

The Lion's Roar

McAvinnue's Community Newsletter: Week Of October 14th

MCAVINNUE'S PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello McAvinnue Community!

We had another successful week at McAvinnue! There is some excitement throughout the walls of McAvinnue with Halloween right around the corner! For those that are planning on participating in "Trick Or Treating" in Lowell on Thursday, October 31st, the time for this event across the city will be 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.



Speaking of trick or treating and having some fun, please join us for McAvinnue's "Trunk Or Treat" Family Celebration! On Tuesday, October 29th from 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM, you can come to St. Rita's Church rear parking lot (directly across from McAvinnue), for some costume and candy fun! This event is free of charge! All you need to do is come by with your costume on, bring a bag for treats, and we will do the rest! You will have a chance to walk through a maze of cars that will each have a special treat for you! We are super excited to bring this event back at McAvinnue! We hope that everyone makes the time to come by!

We will send home the first progress report for your child this week on Thursday, October 17th. As you know, the goal of this progress report is to briefly review how things are going for your students after the first few months of school. Please keep in mind that we will be hosting Parent /Teacher Conferences in December which will be an opportunity to formally review how your child is progressing in each content area.

Mark your calendars...we will not have school on Tuesday, November 5th due to the local and statewide "Election Day". On this day off from school, it is important for you to go out and cast your vote to be seen and heard. Local elections can make the greatest impact in making change within the Lowell community. Be on the lookout for more information over the next few weeks for specific voting poll information, etc.

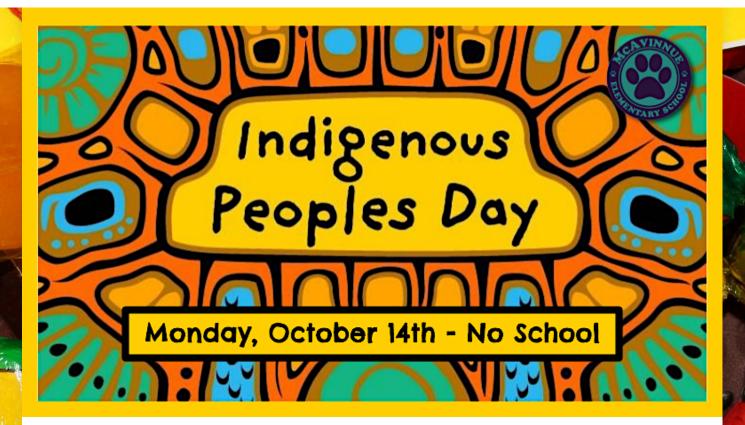
Finally, we will host McAvinnue's Picture Day on Monday, October 21st. You will be able to find all of the important details below. Please keep in mind that all students will have their picture taken regardless of whether you are planning to purchase a picture package. We need to do this so that we have a picture of every child at McAvinnue for our child's student profile on our Aspen records system.

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, October 14th No School: Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Tuesday, October 15th McAvinnue Reopens @ 9:10 AM
- 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

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.

Indigenous Peoples Day: Monday, October 14th -No School



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.



Picture Day: Monday, October 21st



We host McAvinnue's "Picture Day" on Monday, October 21st. The picture order forms will be sent home with your child this week. If you are interested in purchasing a picture package, please complete the order form and submit payment.

Orders can be completed online using link below.

https://vando.imageguix.com/294339Z

The school code is: 10724F

If you need an extra order form, please stop by the Main Office at McAvinnue on Monday and we will be happy to pass along an order form.

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If you have any questions, please reach out to the Main Office for support.



McAvinnue's Week In Review



Meet the Grade 3 "Distributive Doctors"!

Grade 3 students in Room 303 had so much fun becoming last week! They scrubbed in and helped solve our patients' problems using the distributive property of multiplication. All of their "surgeries" were successful and our future doctors had a blast!



Soccer Unit Comes To A Successful End!

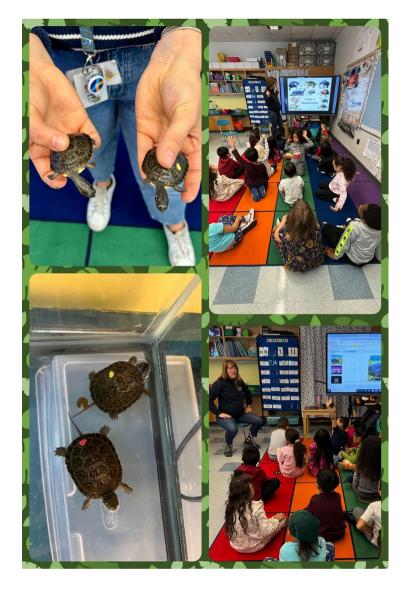
Students had so much fun wrapping up the soccer unit during Physical Education class with Ms. Rindo on Friday!



Grade 3 Visits The Concord Museum!

Our Grade 3 students had so much learning fun this week on their first field trip of the school year! They had the pleasure of visiting the Concord Museum. Check out the students in Room 304 representing McAvinnue...and having a blast!





Zoo New England: "Turtle HATCH Program!"

Grade 3 students in Room 303 had a great day welcoming endangered Blandings turtles to their classroom and learning about them with Emilie from Zoo New England as part of the HATCH Program! These turtles will be raised by this class during the school year and released in the Spring! Stayed tuned for various updates over the next several months! The class named the turtles Tom and Jerry!

Meet Ms. Pickles and Pancake! These new friends joined Grade 1 students in Room 201 as part of the HATCH Program sponsored by Zoo New England. These turtles will be raised by the students during this school year! They will learn all about them and their habitat before releasing them in the Spring. Stay tuned for more updates!

Candy Donations Needed!



We are gladly accepting candy donations for McAvinnue's "Trunk Or Treat" 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 Tuesday, October 29th!

Thank you in advance for your support with this!

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 <u>must</u> 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.

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User Name≃ lunch code

Password= birthday mmddyyyy

Example: August 31, 2009

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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.

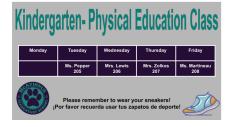
Check it out today: https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/5990



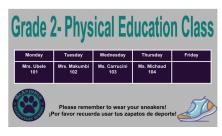
Physical Education Class Information With Ms. RIndo

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.



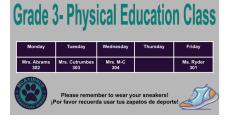
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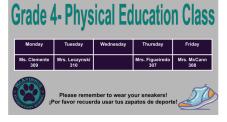


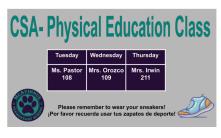
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Grade 3

Grade 4

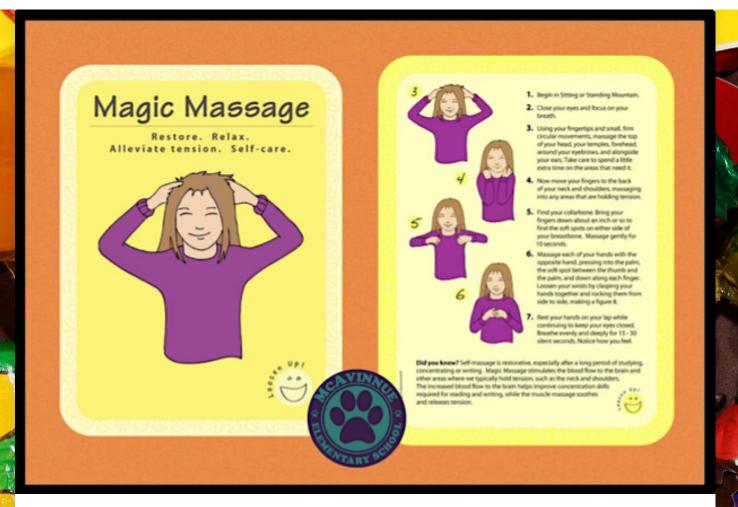
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McAvinnue's "Yoga Pose Of The Week": Magic Massage

We will try a new pose this week called the "Magic Massagel"! This new pose will allow us to restore our energy through relaxation techniques that will reduce tension while we improve our self-care practices. We will practice the "Magic Massage" 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!



Upcoming Events



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- Monday, October 21st McAvinnue's Picture Day Student & Faculty Portraits
- <u>Tuesday, October 22nd</u> Grade 4 Field Trip: Patriot's Hall Of Fame Engineering Challenge:
 "Tower & Bridges"

- <u>Tuesday, October 29th</u> McAvinnue's "Spooky Trunk Or Treat" Family Celebration @ 5:00 PM 6:30 PM
- <u>Thursday, October 31st</u> McAvinnue's "Lion's Pride" Core Value All School Celebration:
 October Edition @ 9:30 AM 10:15 AM

McAvinnue's "Trunk Or Treat" Family Celebration

Mark your calendars for our next all school family event! Please join us for McAvinnue's "Trunk Or Treat" Family Celebration on <u>Tuesday October 29th from 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM.</u>

You can come to St. Rita's Church rear parking lot (directly across from McAvinnue), for some costume and candy fun!

This event is free of charge! All you need to do is come by with your costume on, bring a bag for treats, and we will do the rest! You

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ST Math Weekly Progress!



What an Exciting Month for ST Math!

It has been a thrilling month launching ST Math in grades 1 through 4! Our students have already puzzled through over 136,000 ST Math puzzles, building a deep conceptual understanding of math while having fun along the way.

What's Next?

- Puzzle Talks: These will take place in classrooms over the next 3 weeks, offering students a chance to discuss and reflect on their problem-solving strategies.
- Competition: Get ready for an exciting November Challenge! Stay tuned for details on how we'll boost engagement and celebrate student progress.

Thank you for your dedication and enthusiasm as we puzzle through another year of outstanding growth with ST Math!

ST Math Champions



McAvinnue's ST Math Progress Champions





Jefferson Room 307



Abdo Room 201



Wilfriedy Room 302

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 2, 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	180th School Day - Early Release for grades PreK-12 on Last Day of School	
Thursday, June 19, 2025 *	Juneteenth	
Monday, June 23, 2025	185th School Day [Includes five (5) Snow Days]	

Approved by the Lowell School Committee at their meeting of: 4/17/2

Central Administration, Family Resource Center will be closed

 Number of School Days Per Month

 August
 3
 January
 21

 September
 19
 February
 15

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 22
 March
 21

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 16

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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 mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us.



McAvinnue's School Site Council Interest Form

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

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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/UC7hxiBuRjqjqfASI_RLMleQ

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



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 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 three languages below.







English English English







Spanish

Spanish

Spanish







Portuguese

Portuguese

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 <u>LPS Food and Nutrition website</u>.

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

improved focus, behavior, & attendance rate.

Better Health

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

Better Days

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



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Egg and Cheese English

Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice

Sausage, Egg, and Cheese Wake Up Wrap

Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice

Blueberry Breakfast Bread

Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice

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October Breakfast & Lunch Menus

Sausage, Egg, and Cheese Bagel Sandwich

Chocolate Chip Muffin

Served with Oranges & Juice

Bacon, Egg, and Cheese Bagel Sandwich

Served with Oranges &

Chocolate Chip Muffin

Blueberry Muffin

French Toast



Check out https://lowellk12ma.nutrislice.com/ for Menu's, Nutrition Education & Monthly Promotions! Questions or concerns please contact foodservices@lowell.k12.ma.us All Breakfast items are whole grain. Offered Daily: 1 % and Skim Milk and Fresh Fruit All Breakfast is provided free for all students. Menu is

Served with Apples & Pears No School Pumpkin Breakfast Bread Assorted Cereal Bowl with Graham Crackers Served with Apples & Pears

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Served with Oranges & Juice Egg and Cheese Wake Up Wrap Mini Strawberry Filled Bagel Chocolate Chip Muffin Assorted Cereal Bowls with

Served with Oranges &

Served with Strawberries & Clementines Powder Sugar Donut Assorted Cereal Bars Served with Strawberries & Clementines

Country Chicken Biscuit

Served with Strawberries &

Assorted Cereal Bars

Assorted Cereal Bars

Breakfast Smoothie

Benefit Bar

Served with Strawberries &

Served with Strawberries & Clementines

Sausage, Egg, and Cheese Bagel Sandwich

Oatmeal Betty Crocker Bar

Bacon, Egg, and Cheese on an English Muffin Oatmeal Raisin Breakfast Round

Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice

Breakfast Smoothie Bagel with Cream Cheese Served with Apples and

Served with Apples & Bananas

Sausage and Cheese Pizza

Bagel with Cream Cheese

Breakfast Smoothies with a Graham Cracker

Served with Apples and

Served with Apples & Bananas

Mini Cini Caramel Bagel Egg and Cheese Wake Up Pumpkin Spiced Donut Bagel with Cream Cheese Served with Fresh Fruit Cup Served with Apples & Bananas

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Breakfast Menu





Elementary October Breakfast Menu 2024 .pdf

Download 547.7 KB



Elementary October Lunch Menu 2024.pdf

Download 363.2 KB

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 occuring 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



Pumpkin Palooza

Thursday October 24 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. the Lowell Public Schools Early Childhood Department is hosting a Pumpkin Palooza at the McAuliffe Elementary School (570 Beacon St.) Join us for pumpkin decorating, face painting, games, and more!

To register: https://docs.google.com/.../1FAlpQLSeoBnNutUd48N.../viewform



YMCA Trunk or Treat and Pumpkin Palooza

On Tuesday October 29, we are partnering with our friends at the Greater Lowell Family YMCA for a Trunk or Treat and Pumpkin Palooza from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the YMCA next to the train station on Thorndike Street.

To register: https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx...



The Greater Lowell Family YMCA and Lowell Public Schools are proud to partner for these spooktacular events!

TRUNK OR TREAT! AND PUMPKIN PALOOZA!

October 29th, 5:30pm to 7pm Hosted at the Lowell YMCA



Join us for an evening of treats, crafts, and games! This event is open to everyone in the community!



For any questions email Ashley Goroski at agoroski@lowellymca.org OR Anna Hueston at ahueston@lowell.k12.ma.us

For more information on hosting a trunk, donations and to register to attend, scan the QR code!





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.

Free Flu Clinics

That nasty flu season is quickly approaching! Don't worry - the Lowell Health Department has got you covered. They will be holding two FREE public flu clinics - Tuesday October 22nd and Tuesday October 29th from 4 PM - 6 PM at 107 Merrimack St.

For more information and to register: https://lowellma.gov/1853/Vaccine-Clinic



Tuesday, October 22, 2024 Tuesday, October 29, 2024

4:00PM-6:00PM Lowell Health Department 107 Merrimack St



- Appointments strongly encouraged; walk-ins welcome.
- Register for your appointment by scanning the QR code or visiting www.lowellma.gov/vaccineclinics.
- This is a free clinic. If you have health insurance, please bring your card(s) with you. If you do not have insurance, your vaccine will still be free. You will never receive a bill for a vaccine received at this clinic.
 You do not need an ID or other paperwork to receive a vaccine at this clinic.
- If you can't make it to our clinic hours or need to receive your vaccine at home, please call the Public Health Nursing Division at (978) 674-4308.







Monster Bash in Lowell

MonsterBash returns on October 26th from 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM!

Join in the fun at Lowell City Hall for the Haunted House, and trick or treat at downtown businesses!

Community organizations will table on JFK Plaza with kid's activities and candy, and Kosmic Kelly will show off some spooky science. Make sure to grab a photo with the Ghostbusters car!

This event is produced in partnership with the Kiwanis Club of Greater Lowell and the Office of Cultural Affairs and Special Events.

The trick-or-treat map will be posted here closer to the event.

More information at www.likelowell.com/monsterbash.



Hispanic Heritage Month Festival

Celebrate Lowell's 3rd Hispanic Heritage Month Festival with us!

Hispanic Heritage Month in Lowell, Massachusetts is celebrated from September 15 to October 15. This month is a time to honor the history, culture, and contributions of people whose ancestors come from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.



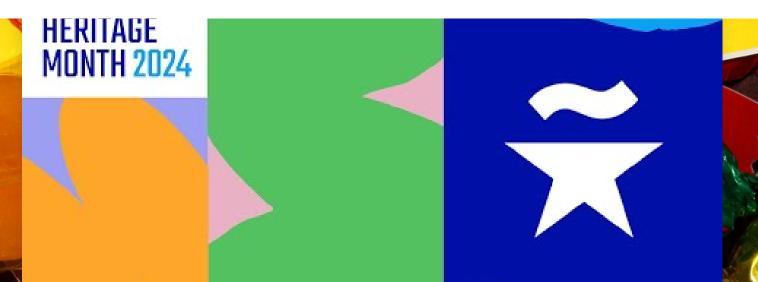
Experience the vibrant cultures of Latin America through electrifying performances, delicious cuisine, and engaging dance workshops. Free admissions for all! Join the fiesta!

Performances by:

- UMass Lowell Latin Assemble
- Grooversity
- Asociacion Carnavalesca de Massachusetts
- San Simonne New England
- Grupo Chevere & more!

Contact us: <u>Hispanicfest@latinxcenter.org</u>

More information can be found at https://www.facebook.com/events/40-french-st-lowell-ma-01852-1113-united-states/lowell-hispanic-latinx-fest-2024/1173998483715858/?
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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

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





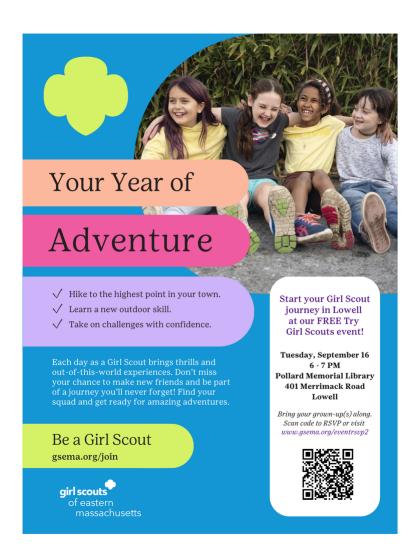
Be A Girl Scout

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



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









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, <u>kshannon@commteam.org</u> 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 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.



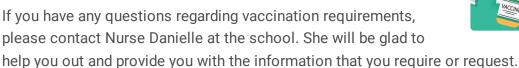
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Community Vaccination Information

Click the link below to see a comprensive 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.





McAvinnue's Family Read-A-Loud: "Bad Seed: The Good, The Bad, And The Spooky"

७ Kids Read Aloud: THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE SPOOKY A Funny Bad Seed Tale



McAvinnue's School Website

Check out our school website where you can find a wealth of information including school news, calendars, and other events.

Please visit our website at: https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/mcavinnue



Follow McAvinnue On Social Media

You can follow McAvinnue on social media at the following sites! We update things daily and this is a great way to stay in touch with all of the amazing things that are happening inside and out of "the best school we all know"!

Click the buttons below to access our social media sites!



Click To Access McAvinnue's Facebook Page

Click To Access McAvinnue's "X" (Twitter) Page

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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

Email: mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us

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

Location: 131 Mammoth Road, Lowell, MA, USA

Phone: (978) 937-2871

Facebook: facebook.com/McAvinnueElementarySchool/

Twitter: <a>@McAvinnueLPS

