

The Lion's Roar

McAVINNUE'S COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER: WEEK OF OCTOBER 11TH

McAVINNUE'S PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello McAvinnue Community!

We have successfully completed another great week at McAvinnue! I had the chance to observe some amazing lessons focusing on subtraction with regrouping, word work, and how emotions can be identified through facial expressions and body movements. Our teachers are working hard and planning meaningful lessons that your children are truly benefiting from. The teaching and learning will continue over the month of October. We will be sending out a formal progress report that will review your child's progress in a few weeks. Be on the look out more information from your child's teacher and in the Lion's Roar Community newsletter next week.



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

There will be no school on Monday, October 11th for all schools that are part of the Lowell Public School District due to "Indigenous Peoples' Day". This was the day that was formerly known as "Columbus Day". On October 10, 2019, just a few days before Columbus Day would be celebrated in Washington, D.C., the D.C. Council voted to temporarily replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day. This bill was led by Councilmember David Grosso and later received congressional approval to become a permanent change. "Indigenous Peoples' Day" arose as an alternative to Columbus Day, which Native Americans protested for honoring a man who had enabled their colonization and forced assimilation.

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.



Here are important dates to remember during the month of October:

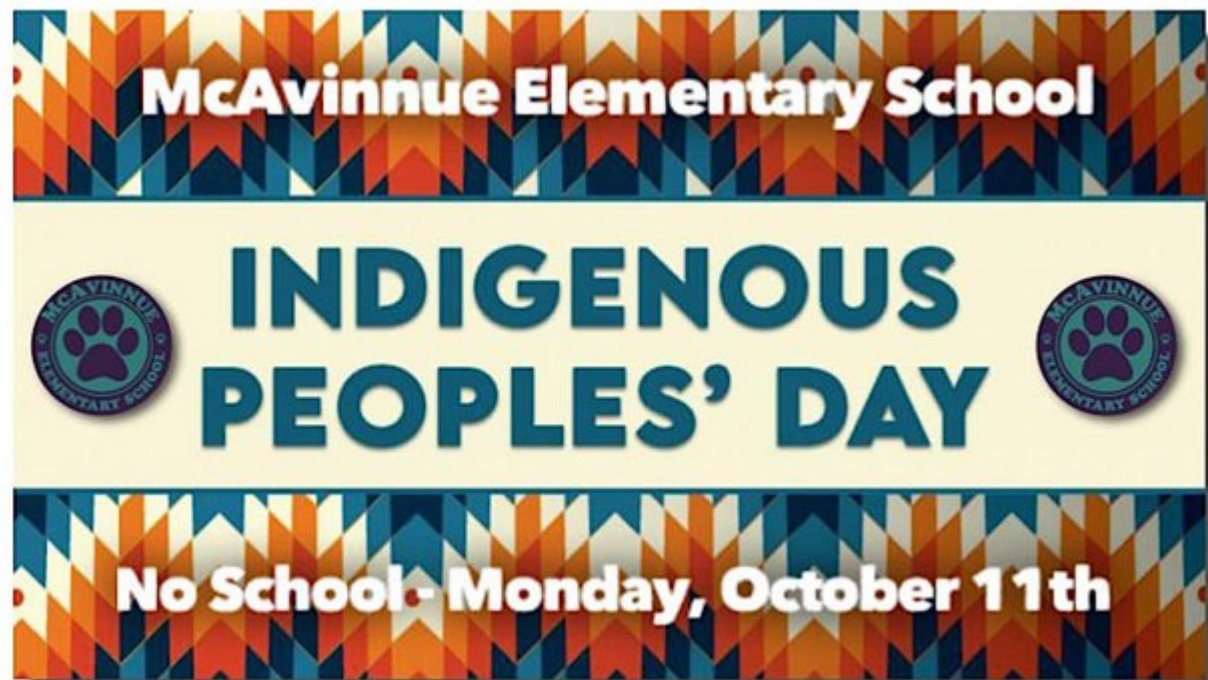
- **Monday, October 11th:** No School - Indigenous People Day (Formally Known As Columbus Day)
- **Wednesday, October 13th:** COVID-19 Pooled Testing (Students & Faculty)
- **Wednesday, October 13th:** - Parent/Teacher Group (PTG) Meeting @ 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
- **Wednesday, October 20th:** Progress Reports: PreK - Grade 4
- **Thursday, October 28th:** McAvinnue's "Trunk Or Treat" Fall Event @ 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

"INDIGENOUS PEOPLE DAY": MONDAY, OCTOBER 11TH - NO SCHOOL

REMINDER: There is no school on **Monday, October 11th** for all Lowell schools due to "Indigenous Peoples' Day".

Indigenous Peoples' Day is a holiday that celebrates and honors Native American peoples and commemorates their histories and cultures. This day was previously called "Columbus Day".

McAvinnue will open its doors for the week on Tuesday, October 12th at 9:10 AM! Enjoy the long weekend!



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 **Wednesday, October 13th at 6:30 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 invitation below.

McAVINNUE'S PARENT TEACHER GROUP (PTG) MEETING

WHEN

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13TH, 6:30PM

WHERE

THIS IS AN ONLINE EVENT.

MORE INFORMATION

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://lowell-k12-ma-us.zoom.us/j/82732160441?
pwd=NWJPZXZMZ09idkF5RzI5MmRFRFJwUT09](https://lowell-k12-ma-us.zoom.us/j/82732160441?pwd=NWJPZXZMZ09idkF5RzI5MmRFRFJwUT09)

Meeting ID: 827 3216 0441

Passcode: 569787

McAVINNUE'S "TRUNK OR TREAT" CELEBRATION

Please join us for McAvinnue's "Trunk Or Treat" Celebration! Due to COVID-19, we needed to make some adjustments to ensure that we are keeping everyone as safe as possible. So, we came up with a fun and new way to welcome in Fall and the spooky season!

On Thursday, **October 28th from 5:00 PM - 6:30 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 limiting the number of people that can come to 2 additional family members per student.

We are super excited for this new event at McAvinnue! We hope that everyone makes the time to come by!

McAVINNUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28TH @ 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
ST. RITA'S CHURCH

LAST CALL: McAVINNUE'S 21ST CENTURY BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

We have made some changes to McAvinnue's 21st Century After School Program.



The program will now run Monday - Thursday for Grades 1 - 4 students! This is a new and exciting opportunity for our students!

The first session of this amazing and engaging program begins on October 18th and will run until December 17th. The After School Program will occur from 3:35 PM - 5:00 PM on Monday - Thursday each week.

The Before School Program will occur Monday - Thursday each week from 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM.

Please see the flyers (English, Spanish, and Portuguese) below for more details!

To register now, please click the button below!

Any questions, please reach out to the school directly and ask to speak with Mrs. De La Luz.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW!



1st Session: October 18th - Dec 17th

3:35 - 5:00pm

3:35 - 3:45 Snack

3:50 - 5:00 Enrichment Activities

CHANGE: Monday thru Thursday: 1st to 4th grade
BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM- 8:00-9:10AM (All Grades)

Click on this link or scan the QR code below to register your child.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVas01JXEKmtjY31jZdxUk8DI2S5Z8CPDQosXu2MFf5wRlCg/viewform?usp=sf_link

*The deadline to register your child is the 4th of October, 2021.

*There is no afterschool program on half days and vacations.

*There is limited space available. (60 per day)

*There is no transportation.

*Students can come all 4 days.



Questions? Please send an email to Mrs. de la Luz @ adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us



1ra Sesión: del 18 de Octubre al 17 de Diciembre

3:35 a 5:00pm

3:35 a 3:45 Merienda

3:50 a 5:00 Actividad Enriquecedora

CAMBIO: LUNES A JUEVES- DE 1ER A 4TO GRADO
PROGRAMA DE LA MAÑANA: 8:00-9:10AM (Todos los Grados)

Haga clic en este enlace o escanee el código de barra para registrar a su hijo.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVas01JXEKmtjY31jZdxUk8DI2S5Z8CPDQosXu2MFf5wRlCg/viewform?usp=sf_link

*La fecha límite para registrarse es el 4 de octubre, 2021

*No habrá programa para después de la escuela los mediodías o en vacaciones.

*Espacio limitado (60 estudiantes el día).

*No hay transporte.

*Los estudiantes pueden venir los cuatro días.

¿Preguntas? Por Favor envíe un correo electrónico a Ms. de la Luz @ adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us



1ª Sessão: de 18 de outubro a 17 de dezembro

3:35 a 5:00pm

3:35 - 3:45 Jogo de boas-vindas

3:50 - 5:00 Atividade

MUDANÇA: SEGUNDA A QUINTA-FEIRA: 1ª A 4ª SÉRIE
PROGRAMA DA MANHÃ: SEGUNDA A QUINTA 8-9:10AM (Todos os alunos)

Clique no link de inscrição para inscrever seu aluno:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVas01JXEKmtjY31jZdxUk8DI2S5Z8CPDQosXu2MFf5wRlCg/viewform?usp=sf_link

*Prazo para inscrições: 4 de outubro, 2021

*Não há meio dia depois da escola ou feriados escolares

*Espaço limitado (60 alunos por dia)

*Não há transporte

*Os alunos podem assistir todos os dias

Questões? O email Mrs. de la Luz @ adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us



LPSD "HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL"

As part of Hispanic Heritage Month, the LPSD will host a "Hispanic Heritage Festival" on Friday, October 15th from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM at the North Common Park.

This event is free of charge and will offer a large variety of great activities such as dancing, food, and a scavenger hunt!

Mark your calendars and we hope to see everyone there!



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!





Joseph A. McAvinnue School



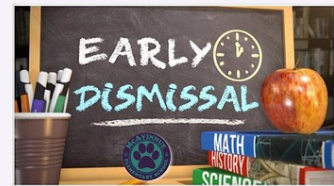
Emergency Form 2021-2022

Formulario de Emergencia 2021-2022

Formulário de Emergência 2021-2022



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



We are also exploring local spirit gear options also...and we will be sending out this information to everyone when we have finalized all of the details.

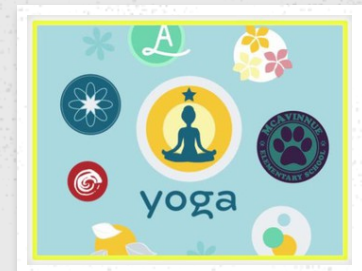
To access the online store for McAvinnue spirit gear, please click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO ACCESS MCAVINNUE SPIRIT GEAR

MCAVINNUE'S YOGA POSE OF THE WEEK: CAT

We will try a new pose this week called the "Cat"! This new pose will allow us to work on releasing tension that we may have through a good upper body stretch...just like a cat. We will practice the "Cat" 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!



Cat

Release tension. Upper body stretch.

at Your Desk

1. Begin in Sitting Mountain with your hands together, fingers entwined.
2. Turn your palms out and inhale deeply while extending your arms straight up in the air.
3. Exhale and slowly pull your belly in and round your shoulders, as you push your spine toward the back of your chair into a cat-like stretch.
4. Inhale to bring your arms back up over your head.
5. Exhale back to a cat stretch. Continue to flow back and forth following your breath.

here's an idea!

- **Paw Press.** Stay in Cat and press forward one palm then the other to help release any tension in the area between your shoulder blades.
- **Life as a cat.** What would you look like if you were a cat? What kind of cat would you be? Adult or kitten? Sweet and quiet, energetic and playful, lazy and content? What would bring you happiness? What might make you scared, or irritated? What kinds of things does a cat do to take care of itself when it is feeling sad, anxious, or tired? In what ways are you like a cat? In your reflection journal, write a story about your life as a cat and include one or more illustrations.

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HARVEST OF THE MONTH: PEARS

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 with the community. We hope you come to the cafeteria and celebrate with us as we highlight October's Harvest of the Month item: **Pears!**



On Wednesday, October 20th...our students will have a chance to sample "Pear Cake" during breakfast!

Check out the videos below that highlights where the pears came from...and a sneak peek of how to make "Pear Cake"!

Harvest of the Month (October): Fairmount Fruit Farms -- Farm Feature



HOTM Recipes at Home: Pear Cake



MCAVINNUE'S WEEK IN REVIEW



FIVE LITTLE PUMPKINS!

More fun in STEAM Studio... Grade 1 students read and practiced reciting a popular fall poem called "Five Little Pumpkins". They followed the steps of the EDP to build a new gate for the pumpkins that could stand on its own and hold all 5 pumpkins. They enjoyed a sweet reward of eating the candy pumpkins as a result of their hard work!!!



FUN NEWS IN ROOM 304!

Check out Room 304's "Un-Pumpkin Patch"!



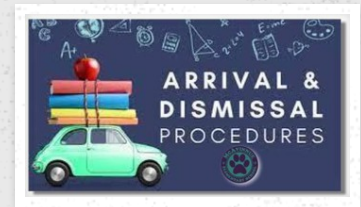
EARLY RELEASE DAY PD FUN!

Great day of Professional Learning for our faculty on Wednesday! We spent some time exploring our new Interactive Clear Touch Panels...and had some team building fun with an activity called "Seeing Dots"!

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 PROTOCOLS

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>

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.

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



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 Follow-Up Testing</u>: 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 Follow-Up Testing</u>: samples are collected; if a pool is positive, individual follow-up testing occurs at the lab, without a second sample collection.

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

[Download](#)
308.7 KB

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES



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

THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS SUPPORT FROM THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army is opening up its sign-ups for its "Angel Tree Project" earlier than usual this year. Applications will open on October 4th and remain open only until capacity has been reached.

See the attached flyer for all of the eligibility and documentation requirements in order to qualify for support.

For more information contact Dianne James at 978-458-3396 or through email at Dianne.James@use.salvationarmy.org



CLICK HERE FOR THE APPLICATION

Available Starting On October 4th



Christmas & Thanksgiving Assistance 2021

Angel Tree

Notice Early Application Date

Sun Santa

Apply online beginning
October 4, 2021

Visit WWW.SAANGELTREE.ORG or use the QR Code

Application open until we have reached capacity
Required Documents:

1. Birth certificates for all children age 16 and under. (14-16 voucher only) (Guardian ship papers to be uploaded under birth certificate tab)
2. Photo ID for Parent/Guardian
3. Proof of Address
4. A Valid email address is required so we can communicate appointments etc.

Please note:

- ◆ Application is not complete until all documents have been received. Appointment will be emailed when complete.
- ◆ Families of 2 or more
- ◆ Please apply to only one agency
- ◆ Serving : Lowell, Westford, Chelmsford, Billerica, Tewksbury, Dracut, Tyngsborough and Dunstable only
- ◆ Please no bike or electronics



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Asistencia de Navidad y Acción de Gracias 2021

Angel Tree

*** Aviso Fecha de solicitud anticipada ***

Sun Santa

Aplicar en línea desde el principio

Octubre 4, 2021

Visita WWW.SAANGELTREE.ORG o usa el QR Code

Solicitud abierta hasta que alcancemos la capacidad

1. Certificados de nacimiento para todos los niños menores de 16 años (Los documentos de envío del guardián se cargarán en la pestaña del certificado de Nacimiento)
2. Identificación con foto para padre/tutor
3. Comprobante de domicilio
4. Se requiere una dirección de correo electrónico válida para que podamos comunicar citas, etc.

◆ La solicitud no está completa hasta que se hayan recibido todos los documentos. La cita se enviará por correo electrónico cuando se complete.

- ◆ Familias de 2 o más
- ◆ Solicite solo a una agencia
- ◆ Servicio: Lowell, Westford, Chelmsford, Billerica, Tewksbury, Dracut, Tyngsborough and Dunstable only
- ◆ Por favor, no bicicletas ni aparatos electrónicos.



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5TH ANNUAL LATINO PARENT CONFERENCE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

Check out this opportunity below offered by the Lowell Public School District. For our Latino families, you will not want to miss this event!

Details can be found in the flyer below!

Be sure to register by October 8th at <https://bit.ly/3odf8Na>





5th Annual Latino Parent Conference

A community conversation for Latino families about educational resources available to students and families within the Lowell Public Schools

- Breakfast and lunch served
- Two Keynote Speakers
- Entertainment

To Register visit: <https://bit.ly/3odf8Na>

Saturday October 16
from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Lowell High School
Cafeteria



5ta Conferencia Anual de Padres Latinos

Una conversación comunitaria para familias Latinas sobre los recursos educativos disponibles para estudiantes y familias dentro de las Escuelas Públicas de Lowell

- Se Servirá Desayuno y Almuerzo
- Habrá dos Oradoras Principales
- También Habrá Entretenimiento

Para registrarse, visite el enlace:
<https://bit.ly/3odf8Na>

Sábado, 16 de Octubre
de 2021 de 9:30am-2pm
en la Cafeteria de la
Lowell High School



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, LPSP is holding a series of virtual sessions focused on racial justice surrounding the Hispanic community.



Please see the information below in the flyer provided of the district.

If you are interested in participating, additional information and registration can be found at www.lowell.k12.ma.us/learnlistenact



Join us for a series of virtual sessions
focused on building racial justice in
the school community

**Building a Strong Community
for Racial Justice:**
Learn, Listen, Act & Stand Together Against Hate

Lowell Public Schools is launching a three-part series to help us learn, listen, and take action against all forms of racism and discrimination within our community. In these community sessions, we will highlight Hispanic cultures, as well as the experiences of members of the Hispanic community in Lowell.

Part 1: Learning About Hispanic Cultures

Thursday September 30, 4 p.m.
Tuesday October 5, 4 p.m.
Tuesday October 12, 4 p.m.

To register for the link visit:
www.lowell.k12.ma.us/learnlistenact



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Part 2: The Hispanic Experience
Thursday October 7, 4 p.m.

Part 3: Uniting to Combat Racism
Thursday October 14, 4 p.m.

For more info and to register for these sessions visit:
www.lowell.k12.ma.us/learnlistenact

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

- 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, October 12th from 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM!**


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



SCHOOL PANTRY

Please note: distribution will return to in-school selection of assorted foods for all Lowell Public School students and their families.

All Food Bank clients are required to wear a mask while inside the building to ensure the safety of our volunteers as well as clients



WHERE:
STEM Academy at the Rogers School
43 Highland Street
In-School Entrance:
South Street Parking Lot


TIME:
3:30 - 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

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

"TOO MANY PUMPKINS"

Too Many Pumpkins - Linda White - Fall Read Aloud Books for Autumn
Halloween - 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://ininstagram.com/mcavinnueelementarylps>

YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAL5QwF4M16F1H6CM>



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.

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