

The Lion's Roar

McAVINNUE'S COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER: WEEK OF OCTOBER 3RD

McAVINNUE'S PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello McAvinnue Community!

I hope that everyone is having a great weekend! Fall is definitely in the air...and things are beginning to change around your home and around McAvinnue. Honestly, this is my favorite time of the year! The leaves are starting to change daily...and it's such a treat to see the colors of Fall explore around us. Check out the trees around the school....they are beginning to change! These are the best times to go for long walks or drives just to check out the new sites and sounds that Fall brings...always an exciting time of the year!



With the weather changing, the mornings have been much cooler with the afternoons warming up on most days. It is important to have your child dress in layers each day moving forward until the Winter. Light jackets and sweatshirts are great options. Depending on the weather forecast for the day, shorts are still appropriate if the afternoon temperature reaches in the 60's or 70's. You may need to make some adjustments for your child if the weather remains in the 50's.

Speaking of great weather, we had the perfect evening and had an amazing turn out for McAvinnue's "Back To School Bash" on Thursday, September 29th! It was so great to see our current and former students come out and enjoy some fun and games! The event was a major success...and our families were very appreciative that we hosted an evening of community building and exciting engagement opportunities on a more personal level. We will continue to host events that promote the family like community that we have fostered at McAvinnue!

Finally, there is no school on Monday, October 10th due to "Indigenous People Day"...formerly known as Columbus Day. Please mark your calendars and make the necessary daycare arrangements...if needed...on this day.

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 few weeks:

- September 15th - October 15th - National Hispanic Heritage Month

- Monday, October 3rd - McAvinnue Opens @ 9:10 AM
- Monday, October 3rd - NED'S Mindset Mission Shoe All School Meeting @ 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
- Tuesday, October 4th - Grade 3 Field Trip - Concord Museum (Rooms 302 & 304)
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- Monday, October 10th - No School - Indigenous Peoples' Day

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.

MCAVINNUE'S WEEK IN REVIEW



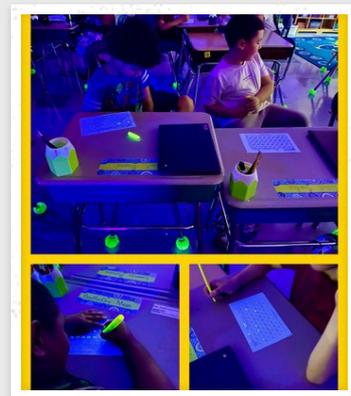
MCAVINNUE'S "ARTIST OF THE WEEK"

Amara in Room 207 is McAvinnue's first "Artist of the Week" for the new school year! She did an amazing job following directions, using art supplies responsibly, and taking her time to create an incredible "Falling Apple"!



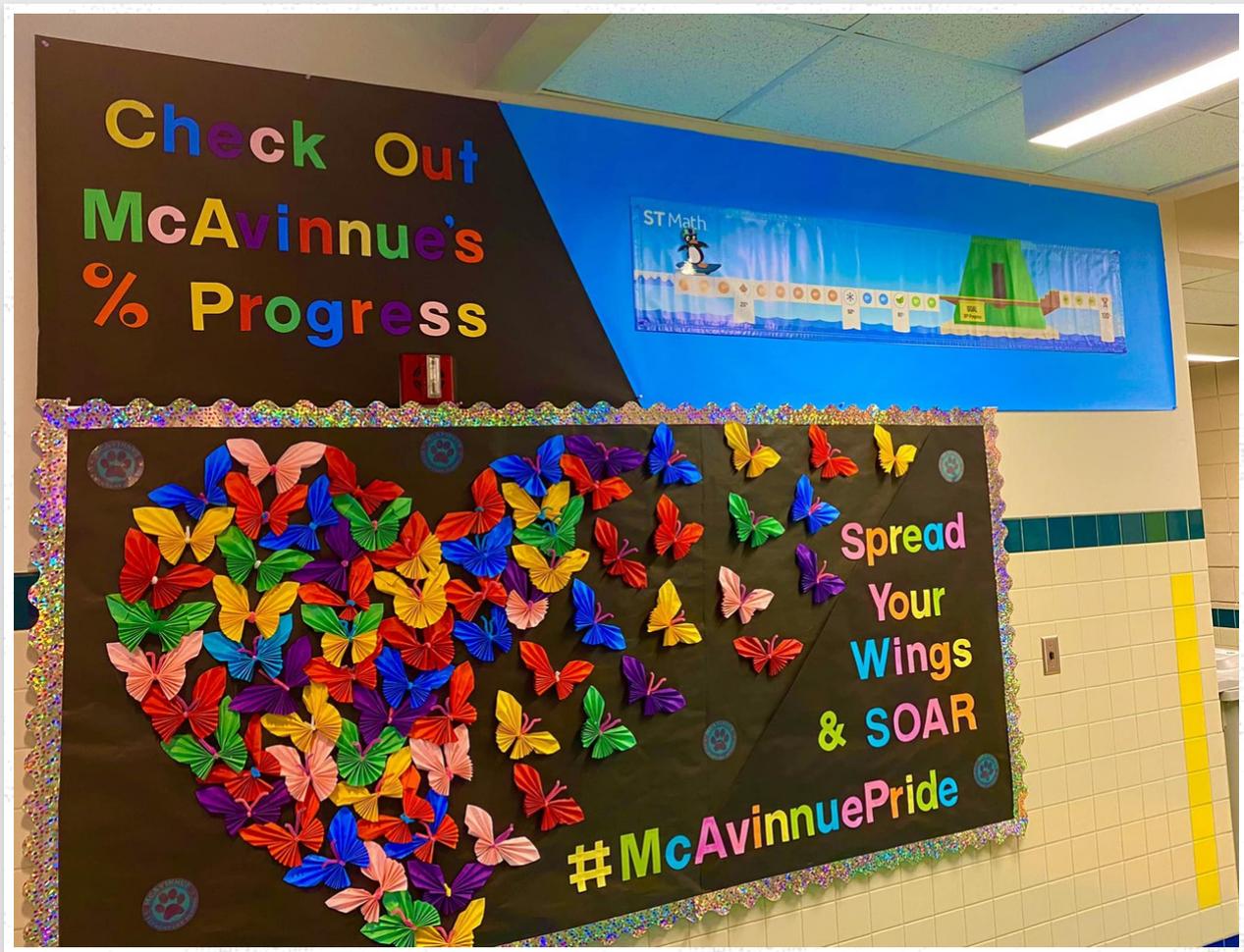
"BULLYING TALK"

Grade 3 students in Room 303 enjoy learning about bullying awareness and prevention every Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Power and Miss J!



"GLOW MATH FUN!"

Check out the first session of Grade 3 "Glow Math" in Room 304! Looks like a super fun way to work on multiplication facts!



"ST MATH % PROGRESS ALL SCHOOL TRACKER!"

We have our school-wide ST Math percent progress tracker up in the main hallway outside of the office! We are almost at 10% progress as a school...simply amazing!

MCAVINNUE'S "BACK TO SCHOOL BASH"



MCAVINNUE'S SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL



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 mdomna@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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Please click the links below to access McAvinnue's Student Attendance Policy for the 2022-2023 academic school year. For your convenience, we have included the policy flyer in multiple languages

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out directly.



Attendance English.pdf

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Attendance Spanish.pdf

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Attendance Portuguese.pdf

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CHECK OUT MCAVINNUE'S "VIRTUAL" MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Like we had successfully done last school year, 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 using the link below.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7hxiBuRjqjgfASI_RLMleQ

If you want a peek of the latest edition of McAvinnue's "Virtual Morning Announcements", check out the video below!



UPCOMING EVENTS



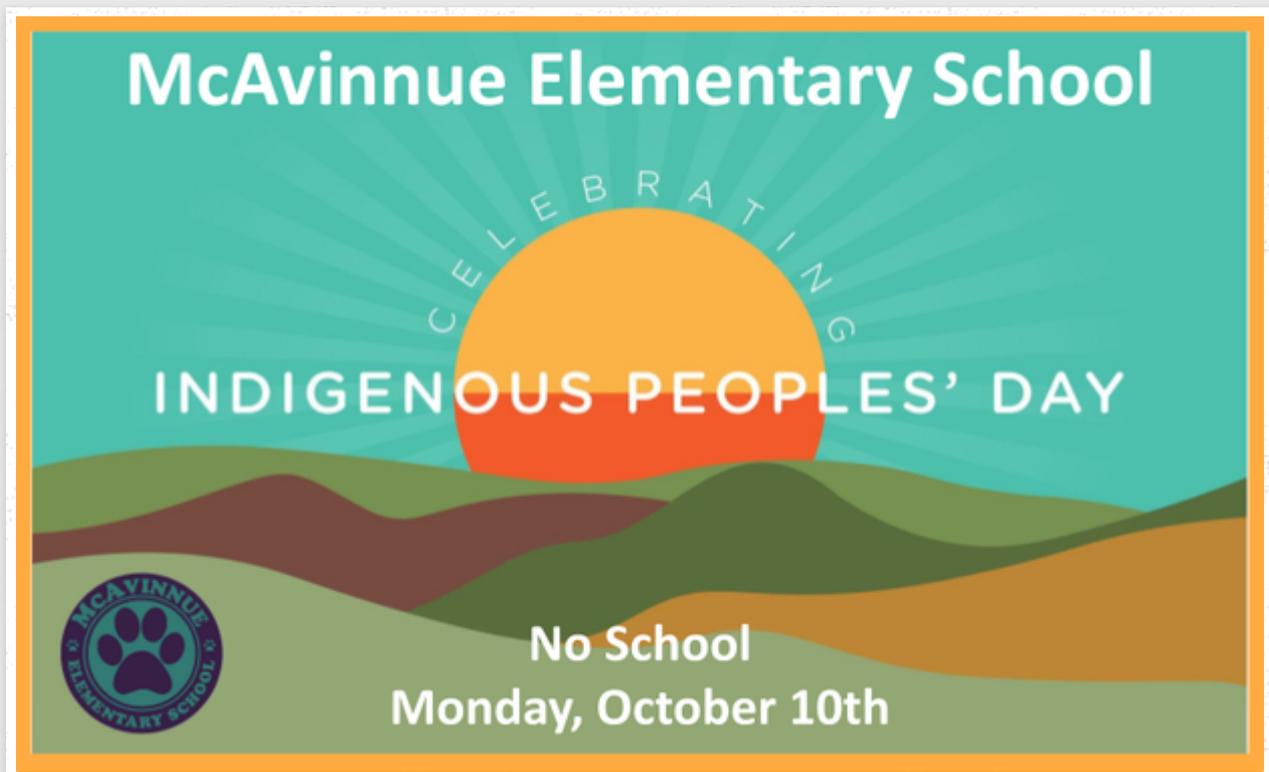
Here are important dates to remember for the month of October:

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- Friday, October 7th - Grade 3 Field Trip - Concord Museum (Rooms 301 - 303)
- Monday, October 10th - No School - Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Wednesday, October 19th - Progress Report Distribution: PreK - Grade 4
- Thursday, October 20th - Kindergarten Field Trip: Parlee Farms
- Monday, October 24th - Picture Day At McAvinnue

- Thursday, October 27th - McAvinnue's "Trunk Or Treat" Family Night @ 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
- Friday, October 28th - McAvinnue's "Lion's Pride" Core Value All School Meeting @ 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY: NO SCHOOL

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10TH



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.

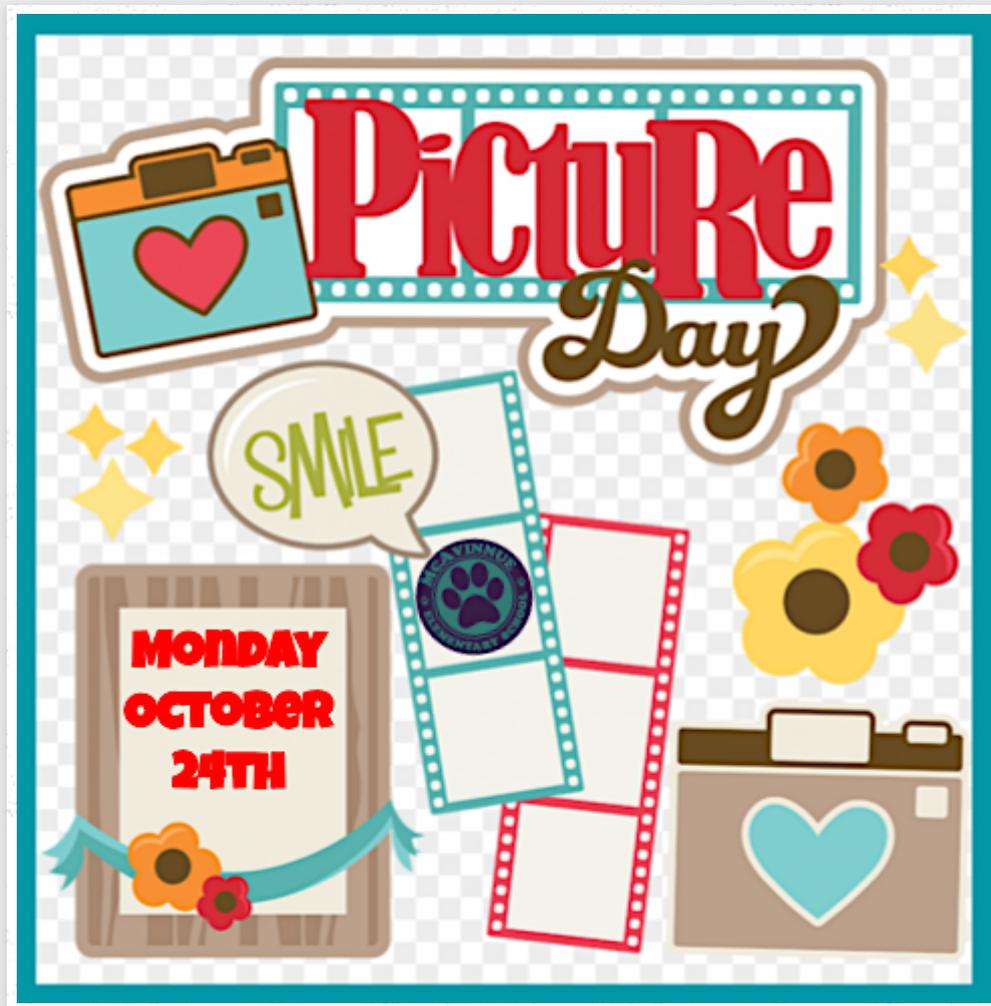
For the Native Americans, Columbus Day was always hurtful as it glorified the violent past constituting 500 years of colonial torture and oppression by European explorers like Columbus and those who settled in America. Indigenous Peoples' Day draws attention to the pain, trauma, and broken promises that 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 24TH



MCAVINNUE'S "TRUNK OR TREAT" FAMILY CELEBRATION

Please join us for McAvinnue's "Trunk Or Treat" Family Celebration!

On Thursday, **October 27th 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 super excited to bring this event back at McAvinnue! We hope that everyone makes the time to come by!



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 Thursday, October 27th!

Thank you in advance for your support with this!

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

SEPTEMBER 15TH - OCTOBER 15TH



 **National Hispanic American ...** www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov

September 15 to October 15 is National Hispanic American Heritage Month. The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society.

National Hispanic Heritage month begins today



MCAVINNUE'S YOGA POSE OF THE WEEK: "FLYING BIRD BREATH"

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



This new pose will allow us to work on remaining calm while increasing our focus by maintaining grace through our own person "center". We will practice the "Flying Bird Breath"

pose daily during our "Virtual" Morning Announcements during this up and coming week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

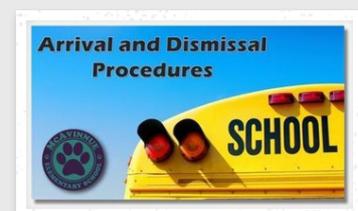
You can get an early head start and practice this technique before we launch into another exciting week!



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.

SCHOOL 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 24th. You can also look up your student's bus pass information by using their Student ID for the username and date of birth for the password at the link below. This is the same information that students use to log in to their Chromebooks for school.

Please note that Kindergarten and 1st grader students **must** have an older sibling (4th grade or older) or parent present at the bus stop in the afternoon in order to depart from the school bus. If a parent or older sibling is not present, the student will be brought to the Moody School, located at 158 Rogers Street. A driver's license or valid identification must be presented to the staff in order to dismiss the student.

You can use the 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.

Bus Pass Lookup Tutorial



NEED INFO? FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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 or use the online form found in this newsletter.

What should I do if my child needs a Chromebook or if my child's Chromebook needs repairs?

- Families should contact their school to coordinate the issuing of a new Chromebook or to schedule repairs. After the school year begins, the district will resume its "tech tent" services and will inform families via email, text, and phone once the services resume.

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, 2021, 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 2021-22 School Assignment Policy, all students have the option to request one school transfer per year. Families can apply online by going to <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.

MEDICAL INFORMATION REMINDER

Any students who have emergency medications (Epi-Pens, inhalers, etc.) or who will receive medication in school must have a medication order from the prescribing physician AND a completed consent form from the City Health Department.



Forms and medication can be dropped off to Nurse Robin any time during the school day. However, it's ideal to drop things off between 9:10 AM - 9:30 AM each day.

Nurse Robin cannot administer ANY medications without a physician's order, including over-the-counter medications. Please make sure that the school nurse is provided refills in advance of any medication supply running out.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Nurse Robin directly,

LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS COVID GUIDELINES UPDATE

Please see the message that was recently sent out regarding the latest COVID-19 guidance for this school year.



"Dear Lowell Public Schools Families,

We are looking forward to welcoming you all back to school on August 31st (Sept 7th for PreK and Kindergarteners) for the start of the 2022-2023 school year!

We would like to take this time to share the latest COVID-19 guidelines and policies:

- There will be no more in-school testing or contract tracing and schools will be distributing one last at-home testing kit, which will expire Sept. 29.*
- Masks are not required (except for in the school nurse's office), but staff and students who wish to wear a mask may do so.*
- Students and staff who do have a positive case of COVID-19 must stay out of school for a minimum of five days, but may return if symptoms improve on days 6-10 if they wear a high-quality mask.*

The Centers for Disease Control's latest COVID-19 guidance can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html>

We ask that you continue to stress good hygiene habits to your children, such as thorough hand washing and coughing into their elbows when they cough, and ask them not to share cups or water bottles with friends.

We strongly encourage all who are able to do so to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and subsequent boosters. We are thankful to our partners at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, who provided vaccinations at our Back-to-School Block Party, which was

attended by more than 3,000 people. To find a location to receive a vaccine or booster, as well as additional information about the vaccine, visit: <https://www.lowellma.gov/1523/COVID-19-Vaccine>"

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Superintendent of Schools-Lowell Public Schools- Lowell, MA
2022-2023 School Year Calendar

Monday, August 29, 2022	Staff Return to School for Staff Orientation Day
Tuesday, August 30, 2022	Staff Professional Development Day at School Site
Wednesday, August 31, 2022	First Day of School - Grades 1-12
Friday, September 2, 2022	No School Labor Day Recess
Monday, September 5, 2022 *	No School - Labor Day
Tuesday, September 6, 2022	No School for Students - Primary Election - Professional Day for Staff
Wednesday, September 7, 2022	First Day of School - Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten
Monday, October 10, 2022 *	No School - Indigenous Peoples' Day
Tuesday, November 8, 2022	No School for Students - Election Day - Professional Day for Staff
Friday, November 11, 2022 *	No School - Veterans' Day Observed
Wednesday, November 23, 2022	Early Dismissal - Thanksgiving Recess
Thursday, November 24, 2022 *	No School - Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 25, 2022 *	No School - Thanksgiving Recess
Monday, November 28, 2022	Schools Re-Open
Friday, December 23, 2022	Holiday Vacation Begins at the Close of Day
Saturday, December 24, 2022 *	Christmas Eve [Holiday Vacation: Saturday, December 24 - Sunday, January 1, 2023]
Sunday, December 25, 2022	Christmas Day
Monday, December 26, 2022*	Central Office and Family Resource Office Closed
Friday, December 30, 2022*	New Year's Eve
Sunday, January 1, 2023	New Year's Day
Monday, January 2, 2023*	Central Office and Family Resource Office Closed
Tuesday, January 3, 2023	Schools Re-Open
Wednesday, January 11, 2023	Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12
Monday, January 16, 2023 *	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Friday, February 17, 2023	Mid-Winter Vacation Begins at the Close of School
Monday, February 20, 2023 *	President's Day [School Vacation: Monday, February 20 - Friday, February 24, 2023]
Monday, February 27, 2023	Monday - Schools Re-Open
Wednesday, March 8, 2023	Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12
Friday, April 7, 2023 *	No School - Good Friday
Friday, April 14, 2023	Spring Vacation Begins at the Close of School
Monday, April 17, 2023 *	Patriot's Day - [School Vacation: Monday, April 17 - Friday, April 21, 2023]
Monday, April 24, 2023	Schools Re-Open
Monday, May 29, 2023 *	No School - Memorial Day
Thursday, June 15, 2023	180 th School Day
Monday, June 19, 2023 *	Juneteenth
Friday, June 23, 2023	185 th School Day [Includes five (5) Snow Days]



Approved by the Lowell School Committee at their meeting of May 4, 2022

* Central Administration, Family Resource Center will be closed in observance of a holiday

Number of School Days Per Month	
August 1	January 20
September 19	February 15
October 20	March 23
November 18	April 14
December 17	May 22
	June 11

CLICK TO ACCESS THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

PARENT & FAMILY RESOURCES

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE FREE FOR ALL LPS STUDENTS

As we reopen for the new school year, Lowell Public Schools Food and Nutrition we are Powering Potential for students and faculty with innovations in our menus and enhancements to our overall dining operations. When your child dines with us, rest assured that we will be serving delicious, nutritious meals prepared with the utmost attention to safety. We encourage every student to fuel up with breakfast and lunch meals each day so they can be energized and prepared to succeed throughout the day, in and out of the classroom.



Please keep up to date on our program, nutrition education, monthly menus and back to school letters on the [LPS Food and Nutrition website](#).

Any concerns please feel free to email foodservice@lowell.k12.ma.us

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM: 2022-2023



Get a jump start now and complete your emergency contact form for the 2022-2023 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. McAvinue School



Emergency Form

Formulario de Emergencia

Formulário de Emergência 2022-2023

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



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES



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 3rd 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

Open Available October 3rd

The Salvation Army Lowell

THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE 2022

Application Open Oct. 3, 2022
WWW.SAANGELTREE.ORG
or use the QR code below code
Limited capacity

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Birth certificates for all children ages 16 and under
- Photo ID for Parent or guardian
- Proof of Address
- Valid email address is required so we can make your appointment etc.

PLEASE NOTE

- Application NOT complete until ALL DOCUMENTS have been received
- Families of 2 or more may apply
- You may only apply to one agency
- Please: NO requests for Bikes, Computer, video game systems etc.

SERVING THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITIES

- Lowell
- Billerica,
- N Billerica
- Chelmsford,
- N Chelmsford
- Dracut
- Dunstable
- Tewksbury
- Tyngsborough
- Westford



Dianne.James@use.salvationarmy.org
or call 978-458-3396 with questions

The Salvation Army Lowell

ASISTENCIA DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS Y NAVIDAD 2022

Solicitud abierta el 3 de octubre de 2022
WWW.SAANGELTREE.ORG
o use el código QR a continuación
Aforo limitado

DOCUMENTOS REQUERIDOS

- 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)
- Identificación con foto para padre/tutor
- Comprobante de domicilio
- Se requiere una dirección de correo electrónico válida para que podamos comunicar citas, etc.

TENGA EN CUENTA

- Solicitud NO completa hasta que se hayan recibido TODOS LOS DOCUMENTOS
- Las familias de 2 o más pueden aplicar
- Solo puede aplicar a una agencia
- Por favor: NO solicite bicicletas, computadoras, sistemas de videojuegos, etc.

AL SERVICIO DE LAS SIGUIENTES COMUNIDADES

- Lowell
- Billerica,
- N Billerica
- Chelmsford,
- N Chelmsford
- Dracut
- Dunstable
- Tewksbury
- Tyngsborough
- Westford



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LPS "CONNECTOR" SMORE NEWSLETTER: BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION

Check out the latest LPS "Connector" Smore newsletter here. It is full of stories, photos, and information from the first month of the school year!

<http://www.smore.com/btz7j>



LOWELL SPED PAC SMORE NEWSLETTER

Here is the monthly Lowell SPED Pac newsletter intended for McAvinnue's Special Education families. We have been informed that this newsletter will be updated monthly and contain important information for those families that have a child that is currently accessing and Individual Education Program (IEP) or in the process of determining if their child qualifies for specialized support and services.



Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 6th at 7:00 PM**

You're all welcome to join!

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

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

"BOO STEW"

 Kids Book Read Aloud: BOO STEW by Donna L. Washington and Jeffery Ebbeler



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"!



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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7hxiBuRjqjgfASI_RLMleQ



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.

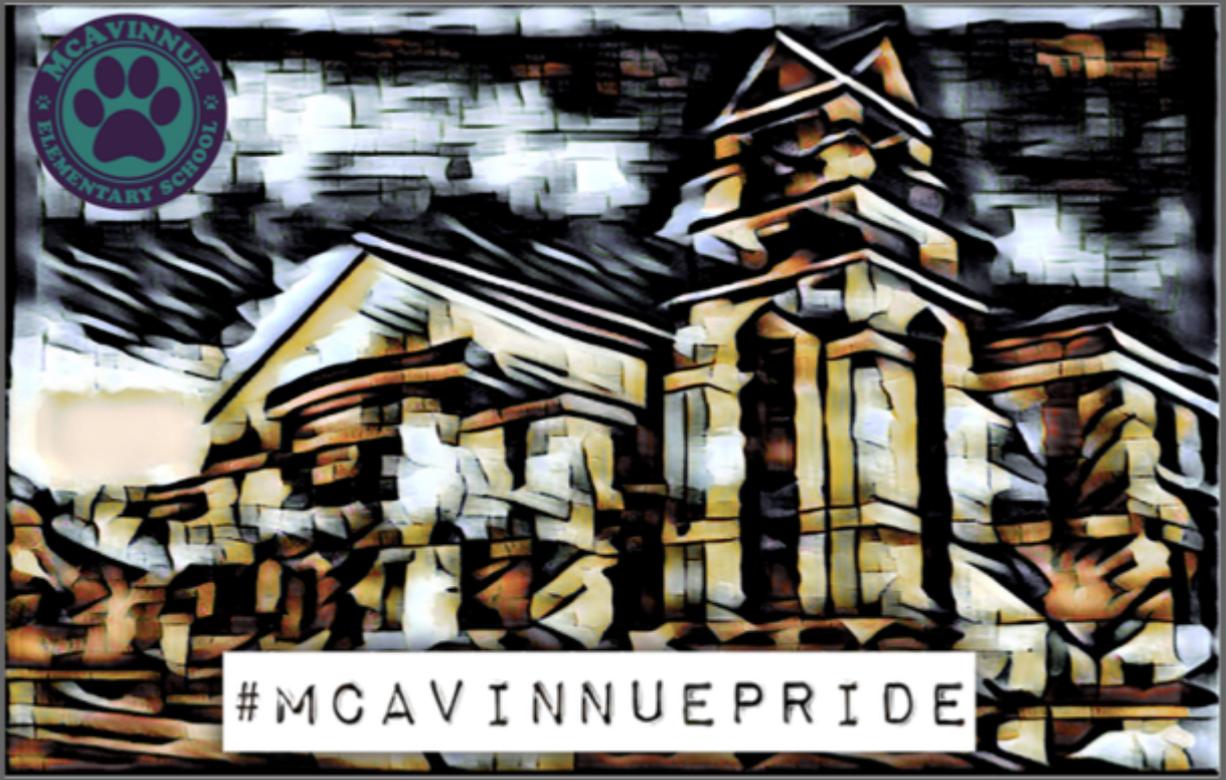
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