

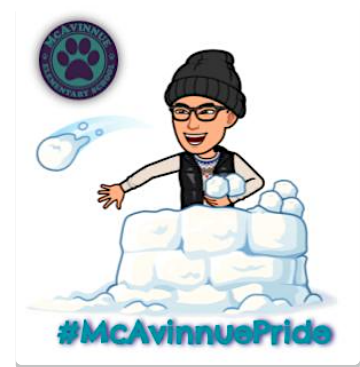
The Lion's Roar

McAvinnue's Community Newsletter: Week Of January 10th

McAVINNUE'S PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello McAvinnue Community!

I hope that everyone is doing well...staying healthy...and enjoyed the first official "snow day" of the school year! Actually, it was the first official "snow day" for the past few school years as we were engaged in "remote learning" as a school and district last winter.



The first week back from the Holiday Break was both a positive and challenging one for multiple reasons. It was great to have all of our students back at McAvinnue. They were so excited to return and get back into the swing things which was an amazing to see. We will use this enthusiasm to push forward into the second half of this school year.

With the excitement occurring within McAvinnue, we have reemphasized our overall safety guidelines and procedures connected to COVID-19. We continue to stress the importance of proper masking wearing at all times in the school building (with the exception of mask break opportunities) as well as hand washing and sanitizing. While providing 6 feet of social distancing is no longer a requirement, we are attempting to maintain some level of social distancing throughout the school day. After the school day has concluded, we are ensuring that our building is properly cleaned and sanitized for the next school day. Please remind your child the importance of wearing masks, washing their hands, and trying to remain in their own personal "bubble" of personal space. These 3 things will allow McAvinnue the best chance to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible during the most recent challenges connected to COVID-19.

Many families have called this past week to ask if there is a "remote learning option". At this time, DESE does not recognize remote learning, and any time school is not held as regularly scheduled must be made up as a "snow day".

School will only be canceled if there is a critical staffing shortage that would warrant the use of an emergency snow day, per Dr. Boyd's letter to the community last week. We will continue with our calls to families when students are absent to help you determine when you are able to send your child back to school if they/he/she is out for illness.

With the Holiday Break COVID-19 surge and the increase of cases connected to the Omicron variant, we continue to have multiple new COVID-19 positive cases at McAvinnue. This will certainly be the pattern at all schools across the Commonwealth...especially at the elementary level where the

vaccination opportunity is relatively new and the rate of vaccination is lower. As always, our top priority will continue to be health and safety of students at faculty. We continue to maintain diligence around mask wearing, social distancing when appropriate, following up on individuals with COVID-19 symptoms, and weekly pooled testing. If your child hasn't been participating in the weekly pooled testing, now is a great time to consider signing up using the link below. You can also consent on "Test & Stay" which allows your child to remain in school if they are deemed a "close contact" as long as they are not exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19.

<https://www.cic-health.com/consent/ma?district=Lowell>

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

- **Sunday, January 9th: McAvinnue's Vaccination Clinic @ 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (2nd Dose & Booster Only)**
- **Monday, January 10th: McAvinnue's Weekly COVID-19 Pooled Testing (Tentative Date)**
- **Monday, January 10th: McAvinnue's 21st Century Before & After School Program Begins: Session 2**
- **Tuesday, January 11th: McAvinnue's PTG Meeting - Virtual @ 6:00 PM**
- **Wednesday, January 12th: Early Release Day - Student Dismissal @ 1:30 PM**

You will find additional details for the events and activities list above in this edition of McAvinnue's "Lion's Roar" Community Newsletter.

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

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.

Early Release Day - Wednesday, January 12th



On Wednesday, January 12th, students will be dismissed at 1:30 PM as part of the district-wide "Early Release Day". There will be morning class for Ms. Annie's PreK students. McAvinnue's "21st Century Afternoon Program" will not occur on this day. However, the "21st Century Before School Program" will still take place.

Please make the necessary arrangements to be available for your child on this day.

Join McAvinnue's Parent Teacher Group (PTG)!

We are looking to rebrand McAvinnue Parent Teacher Group (PTG) and we need your help to get thing off the ground this school year!

One of the strengths of McAvinnue over the years has been its parent and family support! From attending amazing events, donating funds for various school activities, and your recent partnership with our teachers last school year when things were less than normal for everyone. Your support for McAvinnue is at an all time high!



We want to use this energy to reform McAvinnue's Parent Teacher Group....also known as McAvinnue's PTG!

Come out on **Tuesday, January 11th at 6:00 PM** to learn more about the PTG and to begin to plan for another awesome year for our students at McAvinnue. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend!

This event will be "virtual" and conducted using the Zoom Meeting platform. Please see the meeting

McAvinnue's Parent Teacher Group (PTG) Meeting

When

Tuesday, Jan. 11th, 6pm

Where

This is an online event.

More information

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://lowell-k12-ma-us.zoom.us/j/82732160441?pwd=NWJPZXZMZ09idkF5Rzl5MmRFRFJwUT09>

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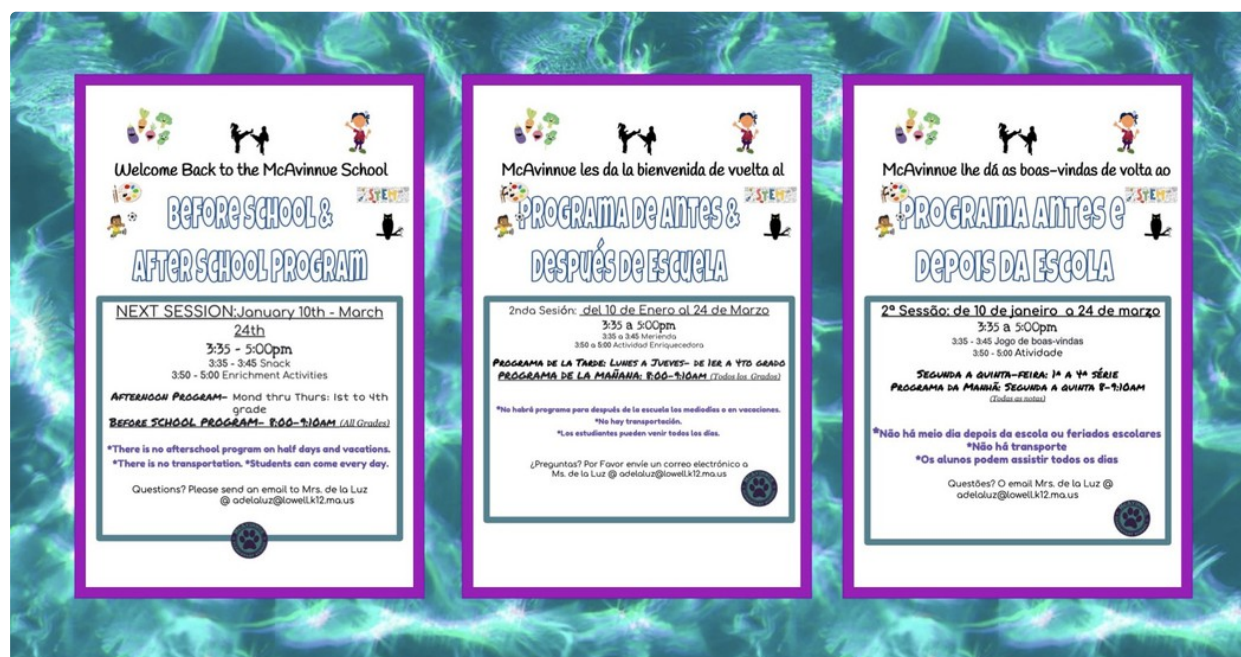


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- **Wednesday, January 12th:** McAvinnue's School Gear Store Closes - All Orders Need To Be Submitted Online By This Day
- **Monday, January 17th:** No School - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **Wednesday, January 19th:** Harvest Of The Month: Apple Sauce - All Lunches

McAvinnue's 21st Century Before & After School Program: Session 2



Check out the information above for Session 2 of McAvinnue's 21st Century Before & After School Program. This session begins on Monday, January 10th and will conclude on Thursday, March 24th.

Any questions, please contact Mrs. De La Luz directly at adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us or call the Main Office at McAvinnue.

Harvest Of The Month: Applesauce

Please mark your calendar! We will be featuring a special Harvest of the Month item at McAvinnue on **Wednesday, January 19th:** Applesauce from Carlson Orchards in Harvard, MA.



Harvest of the Month provides wonderful opportunities for school food and nutrition staff, educators, school administrators, family members, and students to collaborate, and to celebrate our commitment to serving locally grown foods.



McAvinnue's "Virtual" Morning Announcements Are Back!

Back by popular demand from our students and faculty... We have recently included McAvinnue's "Virtual" Morning Announcements as part of our universal "Morning Meeting" block at 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM.



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".

You can check out each edition of McAvinnue's Morning Announcements on our YouTube channel

McAvinnue's Morning Announcements 1.5.2022



January Breakfast & Lunch Menu



January 2022 Elementary Breakfast Menu

3 Benefit Bar Served with, Juice, Apple and Milk	4 Assorted Cereal w/ Graham Cracker Served with, Orange, and Milk	5 Mini French Toast Served with, Juice, Pear and Milk	6 Apple Frudel Served with, Banana and Milk	7 Cinni Mini Served with, Apple and Milk
10 Chocolate Chip Muffin w/ Graham Cracker Served with, Apple, and Milk	11 Cereal Bar Served with, Orange, and Milk	12 Cinni Mini Served with, Juice, Pear and Milk	13 Apple Frudel Served with, Banana and Milk	14 Cereal Bar Served with, Banana and Milk
17 MLK Jr. Day No School	18 Nutrigrain and Graham Cracker Served with, Orange, and Milk	19 Benefit Bar Served with, Juice, Pear and Milk	20 Stuffed bagels Served with, Banana and Milk	21 Mini Pancakes Served with, Banana and Milk
24 Cherry Frudel Served with, Juice, Apple and Milk	25 Assorted Cereal w/ Graham Cracker Served with, Orange, and Milk	26 Cereal bar and Graham Cracker Served with, Juice, Pear and Milk	27 Apple Cinnamon Muffin Graham Cracker Served with, Banana and Milk	28 Nutrigrain Bar and Cheese Stick Served with, Apple and Milk
31 Bagel with Cream Cheese Served with, Juice, Apple and Milk	1 Banana Muffin with Cheese Stick Served with, Orange, and Milk	2 Mini Waffles Served with, Juice, Pear and Milk	3 Apple Bosco Stick Served with, Banana and Milk	4 Cinnamon Donut Served with, Apple and Milk

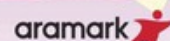
Check out <https://lowellk12ma.nutrislice.com/> for Menu's, Nutrition Education & Monthly Promotions!

All students eat at no cost!
Menus are subject to change

Offered Daily:
1% White Milk
Skim Milk

Fresh Fruit

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Food & Nutrition Office: 978-674-2049

<div> <div>JANUARY 2022</div> <div>ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU</div> </div>				
<div> <div>Harvest of the Month for January is Apples.</div> <div>Did you know Apples are full of Vitamin C and other nutrients to keep you healthy. Don't forget to eat your apple peel that is where most of the fiber is to help keep you full!</div> <div>Don't forget to Breakfast is free!</div> </div>				
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<div>3</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole Wheat Pancakes with Turkey Sausage Make Your Own Pizza Patter Chicken Salad Sandwich with Lettuce & Tomato LG Served with Milk, Apple and Spinach Salad 	<div>4</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crispy Orange Chicken with Broccoli over Brown Rice Greek Chicken Salad with Whole Grain Flatbread LG Ham & Cheese Sub w/Lettuce & Tomato LG Served with Milk, Orange and Broccoli 	<div>5</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baked Potato with Cheese & Ham with Whole Grain Roll Chicken Salad with Lettuce & Tomato on Whole Grain Bread LG Chef Salad with Egg and Whole Grain Flatbread LG Served with Milk, Banana and Red Pepper Strips 	<div>6</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Alfredo with Broccoli Ham & Cheese Sub with Lettuce & Tomato on whole grain Bread LG Crispy Chicken Caesar w/Flatbread LG Served with Milk, Orange Slices and Corn 	<div>7</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Pizza V Pepperoni Pizza Chef Salad with Egg & Whole Grain Flat Bread LG V Ham and Cheese Sandwich Sub with Lettuce and Tomato V Served with Milk, Apple and Little Leaf Side Salad LG
<div>10</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> French Toast Sticks with Turkey Sausage Turkey & Cheese with Lettuce & Tomato on whole grain Bread LG Chicken Caesar on Whole Grain Wrap LG Yogurt Patter V Served with Milk, Apple & Tator Tots and Carrots 	<div>11</div> <div>Limited Time Offer: Mediterranean Grain Bowl</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Ranch Salad with Whole Grain Flatbread LG Turkey and Cheese with Lettuce & Tomato on whole grain Bread LG Served with Milk Fresh Fruit & Roasted Vegetables (Broccoli & Carrots) 	<div>12</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Pann Pasta with Roasted Vegetables Proteol Power Pack with Yogurt V Chicken Salad Sandwich with Lettuce on Whole Grain Bread LG Served with Milk, Orange & Red Pepper Strips 	<div>13</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beef Nachos with Kickin Beans & Corn Chicken Ranch Salad with Whole Grain Flatbread LG Chicken Shawarma Wrap with Hummus with Lettuce & Tomato on Whole Grain Bread LG Served with Milk, Apples and Celery Sticks & Black Beans 	<div>14</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Pizza V Pepperoni Pizza Popcorn Chicken Salad with Whole Grain Flatbread LG Honey Mustard Chicken Wrap with Lettuce & Tomato on Whole Grain Bread LG Served with Milk, Banana and Side Salad
<div>17</div> <div>MLK JR. DAY</div> <div>NO SCHOOL</div>	<div>18</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheeseburger with Lettuce and Tomato Ham Chef Salad with Whole Grain Flatbread LG Chicken Salad Sandwich with Lettuce & Tomato on Whole Grain Bread LG Served with Milk, Orange Slices and Roasted Corn 	<div>19</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast For Lunch with Local Baked Apples- HOT!! Bagel Patter with Cheese & Yogurt V Tuna Salad Sandwich with Lettuce on Whole Grain Bread LG Served with Milk, Banana and Broccoli 	<div>20</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beef Tacos with Lettuce and Cheese Popcorn Chicken Salad with Whole Grain Flatbread LG Ham & Cheese Sandwich with Lettuce & Tomato LG Served with Milk, Seasonal Fruit Cup, Kickin Bean 	<div>21</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Pizza V Pepperoni Pizza Turkey & Cheese with Lettuce & Tomato on Whole Grain Bread LG Egg Chef Salad with Whole Grain Flatbread LG Served with Milk, Apple and Local Garden Salad LG
<div>24</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Macaroni and Cheese Hummus Patter with Vegetables and WG Flat Bread Chicken Salad with Lettuce Tomato on Whole Grain Bread LG Served with Broccoli, Apple and Milk 	<div>25</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheeseburger on a Whole Grain Bun Chicken Salad with Lettuce Tomato on Whole Grain Bread LG Chicken Caesar with Whole Grain Flatbread LG Served with Milk, Orange Slices and Bean Salad 	<div>26</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Nuggets with Whole Grain Dinner Roll Chicken Salad with Lettuce Tomato on Whole Grain Bread LG Turkey Cobb Salad with Whole Grain Flatbread LG Served with Milk, Banana and Carrots 	<div>27</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole Grain Pasta with Meat Sauce Fruit & Yogurt Power Pack V Santa Fe Turkey Wrap with Lettuce & Tomato LG Served with Milk, Fresh Strawberries and Side Salad 	<div>28</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Pizza V Pepperoni Pizza Chicken Caesar Salad with Whole Grain Flatbread LG Italian Sub with Lettuce & Tomato on Whole Grain Bread LG Served with Milk, Apple and Local Garden Salad LG
<div>31</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crispy Chicken Sandwich w/Lettuce & Tomato LG Turkey & Cheese Sandwich w/Lettuce & Tomato LG V Proteol & Yogurt Power Pack V Served with Milk, Apple and Local Salad with Tomato Wedges 				

REMINDER: Masks Are Required When Riding School Bus

Please remember that all students must wear their masks on the school bus unless they have a medical exemption. It has been brought to our attention that there has been a large number of bus incident reports for students who are not wearing their masks on the bus throughout Lowell.

Bus drivers do not always have masks that they can give to kids, so please send your student to the bus stop with a mask. If they do not have one or refuse to wear one on the bus, their bus riding privileges can be suspended.

If you do not have masks at home for your student, please let us know and we can make sure they have some to wear on the bus.



Please keep in mind that if your child refused to consistently wear a mask on the bus, they are subject to have their bus riding privileges suspended or completely removed.

Emergency Contact Form: 2021-2022

Still need to fill out your emergency contact form for the 2021-2022 academic school year?



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

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

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



Emergency Form 2021-2022
Formulario de Emergencia 2021-
2022 Formulário de Emergência
2021-2022



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



McAvinnue Spirit Gear By Champions Choice

If you are interested in purchasing new McAvinnue gear, check out the new offerings now available through our partnership with Champions Choice in Wilmington, MA. We have been working hard with this new vendor and we are really excited for this new offering.

The store is open for 24 hours so you can order any time until Wednesday, January 12th.

You can access the store by click the link below.



[Click Here To Access Champions Choice Spirit Gear](#)

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 occuring now on all items! This is a major discount if you are interested in purchasing McAvinnue merchandise.

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



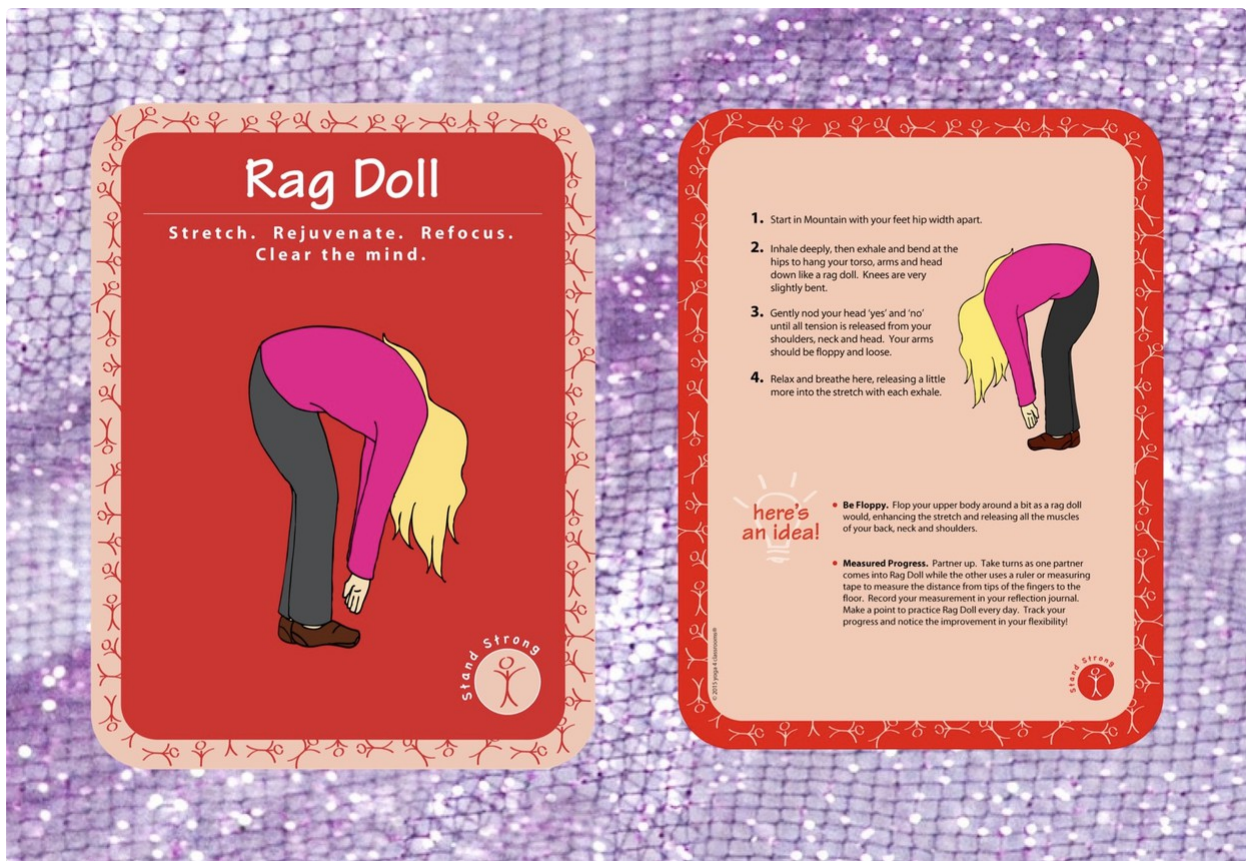
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McAvinnue's Yoga Pose Of The Week: "Rag Doll"

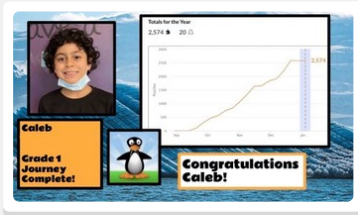
We will practice a new pose this week called the "Rag Doll"! This pose will allow us to work on getting a good stretch that will rejuvenate, refocus, and clear our minds to have the best day possible! We will practice the "Rag Doll" pose daily during our "Virtual" Morning Announcements during this up 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!



McAvinnue's Week In Review



"Good News" In Room 204!

Caleb in Room 203 recently completed all of the Grade 1 "journey objects" and puzzles on ST Math! This is an amazing accomplishment...and another example of the hard work and commitment our students put forth daily!



"Fun News" In The Art Room!

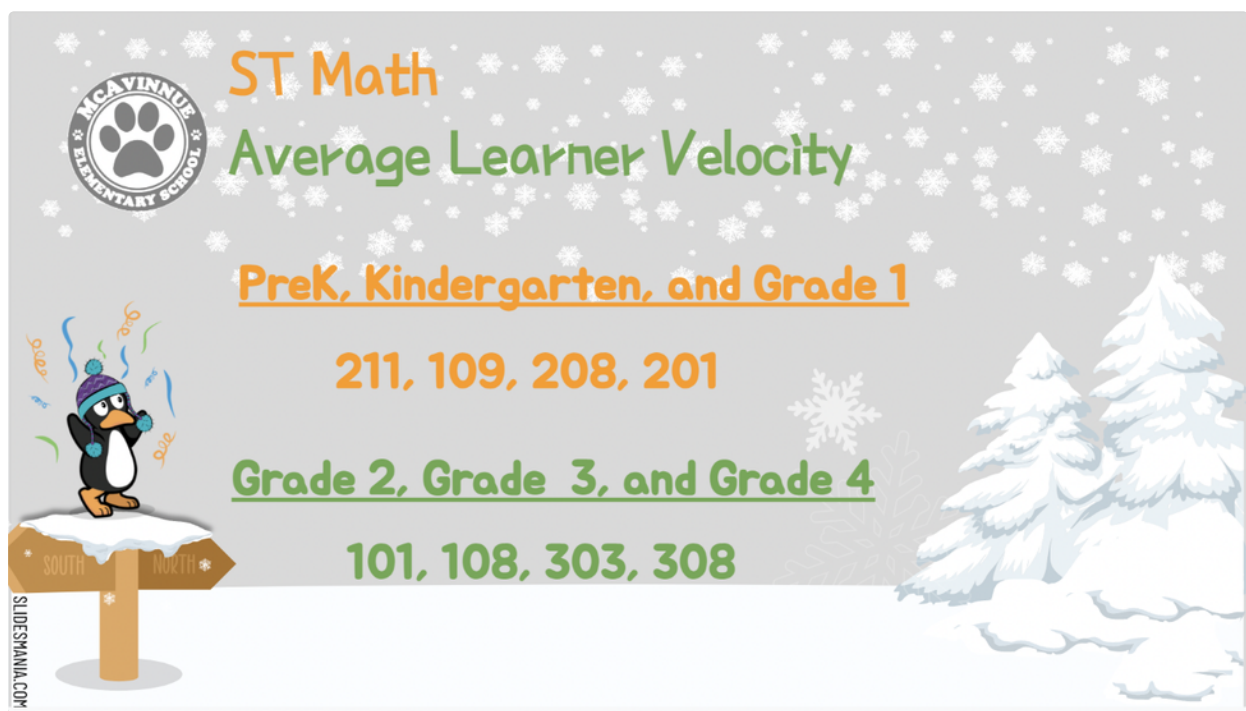
Students in Room 108 making masking tape resist snowflakes! Super cool!



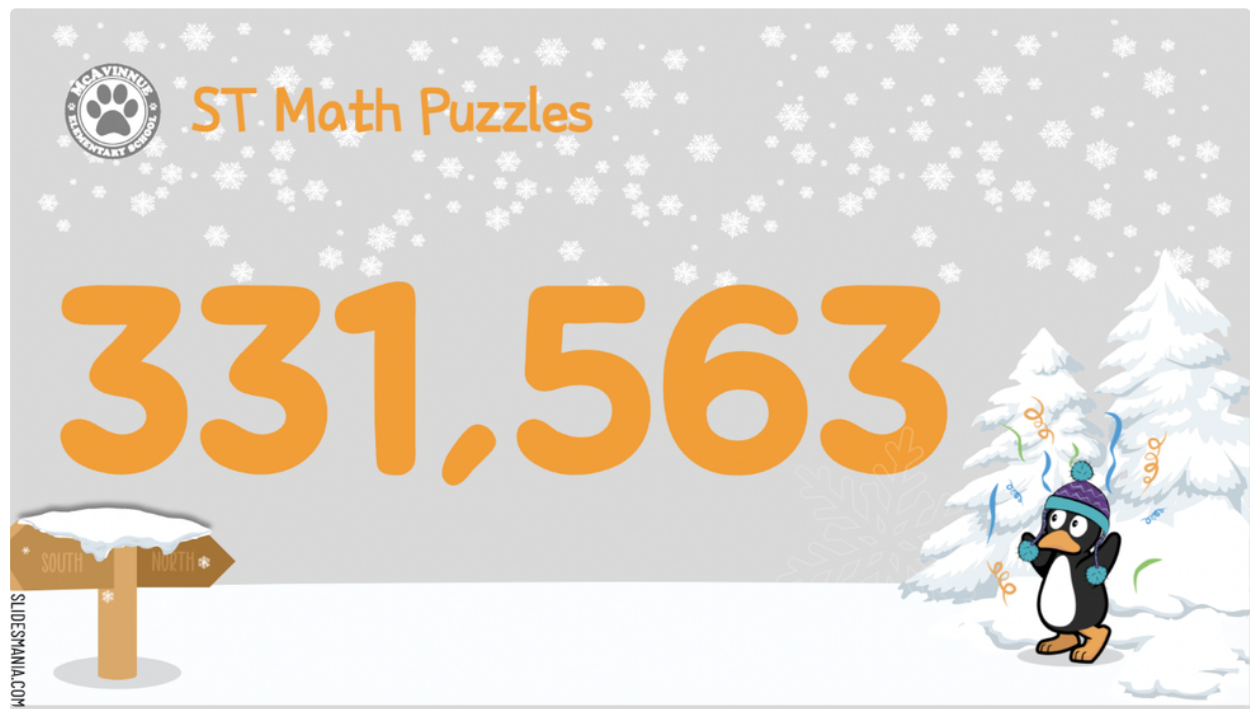
"Good ST Math News" In Room 204!

Evan and Jomalia recently completed all of the expected Grade 1 journey objectives in the interactive and engaging ST Math program! Nice work...and keep up the hard work!

ST Math "Good News"



This week, we celebrate "**average velocities**" for classrooms. That's JiJi code for how many puzzles per minute students are completing! Awesome job!

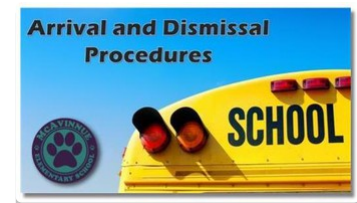


And...check out how many puzzles have been played this year! Simply amazing work everyone!

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.

Updated COVID-19 Information & Updates

Here is a bulleted list of basic COVID 19 protocol information to help you make some decisions for this school year. Please remember the Lowell Public School District has no remote option for this school year.



- All student and staff members entering our building are required to wear masks indoors. We will provide mask breaks throughout the day. Strict mask protocols seem to minimize the spread of COVID. If a student is unable to wear a mask due to a documented disability please reach out to Mr. Domina at mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us. Please try to find a mask that fits your child properly. We have some at schools for emergencies, but families should provide the masks.
- Students are required to wear masks on buses.
- We will try to reach 3 feet in social distancing in each classroom, but this is unlikely. If a class size reaches above 21 students, we will be within 3 feet of each other. Social distancing is not required in schools at this point.
- We will be eating in the cafeteria for lunch each day for most of our students. Students will be within 3 feet of each other in this environment and only have their masks off while they are consuming food and beverage.
- We will sanitize hands throughout the day. Students entering or leaving a class or the building are required to use hand sanitizer.
- In-school pool testing will continue for this school year. It is not required, but families can sign their children up using this link. <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/pooltesting>
- Please see the video to show how the testing works.
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MSQ7h3tRyRCg-Sz4IT6iNbNsyMI7VTj7/view>



MASKS ARE REQUIRED

in all indoor public spaces in Lowell beginning Thursday, December 16.

Read the full Board of Health order:
lowellma.gov/masks

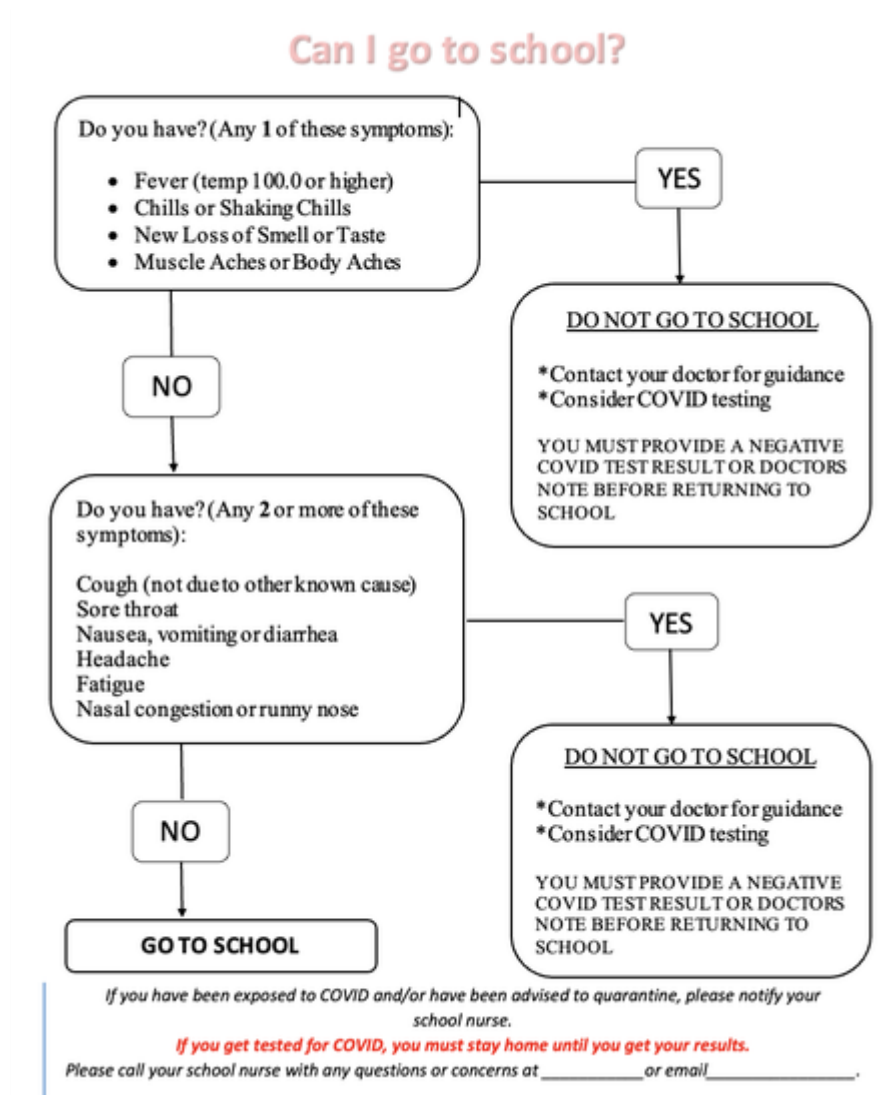


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Can I Go To School? Updated Lowell Health Department COVID-19 Guidance

The Lowell Health Department has updated the flow chart guidance for parents, a copy of which is shared with you below.

Please do not send any children to school if you are waiting for the result of a COVID test or if your child has/had symptoms. Students will need a negative COVID test in order to return to school.



Free Weekly COVID-19 Screenings

COVID-19 Testing For

Schools

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has partnered with CIC Health to provide free COVID-19 testing to students, teachers, and staff.

[Consent Now](#)[Learn More](#)

Free weekly COVID-19 screenings will continue this fall at all Lowell Public Schools... and we will now offer FREE rapid testing for any symptomatic students. No more making appointments, driving to the testing site, and waiting days for your results!

You MUST complete the consent form to have your child participate in ANY of the free COVID-19 testing at McAvinnue. To consent for "Test & Stay" if your child is a close contact at school and is not showing any COVID-19 symptoms, you can sign up using the link below.

McAvinnue will now be testing students and faculty on WEDNESDAY each week!

To access the consent form, click the button below.

[Click Here To Access The Consent Form](#)

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#McAvinnuePride

Enhanced COVID-19 Testing Offerings

Symptomatic Testing	"Test and Stay" <i>Close contact testing</i>	Routine COVID Safety Checks
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For when individuals present symptoms while at school; individuals should not go to school if experiencing symptoms while at home.• Samples are collected at school using the BinaxNOW rapid antigen test.• Those testing negative with isolated/mild symptoms can stay in school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For when individuals are in close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual while at school.• Samples are collected at school using the Binax NOW rapid antigen test.• Tests are administered daily for at least five days from the date of exposure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Routine Pooled Testing and <u>School-Based</u> Follow-Up Testing: samples are collected at school; if a pool is positive, follow-up testing at school with either BinaxNOW and/or individual PCR testing as necessary.• Routine Pooled Testing and <u>Lab-Based</u> Follow-Up Testing: samples are collected; if a pool is positive, individual follow-up testing occurs at the lab, without a second sample collection.

COVID-19 Local Vaccination Clinics

The LPSD is offering multiple COVID-19 vaccination opportunities, including COVID-19 booster shots, throughout November and December. You can find the schedule in the flyer below. Also, there is some important information you need to be aware of prior to attending one of these free and easy opportunities.



Check out the list below for multiple opportunities in the month of January.

These clinics are for anyone 5+ who needs a first or booster shot. Due to the high demand for vaccinations at this time, pre-registration IS REQUIRED because the doses available at each site are limited.

1/11 Morey School, 130 Pine Street - 2:00-5:30 p.m. Registration: <https://bit.ly/3z4XxKG>

1/11 Pawtucketville School, 425 W. Meadow Road - 2:00-6:00 p.m. Registration: <https://bit.ly/3evjSrG>

1/12 Murkland School, 350 Adams Street - 1:00-3:00 p.m. Registration: <https://bit.ly/3486ec5>

1/12 Reilly School, 115 Douglas Road - 1:30-6:00 p.m. Registration: <https://bit.ly/3H8XT62>

1/20 Bailey School, 175 Campbell Drive - 3:30-6:00 p.m. Registration: <https://bit.ly/32DsTMr>

For those who received your first dose at a school site clinic, do not forget to come back for your second shot, which will be delivered:

1/3 Lincoln School, 300 Chelmsford Street, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

1/5 Shaughnessy School, 1158 Gorham Street, 3:30-6:00 p.m.

1/6 Washington School, 795 Wilder Street, 3:15-7:15 p.m.

1/6 Robinson School, 110 June Street, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

1/7 Pyne Arts School, 145 Boylston Street, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

1/9 McAvinnue School, 131 Mammoth Road, 11:00-2:00 p.m.


Please see the information below for all of the information you will need:

- All students 5 and older are eligible to receive the vaccine at these clinics if you are looking for the opportunity to vaccinate your children.
- Family members, friends, and community members are also invited and encouraged to get vaccinated at these clinics. You can get your first dose, second dose, or booster dose.
- The vaccine is free and you will not be required to show an ID or health insurance in order to receive it. Appointments are not required.
- Anyone under the age of 18 must have the consent form filled out by a legally authorized representative (usually a parent or guardian), and the minor must bring the form with them at the vaccination appointment.
- Copies of the consent form in multiple languages may be found at <https://www.mass.gov/.../covid-19-vaccination-consent...>

- If the parent or guardian is not accompanying the minor, they must also download and complete a pre-vaccination screening form which is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/.../pre-vaccination-screening-form.pdf>.
- The form is also available in several languages at <https://www.cdc.gov/.../info-by-product/pfizer/index.html...> (approximately halfway down the page you will see the "Pre-Vaccination Screen Form" section).
- Also, booster shots are available during the clinic to any individual who qualifies. To check for eligibility, please visit the MDPH COVID-19 Booster Eligibility Checker. More information on booster eligibility can be found at: <https://www.mass.gov/.../covid-19-booster-frequently...>

Additionally, the following conditions must be met to receive a booster dose:

- Individuals must have received their second dose of Moderna or Pfizer at least 6 months prior to receiving their booster dose. OR received their initial dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least 2 months prior to receiving their booster dose.
- Individuals must bring their CDC vaccine card (white card) or have a photo of the vaccination card in order to receive their booster dose.



COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS

1/11 Morey Elementary School
130 Pine St.
2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.


1/11 Pawtucketville Memorial Elementary School
425 West Meadow Rd.
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

1/12 Murkland Elementary School
350 Adams St.
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

1/12 Reilly Elementary School
115 Douglas Rd.
1:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

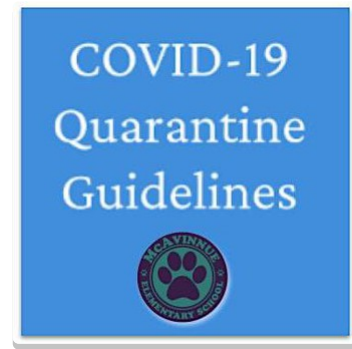
1/20 Bailey Elementary School
175 Campbell Dr.
3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Students 5+ are eligible for the Pfizer vaccine (with parental consent for those under 18)



Updated COVID-19 Quarantine Guidelines for Families

On December 30, 2021, the CDC and DESE updated their COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation protocols. We will begin following those guidelines. Here is a summary of some of the changes:



For individuals who TEST POSITIVE for COVID-19:

- The new CDC guidelines have reduced the quarantine to 5 days if you do not have symptoms. After the 5 day quarantine period an individual may return to school if they have been symptom free for 24 hours without medication. Please contact Nurse Lindsey to create a plan for return if you get a positive COVID-19 test.

For individuals who are identified as CLOSE CONTACTS to someone who tests positive for COVID-19:

- Students who have been identified as close contacts who are asymptomatic and fully vaccinated are exempt from testing and quarantine response protocols. Fully vaccinated is defined as two weeks after receiving the 2nd dose of their vaccine. **If your student is fully vaccinated, please send a copy of their vaccine card to Nurse Robin.**
- Parents still have the option for their student to participate in the Test and Stay program allowing them to remain in school if they are a close contact. The duration of the Test and Stay program has been reduced from testing for 7 days from the date of exposure to testing for 5 days from the date of exposure.
- If a student does not participate in Test and Stay and is a close contact, they would self-isolate for 5 days from the last date of exposure to the individual who tested positive and could return to school on day 6 if they remain asymptomatic and have a negative COVID test.

Please let Nurse Robin or I know if you have any questions about the new protocols. You can access the full memo by downloading it below.



DESEDPH Protocols for Responding to COVID-19 Scenarios -
SY 2021-22_ 12 30 with highlights.pdf

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McAvinnue's Student Bus Information

Need to know your student's school bus information? All you have to do is click below, put in their LASID (Lunch Number or the number they use to log into their computer), and you will have access to it.



If you need your student's LASID, please contact the front office at (978) 937-2871 or email mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us.

If you have questions about your student's transportation, please don't hesitate to reach out using the methods above for support.

[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.

UPDATED: LPSD School Calendar 2021-2022 School Year

Please click the link below for the recently approved LPSD School Calendar for the 2021-2022 school year.

There has been a "NO SCHOOL" date added on Tuesday, September 21st due to the local Primary Election in Lowell.



2021-2022 School Calendar - REVISED.pdf

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Community Connections & Opportunities



Come And Work For The Lowell Public Schools!

Lowell Public School District has a high demand for Substitute Teachers (<https://bit.ly/32UOY9F>) and Food Service Workers (<https://bit.ly/3JLy9yy>). This is a great time and opportunity to come join our team!



There is a workshop for anyone interested in substitute teaching on Wednesday, January 12th from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM at Central Office located at 155 Merrimack Street. Please contact Lisa Murphy at lmurphy@lowell.k12.ma.us to register for the workshop.

Job Opportunities



Substitute Teachers

- Mass JobQuest #16063107

Food Service Worker

- Mass JobQuest #16063103

masshirelowellcc.com/jobs



CTI HEAD START EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

Community Teamwork has a number of Early Learning Programs for kids and parents. Starting with their Home Base Program assisting families as early as Prenatal Mothers, to their School Age Program that serves children up to 13 years of age and their Early Head Start and Head Start Center Based Programs that serve all those in between.



For more information contact the people listed on the flyer below or call CTI at (978) 654-5100.



Community Teamwork
 126 Phoenix Ave.
 Lowell, MA 01852
 978-654-5100



Early Learning Program Options

Home Based: Lorna Syesta – lsyesta@commteam.org

- ❖ Serving pregnant woman and children up to 3 years
- ❖ Weekly home visits, playgroups & supports for healthy pregnancy to build nurturing parent-child relationships

Center Based Full Day: Linda Broady – lbroad@commteam.org

- ❖ Ages 6 weeks-5 years
- ❖ Part Day options available for Preschool age children
- ❖ Individualized curriculum in nurturing, safe environments
- ❖ Free breakfast, lunch and snack

Family Child Care: Lynn Eriksen - leriksen@commteam.org

- ❖ Lower ratio of children to educator
- ❖ Comfortable home environment
- ❖ One teacher from entry to Kindergarten
- ❖ Strong social-emotional benefits

School Age: Billy Ma – wma@commteam.org

- ❖ Ages 5-13 years
- ❖ Before & After School and Full Day Programming for Vacations & Summer
- ❖ Safe place for children to make friends, play games, practice sports, receive educational guidance and engage in a variety of creative projects

All programs assist families with accessing additional services in their community and can offer supportive services for children with mild/severe disabilities.

*For more information about our Early Learning Programs, please contact the names above.

*If you would like to apply for any of our programs, scan either QR Code and fill out our application.



Aplicacion
En Español



English
Application

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

Greater Boston Food Bank

The Greater Boston Food Bank is back again in Lowell for this school year! Mark your calendars with the dates below in you are interested and in need of support.



The Food Bank is located at the STEM Academy (Rogers School) at 43 Highland Street.

The next opportunity is **Tuesday, January 11th from 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM!**

Please note the changes related to the COVID surge that is highlighted in "yellow".

You can also see the schedule for the Greater Boston Food Bank for this school year below!

Service Change



SCHOOL PANTRY

Due to the current COVID-19 surge, Lowell Public Schools will be hosting a **drive-up distribution of shelf-stable goods for January 2022 service.**



WHERE:

STEM Academy at the Rogers School
43 Highland Street

Front of the Building
Gymnasium Entrance

TIME:

3:45 PM - 4:30 PM

DATES (2021-2022 School Year):

September 14
October 12
November 9
December 14
January 11
February 8
March 8
April 12
May 10
June 14

All Food Bank clients are required to wear a mask to ensure the safety of our volunteers.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

Carolyn Rocheleau-Feeney
crocheleau@lowell.k12.ma.us

Registration can be completed at the School Pantry.

Please bring reusable grocery bags, baskets, or a cart to carry your food.



Local Food Support

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

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



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



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

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McAvinnue's Family Read-A-Loud

"Froggy Builds A Snowman"

Froggy Builds a Snowman - Winter Read Aloud Books for Children - Snow Winter Books - Bedtime Stories



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"!

FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/McAvinnueElementarySchool>

Twitter:



<https://twitter.com/McAvinnueLPS>

Instagram:

<http://instagram.com/mcavinnueelementarylps>

YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7hxiBuRjgjqfASl_RLMleQ




Our Vision

 Facebook

 @McAvinnueLPS


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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