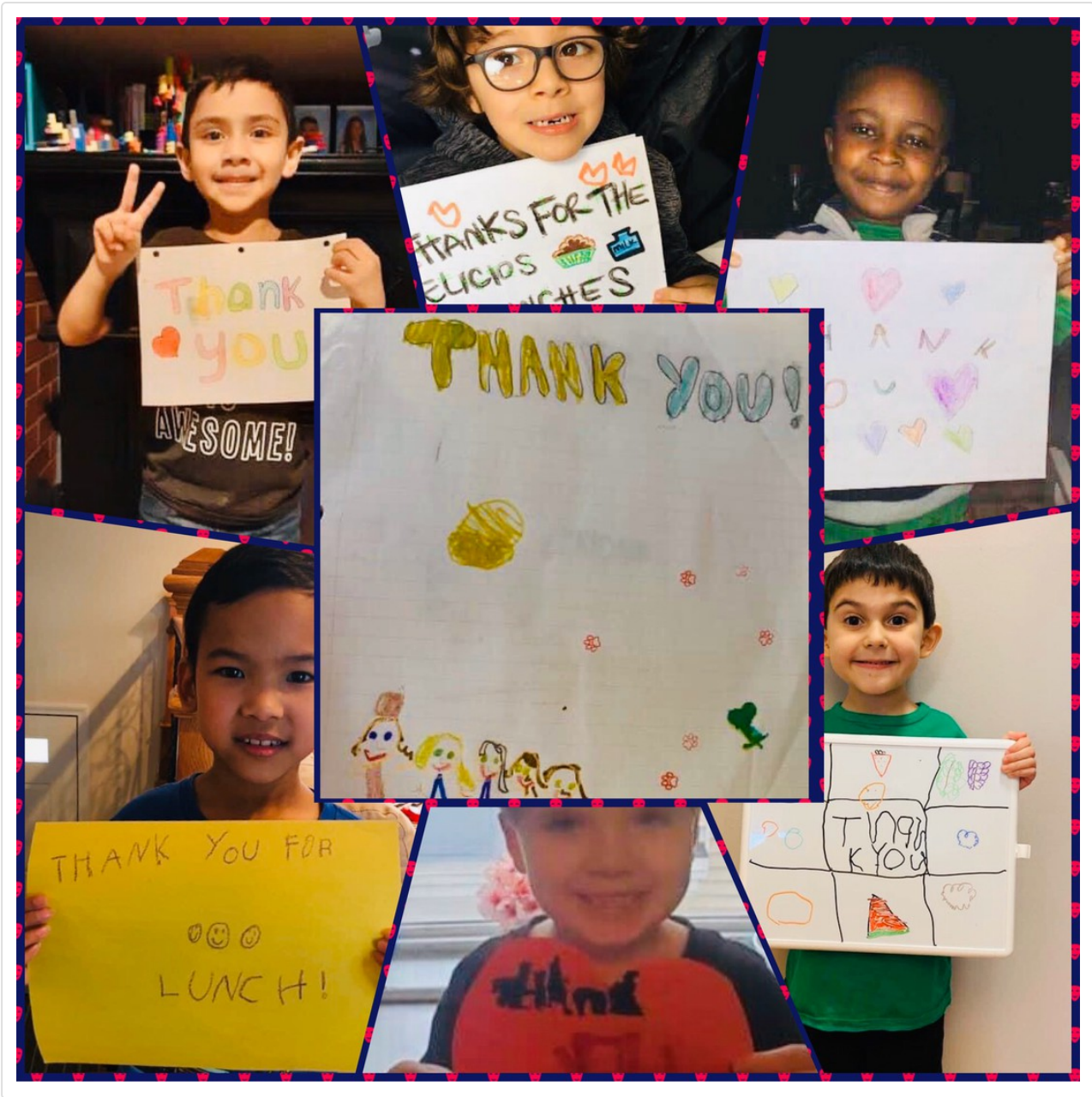
We will do our best to see if we can get you a device to use during this time. Please keep in mind that there is limited availability district-wide. We need to share devices among all 27 school within the Lowell Public School District. We will pass out devices again on Wednesday,

May 6th at McAvinnue. If you need a device, please reach out to your child's teacher to try to get on the list. We have a very limited supply left!

The "At Home Remote Learning" program is underway and we strongly encourage that all students participate. If you are in need of free Internet access, please click the Comcast logo below for details.



**Room 208 Kindergartener's Honor Lowell Public School's
"Lunch Heroes" This Week**



McAvinnue's Para-Educators Sending Some Much Needed Love To Our McAvinnue Lions!



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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