

The Lion's Roar

McAvinnue's Community Newsletter: Week Of May 9th



MCAVINNUE'S PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

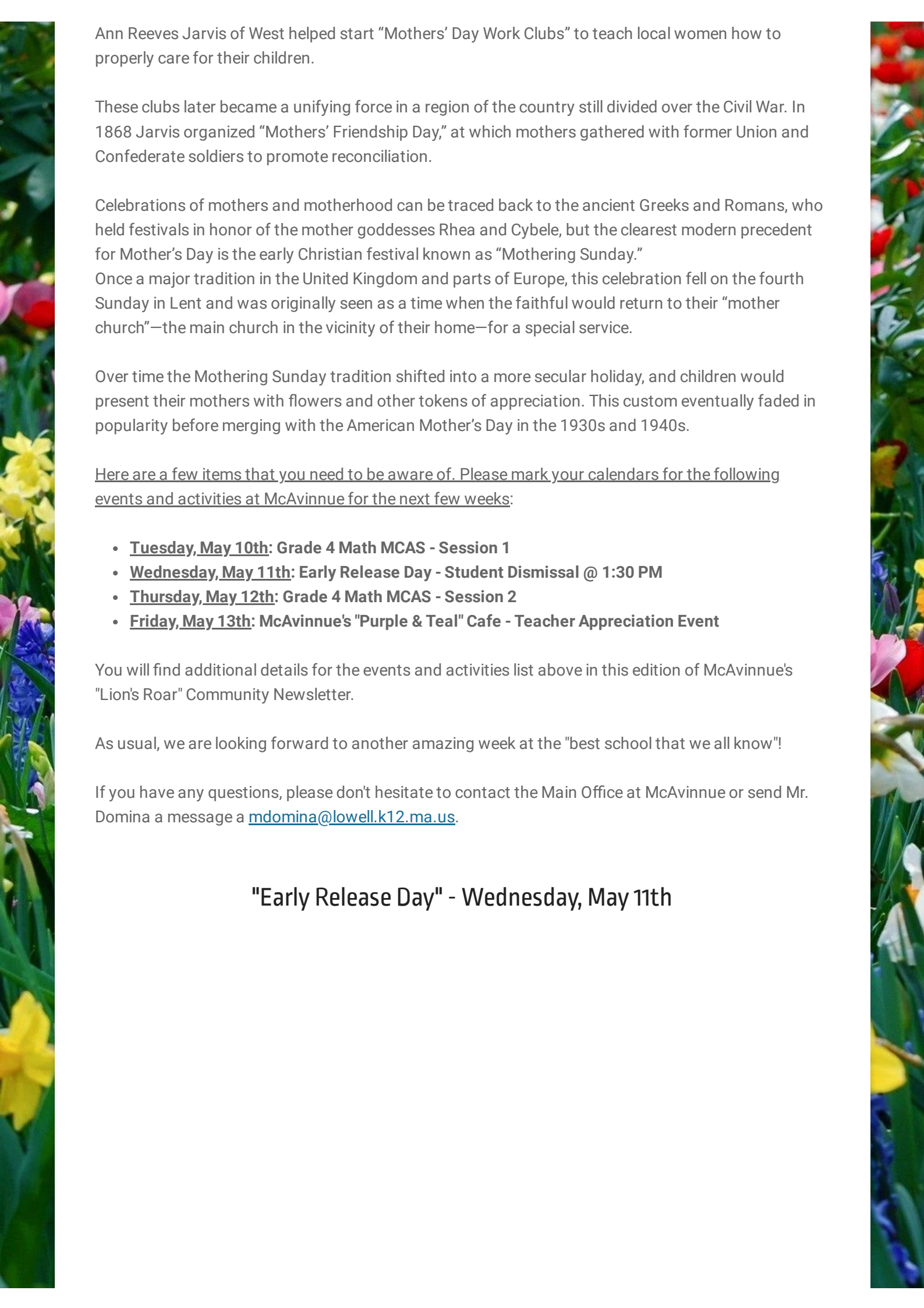
Hello McAvinnue Community...and Happy Mother's Day!

First, I wanted to wish all of the mother's in the McAvinnue community a very happy and special Mother's Day! Today is your day....take it easy and put you feet up and enjoy this day that is all about you!



Here is a brief history of Mother's Day and how it all came about...some interest information for sure!

Mother's Day is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world. In the United States, Mother's Day 2021 will occur on Sunday, May 9th. The origins of Mother's Day as celebrated in the United States date back to the 19th century. In the years before the Civil War,



Ann Reeves Jarvis of West helped start “Mothers’ Day Work Clubs” to teach local women how to properly care for their children.

These clubs later became a unifying force in a region of the country still divided over the Civil War. In 1868 Jarvis organized “Mothers’ Friendship Day,” at which mothers gathered with former Union and Confederate soldiers to promote reconciliation.

Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother’s Day is the early Christian festival known as “Mothering Sunday.”

Once a major tradition in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe, this celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their “mother church”—the main church in the vicinity of their home—for a special service.

Over time the Mothering Sunday tradition shifted into a more secular holiday, and children would present their mothers with flowers and other tokens of appreciation. This custom eventually faded in popularity before merging with the American Mother’s Day in the 1930s and 1940s.

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

- **Tuesday, May 10th: Grade 4 Math MCAS - Session 1**
- **Wednesday, May 11th: Early Release Day - Student Dismissal @ 1:30 PM**
- **Thursday, May 12th: Grade 4 Math MCAS - Session 2**
- **Friday, May 13th: McAvinnue's "Purple & Teal" Cafe - Teacher Appreciation Event**

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, May 11th

Early Release Day



Wednesday, May 11, 2022
Student Dismissal @ 1:30 PM

#McAvinnuePride

There will be a district-wide "Early Release Day" on Wednesday, May 11th for all schools in Lowell.

PreK students in Ms. Annie's AM and PM classes will not have school on this day. McAvinnue's 21st Century "Before School" Program will still be in session. However, McAvinnue's 21st Century "After School" Program will not occur.

McAvinnue will dismiss students at 1:30 PM on this day. Please make the necessary arrangements to be available for your child.

McAvinnue's "International Night"

Thursday, May 26th @ 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



INTERNATIONAL NIGHT! THIS EVENT IS FREE!



McAvinnue celebrates our students' cultures
with a fun fiesta for all our families!



Thursday, May 26th 5:00-7:00 pm

Delicious Food Photo Booth Book Fair



1 ticket 50c
3 tickets \$1.00



*Get a free gift
for visiting the book fair

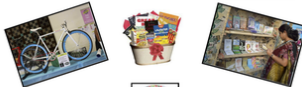
RAFFLE FOR 4 BIKES & SUMMER FUN BASKET...



McAvinnue celebra la cultura de nuestros
estudiantes con una divertida fiesta para
nuestras familias!

Jueves, 26 de Mayo 5:00-7:00 pm

Platos deliciosos... Fotos Divertidas... Feria del Libro



1 boleto 50c
3 boletos \$1.00



*Obten un regalo por
visitar la Feria del Libro

RIFA DE 4 BICICLETAS & 1 CANASTA DE VERANO...

McAvinnue celebra as culturas de nossos
alunos com uma festa divertida para todos
os nossos familias!

Quinta-feira, 26 de maio, das 17h às 19

Comida deliciosa...Cabine de fotos... Feira do Livro



1 bilhete 50c
3 bilhetes \$1.00



*Ganhe um presente por
visitar a Feira do Livro

SORTEIO DE 4 BICICLETAS E 1 CESTA DE VERÃO...

McAvinnue anasherehekea utamaduni
wa wanafunzi wetu kwa karamu ya
kufurahisha kwa familia zetu!

Alhamisi, Mei 26 5:00-7:00 jioni

Chakula kitamu... Kibanda cha picha... Kitabu Fair



TKITI 1 50C
TKITI 3 \$1.00



*PATA ZAWADI TEMBELEA
MAONYESHO YA VITABU

RAFFLE YA BAIKIBU 4 NA KIKAPU | CHA MAITIZA YA JOTO...

McAvinnue's "International Night" Returns!

Mark your calendars...McAvinnue will be hosting "International Night" on Thursday, May 26th from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM at the school.



This event will be a "potluck" style food sharing opportunity. We would like everyone that attends this event to bring their favorite dish that best represents your family's heritage to share with others!

If you are interested in bringing an international food dish, you can reach out to your child's teacher, the school directly, or return the flyer when it is sent home with your child! Check out the flyer below in multiple languages!

Looking forward to another amazing event at McAvinnue!




CHEFS NEEDED



McAvinnue's *INTERNATIONAL NIGHT*

Thursday, May 26th from 5:00-7:00 pm

McAvinnue celebrates our students' heritage with a fiesta  for all of our families. We invite our parents to bring a typical dish to share with our school community.



Yes, I would love to contribute with our family's favorite dish!

Student Name _____ Room _____

DISH _____ Country _____



NOCHE INTERNACIONAL EN LA MCAVINNUE
Jueves, 26 de mayo de 5:00-7:00 pm

La McAvinnue celebra todas las culturas de nuestros estudiantes con una fiesta para las familias.

Invitamos a los padres a traer un plato típico de su país de origen para compartir con todos.

¡Sí, me encantaría contribuir con uno de nuestros platos favoritos!

Nombre del Estudiante _____ Salón _____
 Nombre del Plato _____ País _____

NECESSIDADE DE COZINHEIROS

Quinta-feira, 26 de maio, das 17h às 19

McAvinnue celebra as culturas de nossos alunos com uma festa divertida para todos os nossos familias!

Sim, eu adoraria contribuir com o prato favorito da nossa familia!

Nome do estudante _____ Sala de aula _____
 PRATO _____ País _____

Tunahitaji wapishi!

Alhamisi, Mei 26, kutoka 5pm hadi 7pm

McAvinnue anasherehekea tamaduni za wanafunzi wetu kwa karamu ya kufurahisha kwa familia zetu zote!

Ndiyo, ningependa kuchangia sahani inayopendwa na familia yetu!

Jina la mwanafunzi _____ Durasa _____
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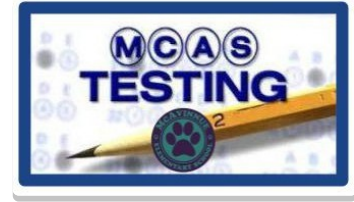


Here are important dates to remember during the month of May and June:

- **Tuesday, May 10th:** Grade 4 Math MCAS - Session 1
- **Wednesday, May 11th:** Early Release Day - Student Dismissal @ 1:30 PM
- **Thursday, May 12th:** Grade 4 Math MCAS - Session 2
- **Monday, May 16th - Tuesday, May 17th:** Dentist @ McAvinnue
- **Tuesday, May 17th:** Grade 2 Field Trip - Stone Zoo
- **Thursday, May 19th:** Kindergarten Field Trip - Stone Zoo
- **Thursday, May 26th:** McAvinnue's International Night @ 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- **Monday, May 30th:** Memorial Day - No School
- **Friday, June 3rd:** McAvinnue's "Paw"tastic Field Day
- **Monday, June 6th:** Grade 4 Visits The Wang Middle School @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- **Friday, June 17th:** Grade 4 "Move Up" Graduation Ceremony
- **Monday, June 20th:** Juneteenth Day - No School
- **Tuesday, June 21st:** Last Day Of School - Early Dismissal

2022 MCAS Testing Dates: Grade 4

We will finish McAvinnue's MCAS testing this up and coming week. Please see the dates below for Grade 4.



Math

- Grade 4 Math - May 10th (Session 1); May 12th (Session 2)
- Grade 4 Math Make Up Sessions - May 13th

It's important that ALL of our students attend on the days that their grade level is testing. Being rested, on time, and fully prepared is essential for students to "show what they know" and do their very best!

If you have any questions, please reach out directly to your child's teacher for additional information.

McAvinnue's Summer Program Registration is NOW OPEN!



McAvinnue will be offering a comprehensive Summer Program for our students that is FREE of charge. Students will experience hands-on learning opportunities as well as some additional work that focuses on academics.

The program will occur on July 5th - July 29th at McAvinnue. The program will begin at 9:10 AM - 12:40 PM from Monday - Friday.

The program will serve students that are entering Grades 1 - 4 as well as those students that are exiting Grade 4 and set to begin Grade 5 during the 2022-2023 academic school year.

You can register using the link below or the QR scan code in the picture below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVqs01JXEKmtjY31jZdxUk8DI2S5Z8CPDQosXu2MFf5wRlCg/viewform>

If you have any questions, please contact the Summer Program Coordinator, Mrs. Evans, at revans@lowell.k12.ma.us.

McAVINNUE SUMMER

PROGRAM

July 5th-July 29 **Mon-Fri**
9:10-12:40

Students will experience hands-on learning opportunities as well as important academics..

The program is free of charge includes breakfast each morning and lunch each afternoon.

Students entering Grades 1 - 4, as well as exiting Grade 4 students, are welcome to register.



Scan the QR or use the link below to register.

<https://tinyurl.com/3yaw5kbf>

Questions/? Contact Rebecca Evans
revans@lowell.k12.ma.us



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
September	19
October	20
November	18
December	17
January	20
February	15
March	23
April	14
May	22
June	11

LPS Connector Newsletter: April Edition

Here is the April edition of the LPS Connector Smore Newsletter!

You can see a recap of all of the events and news across the district for the month of April.

Click the link below to access the newsletter.

<https://www.smores.com/0w1tm>



"At Home" COVID-19 Testing Distribution

We will distributed the next round of "At Home" COVID-19 tests to those students and faculty that have provided the needed consent to participate in this program on **Thursday, May 19th**.

It is recommended by the district that you test your child on the following days using both tests found in the kit:



- Sunday, May 22nd
- Sunday, May 29th

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

[Click For Video Instructions For iHealth Tests](#)

[Click For iHealth Instructions In Multiple Languages](#)

Fill Out This Form To Opt Into The New Testing Program



Lowell School District: COVID Testing Opt-in Form

A copy of this form will be sent to this email address.

Se enviará una copia de este formulario a esta dirección de correo electrónico.

Uma cópia deste formulário será enviada para este endereço de e-mail.



Lowell School District - Positive Test Result Notification

A copy of this form will be sent to this email address.

Se enviará una copia de este formulario a esta dirección de correo electrónico.

Uma cópia deste formulário será enviada para este endereço de e-mail.



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McAvinnue's "Virtual" Morning Announcements



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 using the link below.

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

McAvinnue's Morning Announcements 5.4.2022



May Breakfast & Lunch Menu



May 2022 Elementary School Breakfast Menu



2 Assorted Cereal Bars and Graham Crackers Served with Juice, Apple, and Milk	3 Benefit Bar Served with Orange, and Milk	4 Nature Valley Oatmeal Round Served with Juice, Pear and Milk	5 Chocolate Muffin with Yogurt Served with Banana and Milk	6 Nutrigrain Bar and Animal Cracker Served with Apple and Milk
9 Bagel with Cream Cheese Served with Juice, Apple, and Milk	10 Banana Muffin with Yogurt Served with Orange, and Milk	11 Benefit Bar Served with Juice, Pear and Milk	12 Pumpkin Bread Served with Banana and Milk	13 Assorted Cereal Bars and Animal Crackers Served with Apple and Milk
16 Benefit Bar Served with Juice, Apple, and Milk	17 Assorted Cereal with Graham Cracker Served with Orange, and Milk	18 Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Bar Served with Juice, Pear and Milk	19 Bagel with Cream Cheese Served with Banana and Milk	20 Nutrigrain Bar and Animal Cracker Served with Apple and Milk
23 Chocolate Muffin with Yogurt Served with Orange, and Milk	24 Nutrigrain Bar and Graham Cracker Served with Orange, and Milk	25 Benefit Bar Served with Juice, Pear and Milk	26 Strawberry Cream Cheese Mini Bagel Served with Banana and Milk	27 Assorted Cereal Bars and Animal Crackers Served with Banana and Milk
30 Nature Valley Oatmeal Round Served with Juice, Apple and Milk	31 Assorted Cereal w/ Graham Cracker Served with Orange, and Milk	1 Cereal Bar and Cheese Stick Served with Juice, Pear and Milk	2 Apple Cinnamon Muffin Yogurt Served with Banana and Milk	3 Bagel with Cream Cheese Served with Apple and Milk

Check out <https://lowellk12ma.nutrislice.com/> for Menu's, Nutrition Education & Monthly Promotions!
Questions or concerns please contact foodservices@lowell.k12.ma.us

All Breakfast items are whole grain.
Offered Daily: 1 % and Skim Milk and Fresh Fruit
All Breakfast is provided free for all students.
Menu is subject to change.

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MAY 2022 ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU

Breakfast and Lunch is Free for all Students!
Our menu consists of Whole Grains, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables.
Students must take a fruit and/or vegetable with each lunch.
All Meals served with milk.
Sunbutter and Jelly and Vegetarian Meals served daily.

In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age. Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-4763 or (800) 845-4136. (Circular 8624) USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Penne Chicken Alfredo with Broccoli -Chicken Ranch Salad with Flat Bread LG -Ham and Cheese Sandwich -Broccoli and Carrots -Apple and Pears -Crispy Chicken Sandwich -Greek Salad with Chicken and Flat Bread LG -Tuna Salad Sandwich on a Bulkie Roll -Maple Carrots and Green Beans -Apple and Pears -Chicken and Wafer Sandwich with Maple Syrup -Mediterranean Hummus Salad with Flat Bread LG -Italian Sub -Maple Carrots and Tater Tots -Apples and Bananas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Chicken Nachos -Pizza Puffer -Chicken Caesar Wrap -Kidkin Beans and Corn -Clementines and Apples -Beef Tacos -Pretzel Power Pack V -Limited Time Offer: Banh Mi Sandwich -Kidkin Beans and Side Salad -Apples and Apples -Beef Fajita Bowl -Bagel Power Pack V -Chicken Shawarma Wrap -Kidkin Beans and Side Salad -Oranges and Strawberries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Loaded Baked Potato and Dinner Roll -Chef Salad with Flat Bread LG V -Ham and Cheese Sandwich -Cucumbers and Carrots -Bananas and Apples -Country Popen Chicken Bowl with Dinner Roll -Mediterranean Hummus Salad with Flat Bread LG V -Tuna Salad Sandwich on a Bulkie Roll -Cucumbers and Carrots -Bananas and Apples -HOT! Crispy Fish and Chips with Tartar Sauce -Chef Salad with Flat Bread LG -Italian Sub -Cucumbers and Carrots -Bananas and Apples -General Toss Chicken and Brown Rice with Broccoli -Chef Salad with Flat Bread LG -Turkey and Cheese Sandwich -Broccoli and Carrots -Bananas and Apples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Chipotle BBQ Chicken Flatbread -Pizza Puffer -Chicken Caesar Wrap -Side Salad and Broccoli -Pears and Fresh Fruit Cups -Amor con Pato -Pretzel Power Pack V -Santa Fe Turkey Wrap -Side Salad and Broccoli -Pears and Fresh Fruit Cups -Chili Popen Chicken -Lo Mein -Bagel Power Pack V -Chicken Shawarma Wrap -Red Peppers and Broccoli -Strawberries and Fresh Fruit Cup -Tasting History Fajitas -Hummus Puffer V -Honey Mustard Chicken Wrap -Kidkin Beans and Broccoli -Pears and Fresh Fruit Cup -Cheesburger -Yogurt and Fruit Power Pack V -Greek Chicken Wrap -Corn and Broccoli -Pears and Fresh Fruit Cups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cheese Pizza -BBQ Chicken Pizza -Chicken Ranch Salad with Flat Bread LG -Ham and Cheese Sandwich -Red Pepper Strips and Side Salad -Apples and Strawberries -Cheese Pizza -Bacon Pizza -Mediterranean Hummus Salad with Flat Bread LG V -Tuna Salad Sandwich on a Bulkie Roll -Red Pepper Strips and Side Salad -Apples and Bananas -Cheese Pizza -Pepperoni Pizza -Chef Salad with Flat Bread LG -Italian Sub -Carrots and Side Salad -Apples and Bananas -Cheese Pizza -Buffalo Chicken -Chicken Caesar Salad with Flat Bread LG -Turkey and Cheese Sandwich -Red Pepper Strips and Side Salad -Apples and Bananas -Cheese Pizza -Loaded Baked Potato Pizza -Thai Chik Chicken Salad with Flat Bread LG -Chicken Sandwich on a Bulkie Roll -Red Pepper Strips and Side Salad -Apples and Bananas
<p>MEMORIAL DAY NO SCHOOL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Spaghetti Chicken with Brown Rice -Yogurt and Fruit Power Pack V -Greek Chicken Wrap -Green Beans and Side Salad -Oranges and Apples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Beef Tacos -Chicken Ranch Salad with Flat Bread LG -Chicken Salad Sandwich on a Bulkie Roll -Kidkin Beans and Carrots -Bananas and Apples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -2 -3

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. McAvinue School



Emergency Form 2021-2022

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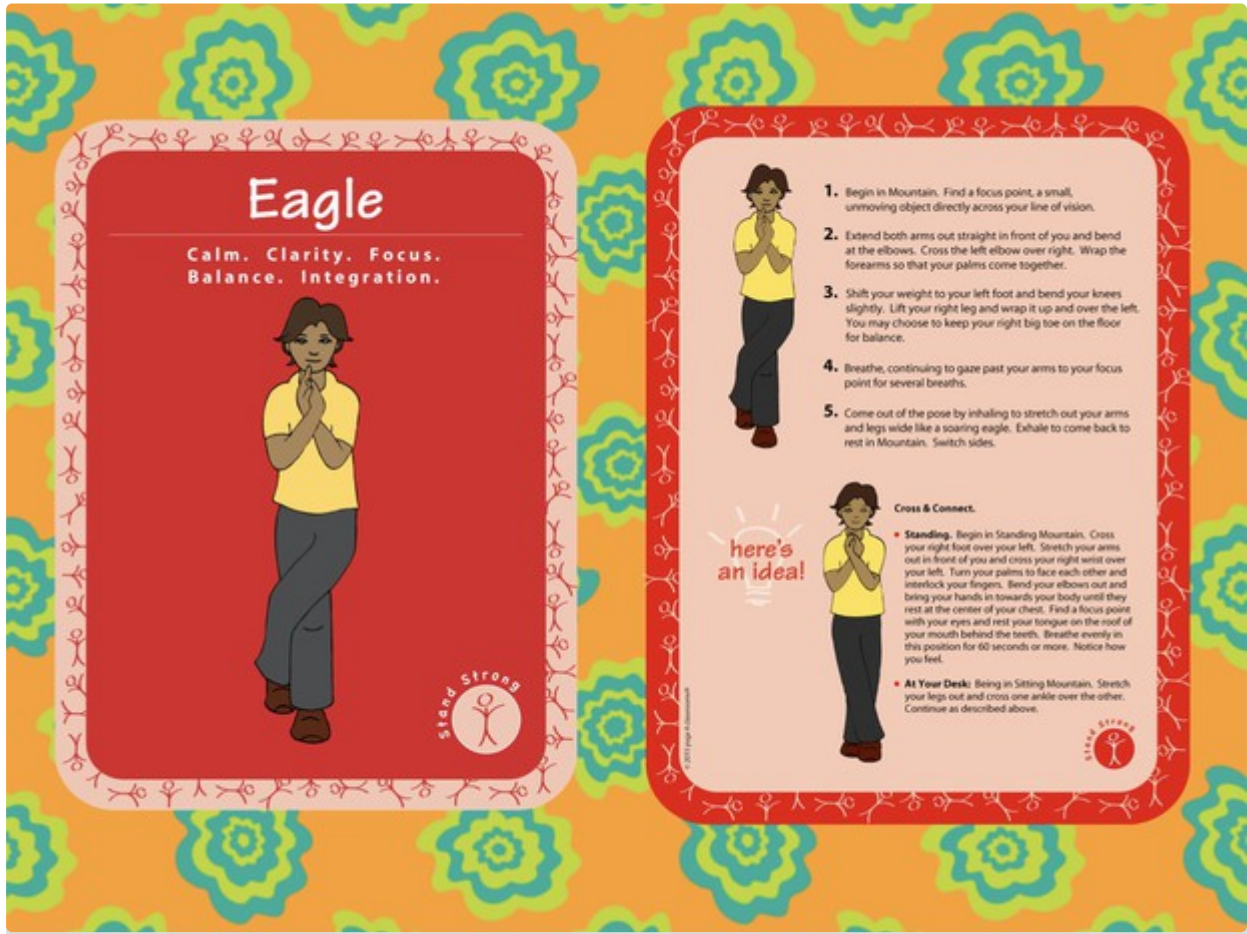
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You can get an early head start and practice this technique before we launch into another exciting week!



McAvinnue's Week In Review



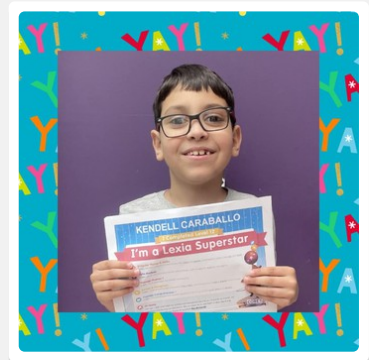
"Great News In Room 308"!

Ayaan was nominated for Room 308's first "Student Of The Week" award! These are some of the things they had to say about him! So amazing!



McAvinnue's "Artist Of The Week"

Congratulations to Davina in Room 205 for earning "Artist of the Week"! Excellent work Davina!



More Good News from the Lexia Lab!!

Kendell in Room 109 has completed all of the units for Grade 2! That's 239 units, taking Kendell 1575 minutes to complete...Roughly 26 hours of hard work! Amazing Job!



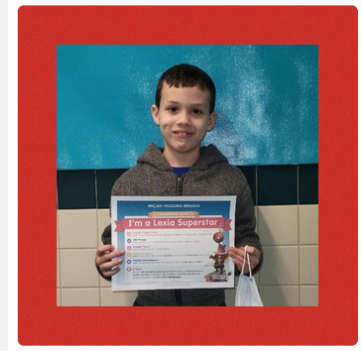
"May The 4th Be With You!"

Grade 1 students in Room 203 celebrated May 4th with a really cool lightsaber design activity with a "May The 4th Be With You" twist! Really cool activity and they had a ton of fun!



"Fun With The Boston Bruins!"

Our Grade 4 students had a chance to have some fun with the Boston Bruins on Thursday afternoon! Here are some photos from the Boston Bruins "Virtual STEM Day" with former hockey player, Andrew Raycroft. The students had a blast!



"Good News From The Lexia Lab!"

They're coming fast and furious in the Lexia Lab! In Room 104, Micah recently finished all of the units for Grade 2! That's 239 units, taking 1367 minutes to complete. He's been hard at work on this goal since October! Congratulations to Micha for not giving up!



"Gym Fun!"

More fun and excitement during Physical Education class!



McAvinnue's "Artist Of The Week"

Jacob from Room 310 is McAvinnue's "Artist Of The Week"! Excellent use of craftsmanship, creating a simple design for his "Unique Flag" project, including symbols for family traditions! He also worked diligently during "Free Fun Art Friday" to complete a drawing he wanted to share!



"Butterfly Time!"

PreK kiddos in Room 212 are so excited for their caterpillars to turn into butterflies! So exciting!

“Spring Time Vibes” at McAvinnue!



McAvinnue's ST Math Weekly Shoutout!

This week's focus for our ST Math celebration focuses on the top 8 classrooms that increased the average number of puzzles. Congratulations to everyone for all of their efforts and daily commitments to ST Math!

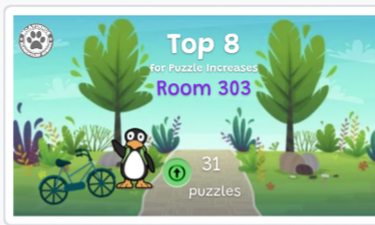
We have also completed 741, 958 total puzzles this school year. Let's see if we can reach the 1 million mark by the end of the school year! Now that would be an amazing accomplishment!



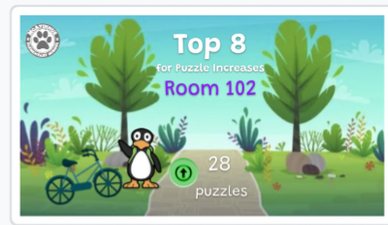
Our ST Math "Hall Of Fame" 100%ers bulletin board in the Main Office continues to grow! Check out all of the students who have made the Hall Of Fame when you are in the Main Office!



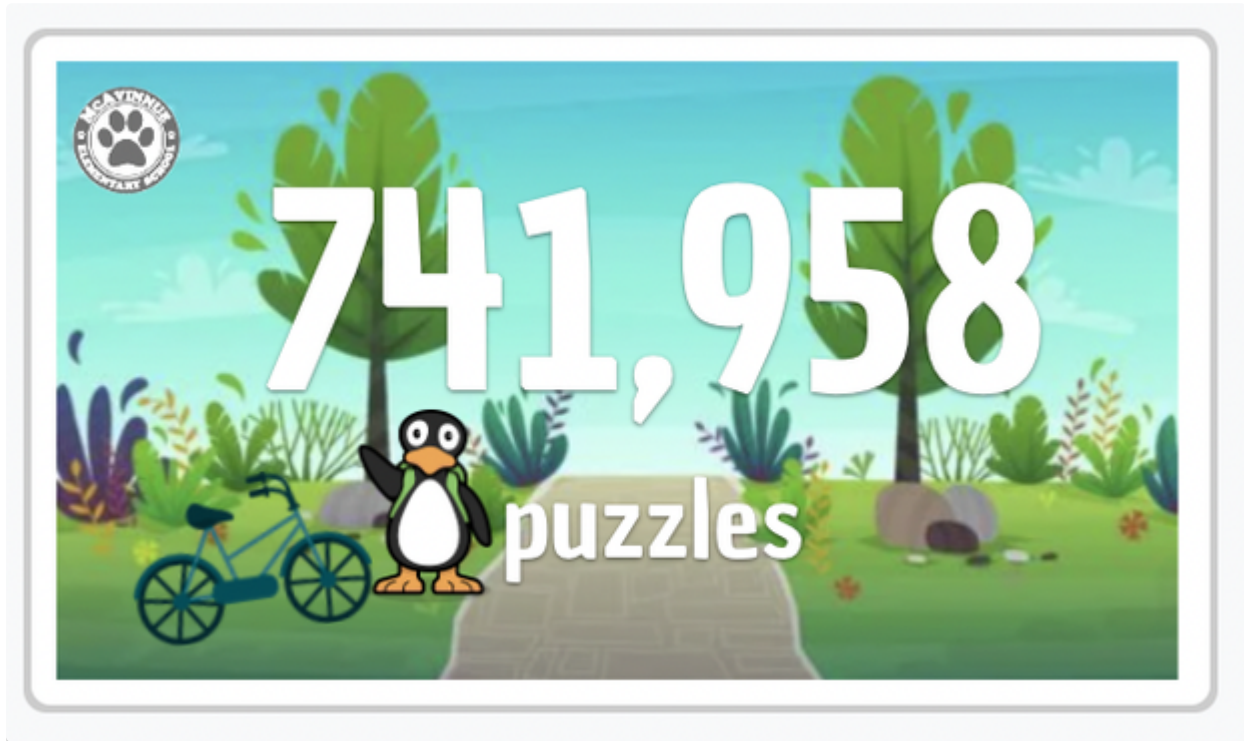
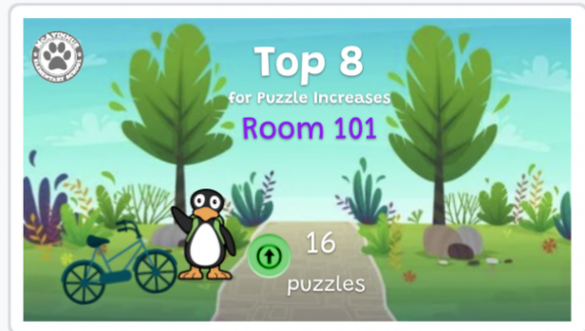
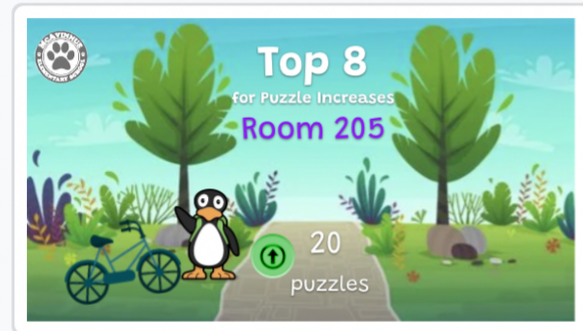
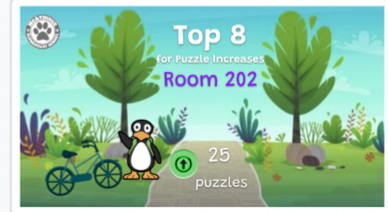
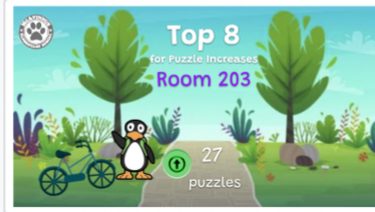
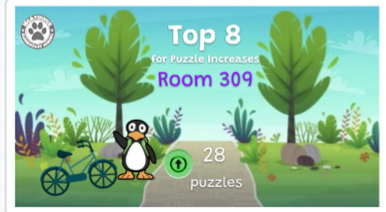
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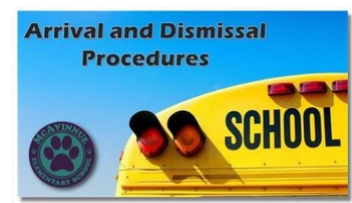
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Drop-Off & Pick-Up Logistics

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.

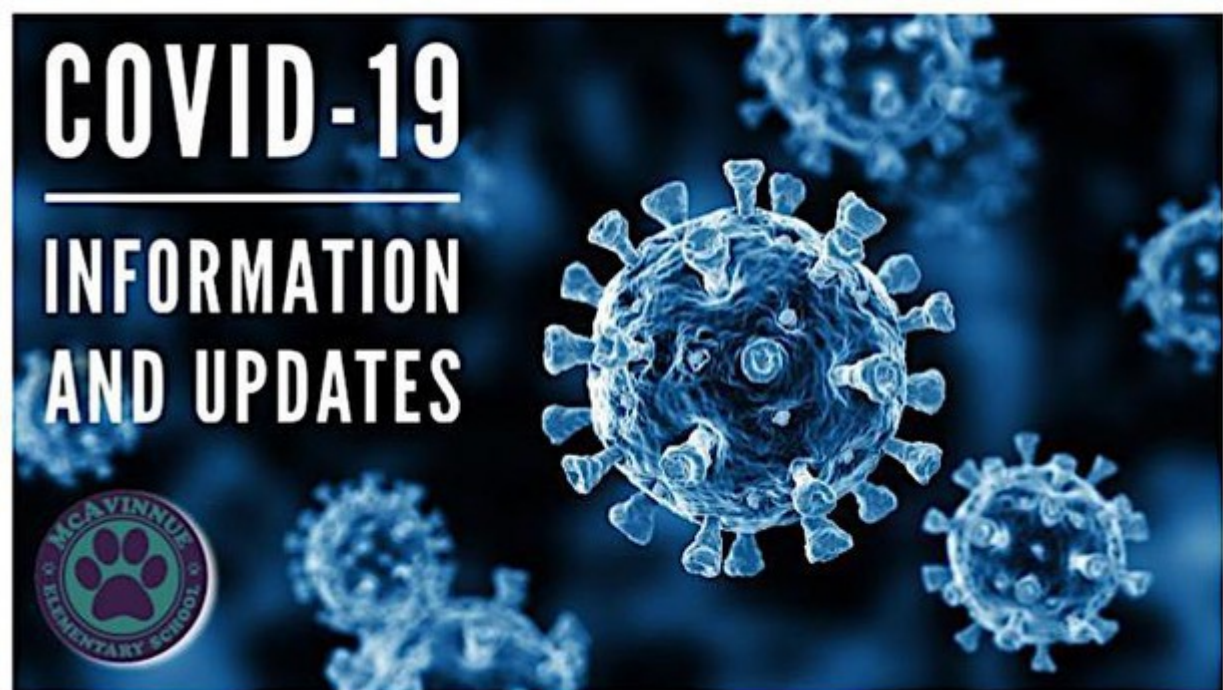
Morning Lining Up Locations

- 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.

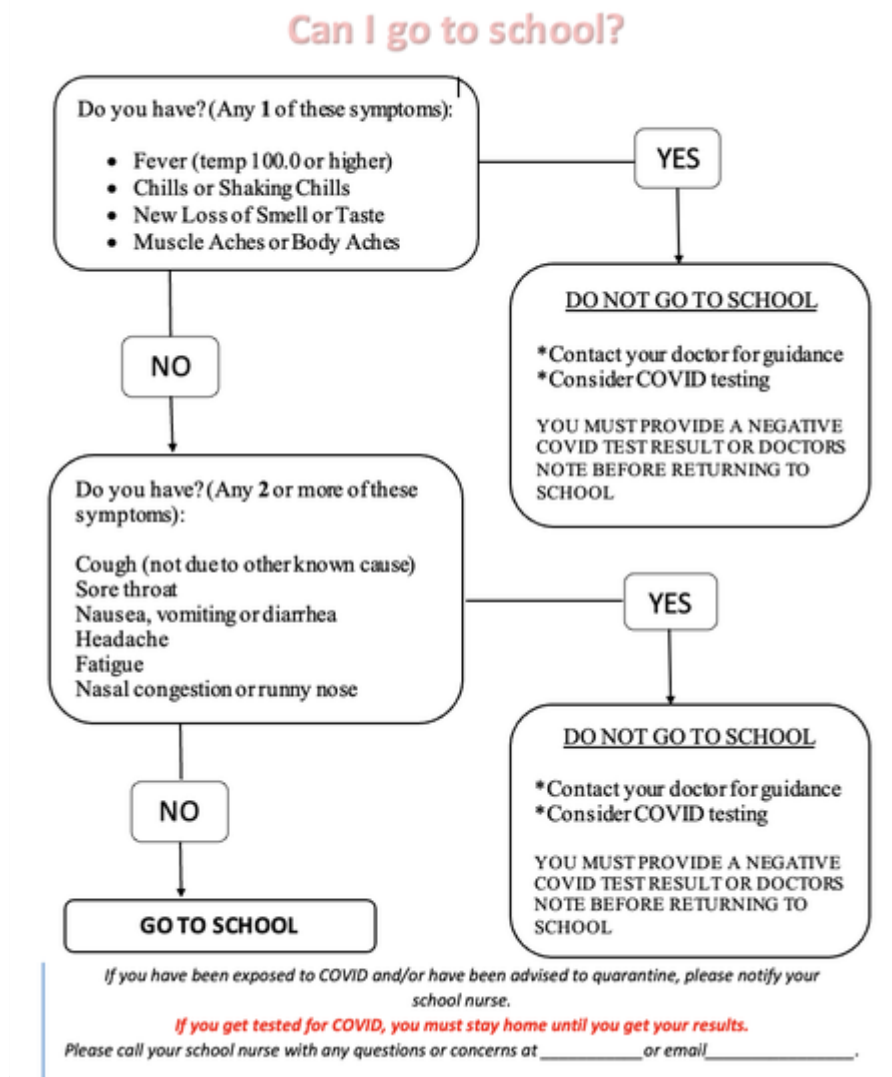
Updated COVID-19 Information



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.

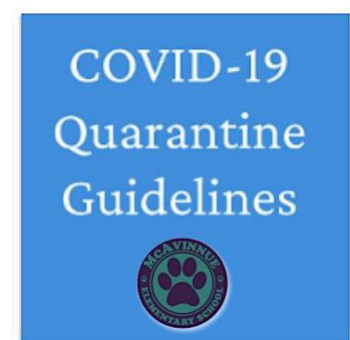


Updated COVID-19 Quarantine Guidelines for Families

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:

- We are no longer engaging in identifying "close contacts" within the school setting.
- Students 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.**

Please let Nurse Robin or I know if you have any questions about the new protocols. You can access the an easy to read visual below and also download the PDF version using the attachment below.

Lowell Public Schools COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation Procedures
*Definitions of key terms are below the chart. Please refer to mass.gov covid for further information.

	I have been exposed* to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. I have no symptoms, and I am up-to-date* on COVID-19 vaccines.	I have been exposed* to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. I do not have symptoms, but I am not up-to-date* on COVID-19 vaccines.	I have symptoms of COVID-19.	I tested positive for COVID-19, but I do not have symptoms.	I tested positive for COVID-19, and I have symptoms.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I do not need to quarantine*. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I need to quarantine* for 5 days after the last exposure. Day one is the day after I was exposed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I need to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Isolate* for 5 days OR ◦ Have a negative PCR w/impoverished symptoms and been free 24 hours without medication OR ◦ Have an alternative diagnosis from MD with clearance to return. Day one is the day after symptoms began. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I need to isolate* for 5 days. Day one is the day after I tested positive. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I need to isolate* for 5 days. Day one is the day after I developed symptoms.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's recommended for me to test for COVID-19 3 days after I was exposed. • If I develop symptoms, I should isolate*, call my medical provider, and refer to "I have symptoms of COVID-19" column. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I need to watch for symptoms of COVID-19 for up to 10 days. • It's recommended for me to test for COVID-19 3 days after I was exposed and/or if I develop symptoms. • If I develop symptoms, I should isolate*, call my medical provider, and refer to "I have symptoms of COVID-19" column. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I should call my medical provider for further advice. • To end isolation* I need to complete 5 days of isolation, or have a negative PCR, or an alternative diagnosis from my doctor. Any of these scenarios require me to have improved symptoms and be fever-free at least 24 hours (without fever-reducing medication). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If I develop symptoms, I should call my medical provider, and to end isolation I must be fever-free for at least 24 hours (without fever-reducing medications), and symptoms improve. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To end isolation* after 5 days, I need to be fever-free (off fever-reducing medications) for at least 24 hours with other symptoms improving.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks are required at all times indoors during the school day (except when actively eating). • It is recommended I wear a mask for 30 days for after-school activities (such as athletics). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks are required at all times indoors during the school day (except when actively eating). • It is required that I wear a mask for 30 days for after-school activities (such as athletics). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks are required at all times indoors during the school day (except when actively eating). • It is required that I wear a mask for 30 days for after-school activities (such as athletics). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks are required at all times indoors during the school day (except when actively eating). • It is required that I wear a mask for 30 days for after-school activities (such as athletics). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks are required at all times indoors during the school day (except when actively eating). • It is required that I wear a mask for 30 days for after-school activities (such as athletics).

Definitions:
Isolation: For people who are sick or who have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.
Quarantine: For people who have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus and are at risk for developing an infection.
Exposure: An exposure is defined as a contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
Household contact: Any person who lives or sleeps in the same indoor shared space as another person diagnosed with COVID-19 (either a temporary or permanent living arrangement) leading to exposure to the person with COVID-19.
"Up to date" on vaccines: A person is "up to date" on COVID-19 vaccination when they have completed a primary COVID-19 vaccine series (the single-dose J&J Janssen vaccine, or a 2-dose series of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine + 14 days).

Updated 1/18/2022



COVID-19 Quarantining Procedures 1.19.22 (1).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



Camp Invention @ The Wang Middle School

Looking for some Summer camp programming for your current Grade 4 child?

The Wang Middle School is offering an amazing opportunity called "Camp Invention". Check out the flyer below and use the link to access the online registration and other important details about the

<https://invent-web.ungerboeck.com/programsearch/moreinfo.aspx?event=38457>

Still 40 seats left and the camp to FREE of charge for those current Grade 4 students that may be interested. The camp will occur from July 11th - July 15th.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Stahl, Wang Middle School Principal, directly at mstahl@lowell.k12.ma.us



SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Camp Invention® is for children entering grades 5th-6th.

Location: Dr. An Wang Middle School
365 W Meadow Rd, Lowell, MA 01854

Date: July 11 - 15, 2022

Time & Cost: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM | Free!

Camp Director: Matt Stahl | mstahl@lowell.k12.ma.us

Thanks to a generous donation from Nordson Corporation Foundation, this program is FREE to Lowell Public Schools children entering grades 5th-6th grade in Fall 2022 (current 4th and 5th graders). Spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Limited space - register today! Please contact Principal Matt Stahl for more information.

[REGISTER HERE!](#)



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.



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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 Fennell 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, May10th from 3:45 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

"The Night Before Mother's Day"

The Night Before Mother's Day Read Aloud



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>

<https://twitter.com/McAvinnueLPS>

Instagram:

<http://instagram.com/mcavinnueelementarylps>

YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7hxiBuRjgjqfASL_RLMleQ




Our Vision

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 @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

 131 Mammoth Road, Lowell, M...

 mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us

 (978) 937-2871

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