

THE LION'S ROAR

McAvinnue's Community Newsletter: Week Of January 29th

MCAVINNUE'S PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello McAvinnue Community!

I hope that you had a productive week and have some fun things planned for this weekend! There is some predicted weather heading our way on Sunday. I'm sure it will produce much of an impact in our area...but, you can never tell with how things work out in New England. Moving forward, it is important to stay in tune with the local weather each day. Here are some ways that you can receive information whether school is cancelled or if there is a delayed opening.



- 1. Watching the local news (Channels 4, 5, 7, 25 starting at 5:00 AM)
- 2. Phone call from the Lowell Public Schools (Typically between 5:00 AM 5:30 AM)
- 3. McAvinnue's Class Dojo School Feed (Posted between 5:00 AM 5:30 AM)
- 4. McAvinnue's social media outlets: Facebook; Instagram; Twitter (Posted between 5:00 AM 5:30 AM)

On another note, McAvinnue's current attendance rate is 94% (7th best in Lowell) and our chronic absent rate is 15.4% (6th best in Lowell). While these numbers are very solid for McAvinnue, we can still be better. As you are well aware, it is critical for our students to attend school daily. It is 100% fine to have your child come to school before or after an appointment. They do not need to miss a full day of school if they have a 1-hour appointment. However, please keep your child home if they if they have a fever. If they are not feeling 100% and do not have a fever, they can still attend

school. Nurse Danielle is available to check in with the child throughout the school day if needed. Let's see if we can get in the top 5 for school attendance rate and chronic attendance rate!

As always, we are looking forward to another productive, engaging, and fun week at the "best school that we all know"!

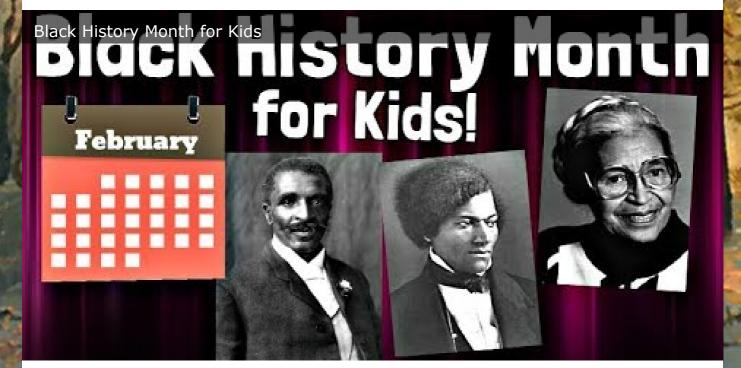
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach directly.

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 this upcoming week:

- Monday, January 29th McAvinnue Reopens @ 9:10 AM
- <u>Wednesday, January 31st</u> McAvinne's "Lions Pride" Core Value All School Celebration @ 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM
- Thursday, February 1st First Day Of Black History Month

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Main Office at McAvinnue or send Mr. Domina a message a <u>mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us</u>.

Black History Month: February 2024



McAvinnue's Week In Review



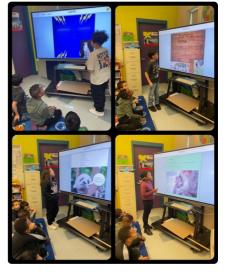
"Fitness Day" @ UMass Lowell

Grade 4 students enjoyed the UMass Lowell "Fitness Day" at the Tsongas Arena last week!



McAvinnue's "Artist of the Week"

McAvinnue's "Artist of the Week" is Kayriel in Room 104! Kayriel is creating the illusion of Form by using diagonal lines! He is adding details with lines and shapes to create a door, window, chimney, and bricks! It's looking great, keep it up!



"Non-Fiction" Book Fun! Grade 3 students in Room 304 began to share out the nonfiction books they recently created!



Lets Learn All About Erosion!

Grade 2 students in Room 104 spent some time during Science focusing on the properties of erosion. Check out the cool experiment that they were able to conduct!



McAvinnue's "Musician of the Week"

McAvinnue's "Musician of the Week" is Jacob in Room 301! Jacob is learning to read three different rhythms and how to show those rhythms using movement. He's a leader in his class by demonstrating safe movement, and he's always trying to help out his classmates. Good job Jacob!



Pollard Memorial Library Field Trip!

Sometimes the local field trips are the best field trips! Grade 3 students visited the Pollard Memorial Library in Lowell this past week and learned about all of the things they have to offer. Students were able to get their own library card to use for future visits!



Acrylic Maker Artists! Our students enjoyed some acrylic marker fun during McAvinnue's Before School Program! Check out the artistic ability of these students...simply amazing!



Crayola Creativity Week! Grade 3 students in Room 304 enjoyed "Crayola Creativity Week" this past week! Crayola designed this week to celebrate children's creativity and the joy it brings to teaching and learning any subject. Our students had a chance to learn from various artists, actors, authors, musicians, and even an Olympic athlete! So much fun!



Grade 3 Boston Museum Of Science Visit!

Grade 3 students had a blast at the Boston Museum Of Science last week! So much amazing interactive learning!

McAvinnue's "Morning Announcements"

McAvinnue's "Morning Announcements" are back for the 2023-2024 academic school year!

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.

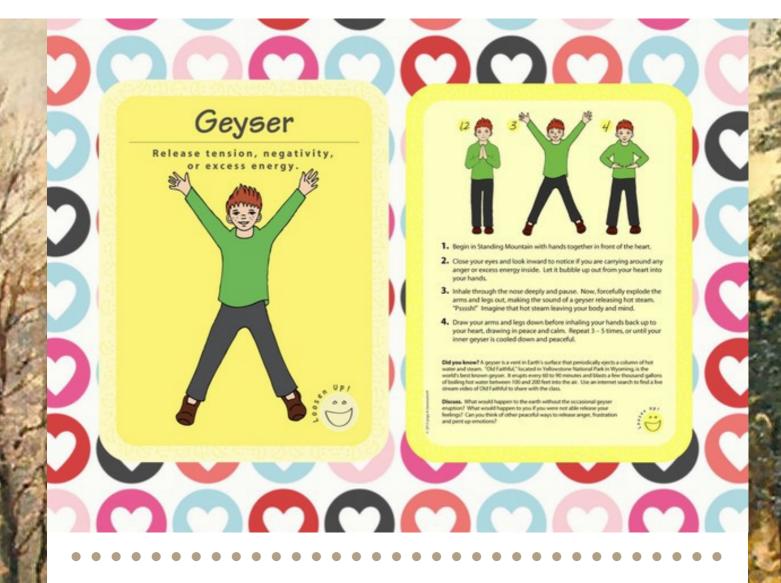


McAvinnue's Yoga Pose Of The Week: "Geyser"

We will practice a brand new pose called the "Geyser" for this up and coming week. This pose will allow us to release tension by decreasing negativity and excess energy that will allow us to be ready to take on the next challenge with a clear mind and focused body! We will practice the "Geyser" 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!



Allergies? Asthma? Medications? - Please Let Nurse Danielle Know!

If your students have any medical concerns or diagnosis, please make sure Nurse Danielle is aware. Also, if they have any medical conditions, for example allergies or asthma, that require medications such as Epipens or inhalers here at school, please remember she needs updated paperwork and medication yearly.



Please reach out as soon as possible to get her the necessary paperwork and to arrange drop off of new medications. Nurse Danielle's email address is <u>dralls@lowell.k12.ma.us</u> and she can also be reached by calling (978) 937-2871 ex. 47858. Our fax number is (978) 937-2880.

Nrop-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

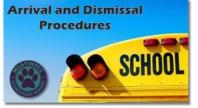


School bus transportation is provided to students in grades K-4, who live greater than .75 mile from their residence or alternate address to their assigned school. Middle school students (grades

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 23rd. You can also look up your student's bus pass information by using their Student ID for the username and date of birth for the password at the link below. This is the same information that students use to log in to their Chromebooks for school.

Please note that Kindergarten and 1st grader students **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

Tyler's Versatrans e-Link

Welcome to Lowell Public Schools eLink

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User Name= lunch code

Password= birthday mmddyyyy Example: August 31, 2009 08312009

Upcoming Events



Here are important dates to remember in the month of January and early February:

- Monday. January 29th McAvinnue Reopens @ 9:10 AM
- <u>Wednesday, January 31st</u> McAvinne's "Lions Pride" Core Value All School Celebration @ 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM
- Thursday, February 1st First Day Of Black History Month
- <u>Tuesday, February 6th</u> PreK & Kindergarten Information Session: Shaughnessy Elementary School @ 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Wednesday, February 7th LPS School Committee Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- <u>Thursday, February 8th</u> PreK & Kindergarten Information Session: Pawtucketville Elementary School @ 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Friday, February 9th McAvinnue's Night At Chuck E. Cheese @ 4:00 PM 10:00 PM
- Tuesday, February 13th McAvinue's School Site Council Meeting @ 6:00 PM 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, February 14th Progress Report Distribution (Grades 1 4)
- Friday, February 16th February Break Begins @ 3:30 PM
- Monday, February 19th Friday, February 23rd Winter Break: No School
- Monday, February 26th McAvinnue Reopens @ 9:10 AM

McAvinnue's Night At Chuck E. Cheese

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McAvinnue Elementary School

"McAvinnue's Night At Chuck E. Cheese" Friday, February 9, 2024

199 Plan Street, Lowell, MA - Plaza Next To Target

4:00 PN - Closing

Please join us on **Friday, February 9th from 4:00 PM - Closing** for McAvinnue's "Evening At Chuck E. Cheese" at 199 Plain Street in Lowell (next to the Target Plaza).

This will be a great time to come together and have some fun as a McAvinnue Community! There will be special deals that will save you money on game play and food purchases. You can use the coupon below to activate the savings.

We will send home a copy of the coupon with your child before the event. Please be on the lookout for this information on Class Dojo in the upcoming weeks. All of the money that is raised will go directly back to our students for various activities and events!

Make sure to take the time to come out for some fun! This is ALWAYS a great time!

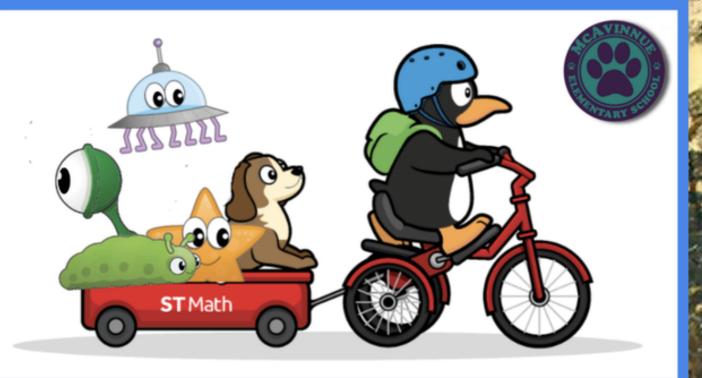
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ST Math Weekly Shout Out!



We had our midyear check in with Jasmine from ST Math on Friday...and she continues to be amazed at the progress that we are making and how hard our students are working on a daily bases.

Here's the weekly ST Math summary for McAvinnue! We had another successful week and continue to be the top school in Lowell with total puzzle completion and percent progress!

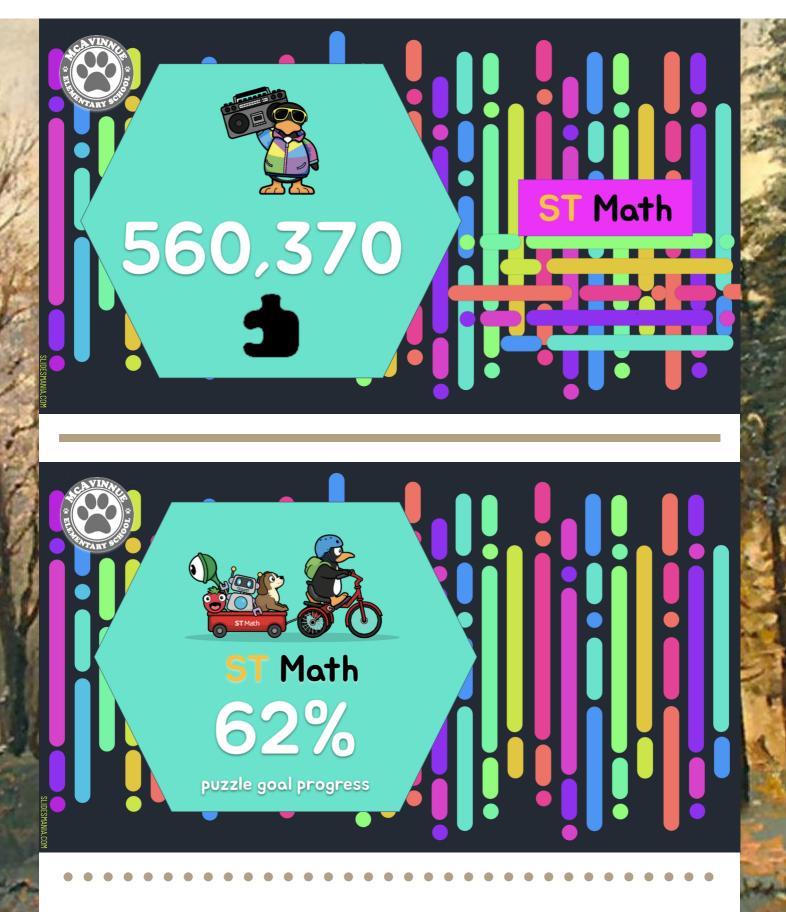
McAvinnue continues to crush the records of our previous playing years with ST Math!! Here's the total number of puzzles as of January 27th below. We are tens of thousands of puzzles ahead of last year.

As a school, our percent progress is 62%! McAvinnue consistently adds 2% - 3% to the percent progress total as each week passes.

The 2024 Winter Waddle Challenge from One8 Applied Learning and ST Math is wrapping up this week. McAvinnue will submit the final data detail by Tuesday. How many of our students will meet their puzzle goals??!! Email a prediction by 11 am on Monday and if the prediction is the closest without going over, a special treat will find its way to your class.

Our Winter Waddle is just getting started. Congratulations to our winners of week 1..Roms 307, 108, 207, 208, 109, and 211! Amazing work! Special JiJi stickers for the classes were delivered on Friday.

Thank you for turning in the snowballs for our cafeteria winterscape!



ST Math Progress Champions!



McAvinnue's ST Math Progress Champions





Freya Room 207



Maria Klara Room 307



Sebastian Room 304



lmran Room 204

Lexia Level Champions!

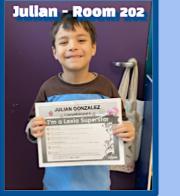
McAvinnue's Lexia Level Champions











2023-2024 School Year Calendar

Superintendent of Schools-Lowell Public Schools-Lowell, MA 2023-2024 School YearCalendar Staff Return to School for Staff Orientation Day First Day of School – Grades 1-12 No School Labor Day Recess Monday, August 28, 2023 Tuesday, August 29, 2023 Friday, September 1, 2023 No School - Labor Day Monday, September 4, 2023 * Tuesday, September 5, 2023 Monday, October 9, 2023 First Day of School – Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten No School – Indigenous Peoples' Day No School for Students -Election Day -Professional Day for Staff Tuesday, November 7, 2023 No School - Veterans' Day Observed Early Dismissal – Thanksgiving Recess Friday, November 10, 2023 * Wednesday, November 22, 2023 Thursday, November 23, 2023 • Friday, November 24, 2023 • No School - Thanksgiving Day No School - Thanksgiving Recess Monday, November 27, 2023 Schools Re-Open Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12 Wednesday, December 6, 2023 Winter Vacation Begins at the Close of Day Christmas Day Central Office and Family Resource Office Closed Friday, December 22, 2023 Monday, December 25, 2023* Tuesday, December 26, 2023* Sunday, December 31, 2023 New Year's Eve Monday, January 1, 2024* New Year's Day Tuesday, January 2, 2024 Schools Re-Op Schools Re-Open Wednesday: Early Release for grades PreK-12 No School – Martin Luther King, *It.* Day February Vacation Begins at the Close of School President's Day [School Schools Re-Open Monday – Schools Re-Open Wednesday, January 10, 2024 Monday, January 15, 2024 • Friday, February 16, 2024 Monday, February 19, 2024 * Monday, February 26, 2024 Wednesday, March 6, 2024 Wednesday - Early Release for grades PreK-12 No School – Good Friday Spring Vacation Begins at the Close of School Patriot's Day – [School Vacation: Monday, April 15 – Friday, April 19, 2024] Friday, March 29, 2024 • Friday, April 12, 2024 Monday, April 15, 2024 • Monday, April 22, 2024 Schools Re-Open No School - Memorial Day Monday, May 27, 2024 * Tuesday, June 11, 2024 180th School Day 185° School Day [Includes five (5) Snow Days] Tuesday, June 18, 2024 Wednesday, June 19, 2024 * Juneteenth ary 21 aary 16 h 20 17 22 7 aber 19 January Februa March October 21 November 18 December 16

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Parent & Family Resources

Student Handbook 2023-2024

The LPS Student Handbook is a great tool to use to fully understand the expectations of the role of our students as well as the partnership needed for our families to ensure that the school year is a great success.



You can access the district elementary student handbook by clicking the button below. You will find various policies and procedures focusing on attendance, grading, discipline, bus expectations, and more.

Please reach out directly if you have any questions.

Click Here To Access The Updated Student Handbook

McAvinnue's School Attendance Information

As you are aware, attending school is first step each in the learning process for our students. It is critical that our students arrive to school on time each day so that they can access all of the



engaging and meaning lessons that have been planned by our teachers and related service providers.

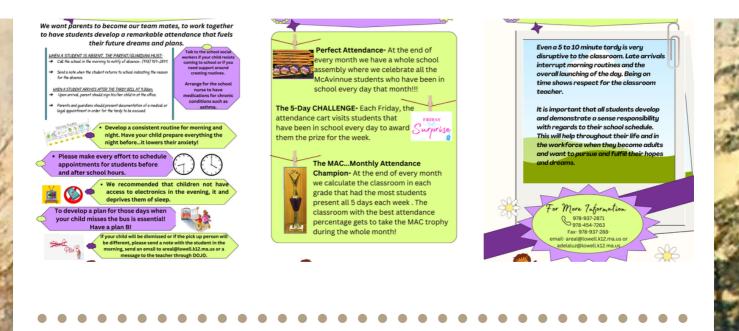
The McAvinnue Attendnace Team will monitor student attendance on a weekly basis and will reach our directly to families when they notice frequent absences, a pattern of absences, or an increased number of consecutive absences within a short period of time.

Please refer to McAvinnue's Student Attendance Booket below that will provide additional information. This booket will be sent home with students in multiple languages. It is important that you review this information for your own awareness and to be fully prepared to support your child with the first step of the learning process...attending school on time.









Breakfast and Lunch Will Be Free for All LPS Students

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



Please keep up to date on our program, nutrition education, monthly menus and back to school letters on the <u>LPS Food and Nutrition website</u>.

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



WHY EAT SCHOOL BREAKFAST + LUNCH?

Better	improved focus, behavior,
Productivity	& attendance rate.
Better Health	good for the brain & gives students the fuel to learn.
Better	one less thing to worry
Days	about & it's free!

Breakfast & Lunch Menu

PUBLIC SCHOOLS	1 No School	2 Bacon, Egg and Cheese Bagel Sandwich Apple Muffin Served with Oranges & Juice	3 Mixed Berry Yogurt Parfait Benefit Bar Served with Strawberries & Clementines	4 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Wake up Wrap UBR Round Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice	5 Cinnamon Roll Bagel with Cream Cheese Served with Apples & Bananas
Breaks O	8 Blueberry Breakfast Bread Assorted Cereal Bowl with Graham Crackers Served with Apples & Pears	9 French Toast Sticks Chocolate Chip Muffin Served with Oranges & Juice	10 Sausage, Egg, and Cheese Bagel Sandwich Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Betty Crocker Bar with Graham Cracker Served with Strawberries & Clementines	11 Chocolate Filled Crescent Nature Valley Breakfast Round Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice	12 Mini Cinnamon Creamy Cheese Bagels Mixed Berry Yogurt Parfait Served with Apples & Bananas
January	15 No School - MLK Day	16 National Bagel Day! Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Blueberry Bagel Plain Bagel with Assorted Cream Cheeses Served with Oranges & Juice	17 Powdered Sugar Donut Assorted Cereal Bar with Graham Cracker Served with Strawberries & Clementines	18 Bacon, Egg and Cheese on an English Muffin Oatmeal Raisin Breakfast Round Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice	19 Mixed Berry Yogurt Parfait Bagel with Cream Cheese Served with Apples & Bananas
Elementary Breakfast Menu Check out https://lowellk12ma.nutrislice.com/ for Menu's, Nutrition Education & Monthly Promotions or concerns please contact foodservices@lowell.kt2.ma.us	22 Cinnamon Roll Assorted Cereal Bowl with Graham Crackers Served with Apples & Pears	23 Egg and Cheese Wake up Wrap Chocolate Chip Muffin Served with Oranges & Juice	24 Country Chicken Biscuit Double Chocolate Betty Crocker Bar with Graham Cracker Served with Strawberries & Clementines	25 Blueberry Mini Waffle UBR Round Served with Fresh Fruit Cup & Juice	26 Chocolate Filled Crescent Bagel with Cream Cheese Served with Apples & Bananas
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.	29 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Assorted Cereal Bowl with Graham Crackers Served with Apples & Pears	30 Sausage, Egg, and Cheese Bagel Sandwich Chocolate Chip Muffin Served with Oranges & Juice	31 Apple Frudel Assorted Cereal Bar with Graham Cracker Served with Strawberries &	1 Egg and Cheese on an English Muffin Cranberry Orange Sunrise Oatmeal Round	2 Mixed Berry Yogurt Parfait Bagel with Cream Cheese Served with Apples & Bananas
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
No School 1 Happy New Year!	Chicken Fajita with a Tortila 2 Wrap Black Bean Taco V Hamburger & Cheeseburger Pizza Platter Chicken Caesar Wrap Roasted Chickpeas & Green Beans	Chicken Biriyani 3 Chickpea Biriyani V Bosco Cheese Sticks with Marinara V Kale Chicken Caesar Salad with Flatbread Ham and Cheese Sandwich Com & Carrots	National Spaghetti Dayl Spaghetti Bolognese with a Breadstick Fish n' 'Chips' with Coleslaw and A Dinner Roll Pizza Platter Chicken Caesar Wrap Broccoli & Carrots	Cheese Pizza V BBQ Chicken Pizza Kale Chicken Caesar Salad with Flatbread Ham and Cheese Sandwich Red Pepper Strips & Side Salad
11	Clementines & Apple Sauce	Bananas & Berry Cup	Pears & Fresh Fruit Cups	Apples & Bananas Cheese Pizza V
Philly Chicken Cheesesteak 8 Pizza Crunchers V Asian Chicken Salad with Flatbread	Lowell Grande Nachos 9 Chipotle Cheesy Bean Nachos V Hamburger & Cheeseburger Pretzel Platter V	Lok Lak with Rice 10 Chicken Tenders with a Roll Veggie Nuggets with a Roll V Asian Chicken Salad with Flatbread	Waffles and Chicken Sausage ₁₁ Cheesy Potato Breakfast Bake with a Corn Muffin Pretzel Platter V	Buffalo Chicken Pizza V 1 Asian Chicken Salad with Flatbre Tuna Salad Sandwich on a Bulky Roll
Tuna Salad Sandwich on a Bulky Roll Side Salad & Green Beans LG Apples & Pears	Turkey BLT Sub Kickin' Beans & Broccoli Oranges and Apple Sauce	Tuna Salad Sandwich on a Bulky Rol Side Salad & Cucumbers LG Bananas & Berry Cup		Roasted Chickpeas & Red Pepp Local Sliced Apples HotM & Bananas
No School 15	Soy Ginger Chicken Taco 16 Crispy Chicken Sandwich & Spicy Crispy Chicken Sandwich	Penne Bolognese 17 with a Breadstick Cheese Quesadilla V	Black Bean, Pork, Plantain 18 and Rice Bowl Hamburger & Cheeseburger	Cheese Pizza V 1 Big Mac Pizza
	Bagel Power Pack V Moroccan Harissa Chicken Wrap LG	Ham Chef Salad with Flatbread LG Italian Sub	Black Bean Burger V Bagel Power Pack V Moroccan Harissa Chicken Wrap	Ham Chef Salad with Flatbread L Italian Sub
	Zesty Coleslaw & Broccoli Oranges and Apple Sauce	Cucumbers & Carrots LG Bananas & Berry Cup	Green Beans & Carrots Pears & Fresh Fruit Cup	Red Pepper Strips & Side salad L Apples & Bananas
National Hot Sauce Day! Deluxe Chicken Sandwich with our Spicy Boom Sauce Hot Pretzel Dippers	LTO: Turkey Birria Quesadilla23 BBQ Chicken and Cheddar Flatbread Chocolate Hummus Platter V	Buffalo Chicken Mac and 24 Cheese with a Breadstick Mac and Cheese with a Breadstick V Crispy Chicken Sandwich	Chili Garlic Popcorn Chicken 5 Lo Mein Pizza Crunchers V	Cheese Pizza V Hawaiian Pizza 2 Chicken Caesar Salad with Flatbread LG
Chicken Caesar Salad with Flatbread LG Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Pickled Cucumbers & Waffle Fries Apples & Pears	Caprese Chicken Platter Street Corn Salad & Carrots LG Clementines & Apples	Chicken Caesar Salad with Flatbread LG Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Roasted Broccoli & Carrots LG Bananas & Berry Cup	Chocolate Hummus Platter V Caprese Chicken Sub LG Celery Sticks & Kale Caesar Salad LG Pears & Fresh Fruit Cup	Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Red Pepper Strips & Side Salad Local Sliced Apples HotM & Bananas
French Toast Sticks with 29 Chicken Sausage or Vegetarian Sausage V	Beef Taco on a Tortilla Wrap 30 Kickin' Bean Taco on a Tortilla Wrap V	Chicken Parmesan with Pennes Cheese Quesadilla V Greek Salad with a Flatbread LG	General Tso's Beef and Broccoli with Fried Rice Chicken Tenders with A Dinner Roll	Cheese Pizza V Pepperoni Pizza
or Vegetaran Sausage V Hamburgers & Cheeseburgers Greek Salad with Flatbread LG Chicken Salad Sandwich Tater Tots & Roasted Butternut	Crispy Chicken Sandwich & Spicy Crispy Chicken Sandwich Yogurt & Fruit Power Pack Greek Chicken Wrap	Chicken Salad with a radicad Lo Chicken Salad Sandwich on a Bulky Roll Oven Roasted Green Beans &	Fruit & Yogurt Power Pack V Greek Chicken Wrap LG	Greek Salad with Flatbread LG Chicken Salad Sandwich on a Bulk Roll
Squash Apples & Peaches	Chic Pea Salad & Fiesta Corn Oranges & Apples	Carrots LG Bananas & Berry Cups	Broccoli & Carrots LG Pears & Fresh Fruit Cup	Red Pepper Strips & Side Salad L Apples & Bananas

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Emergency Contact Form: 2023-2024

Get a jump start now and complete your emergency contact form for the 2023-2024 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 <u>adelaluz@lowell.k12.ma.us</u> or contact the Main Office at McAvinnue for support!



Emergency Form Formulario de Emergencia Formulário de Emergência 2023-2024

Sign in to Google to save your progress. Learn more

McAvinnue Spirit Gear By Prep Sportswear

We have an online store if you wish to order any McAvinnue gear! It is open 24 hours per day and there is no due date for orders. Anytime you want to order...on any day!



The company is Prep Sportswear and has been reliable with solid product quality from reputable brands.

<u>There is a 30% off deal occuring now on all items! This is a major discount if you are interested in</u> <u>purchasing McAvinnue merchandise.</u>

Like during previous school years, we are also exploring additional local options to purchase McAvinnue gear. Stay tuned for more information in the month of September.

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

General Information

How can I update my contact information (phone number/email/address)?

 Go online to the Family Resource Webpage (<u>https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/UpdateContactInfo</u>) and fill out the "contact us" form. Families who don't have access to the internet can fill out the form in person at the Family Resource Center. If an address change is related to economic factors or



housing instability (family moves in with relatives, eviction, hotel/motel, fire or unsheltered, please contact the McKinney Vento Office located at the Family Resource Center in person (151 Merrimack Street), by phone (978-674-4321) or go to the webpage at https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/HomelessAssistance.

How do I update my emergency contacts?

• If you were in the school last year we will send a verification sheet out. if you are new we will send home an emergency form to fill out on the first day of school.

How do I register my child for the new school year?

• All school registrations are completed online using a computer or laptop. You can access the online application by going to https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolRegistration. If you only have a mobile device and don't have access to a computer or laptop, you can register in person at the Family Resource Center (151 Merrimack Street). Please call the Family Resource Center if you have any questions (978-674-4321).

What should I do if I need to register my child(ren) and I don't speak English?

The Lowell Public Schools is committed to providing translation and interpretation services for families who require assistance in a language other than English. The online registration application and website is translated in Spanish and Portuguese and can be accessed by going to https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolRegistration. For all other languages, please call Vannak Khin at (978) 328-6782 to arrange services. In-person language interpretation support for registration can be accessed by visiting the Lowell Public Schools at 151 Merrimack Street. Families can also call the Family Resource Center at (978) 674-4321 to make an appointment with a Bilingual Family Liaison.

How old does my child need to be to enroll in preschool or kindergarten?

• A child must turn 4 years old on or before September 1, 2023, in order to apply for preschool and 5 by September 1 to apply for kindergarten. A family can apply for preschool by going to

<u>https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/PreschoolRegistration</u> to fill out an online application or <u>https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/KindergartenRegistration</u> for kindergarten. For registration questions, please call (978) 674-4321.

How do I apply for a transfer for my child to change schools in the new year?

- Per the 2023-2024 School Assignment Policy, all students have the option to request one school transfer per year.
- Families can apply online at https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolTransfer or can come to the Family Resource Center in-person to complete the application. Transfers are assigned on a space availability basis.

Community Connections & Opportunities

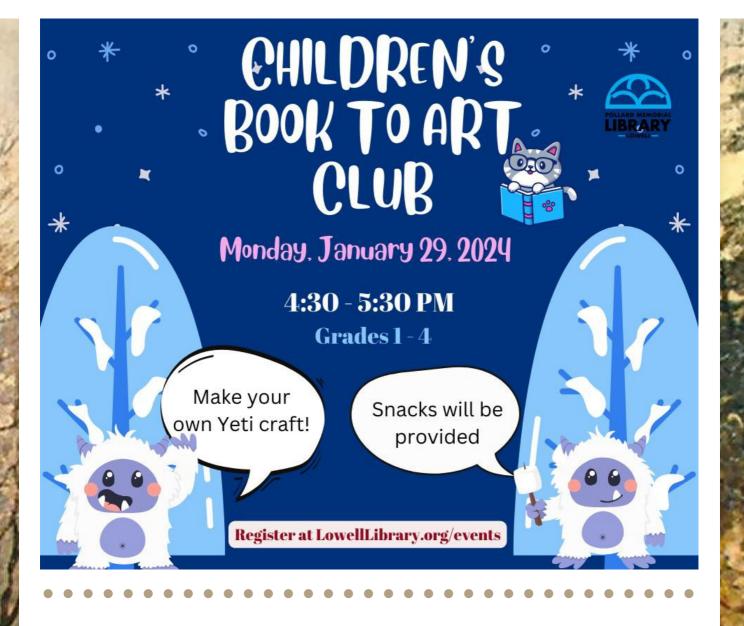


Pollard Memorial Library: "Children's Book to Art Club"

Children's Book to Art Club is meeting this month on Monday, January 29th from 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM. We will be reading a winter themed picture book, making a yeti craft, and eating snacks!

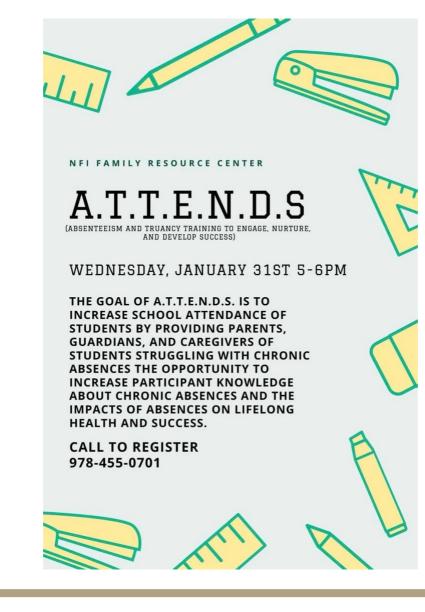
Please make sure to let us know if you have any food allergies.

Register by calling the Children's Reference Desk (978) 674-1529 or online: <u>https://lowelllibrary.org/events/</u>.



Student Attendance Workshop

Our friends at the NFI Family Resource Center at 27 Prescott Street are hosting a workshop to help parents, guardians, and caretakers combat chronic absenteeism on Wednesday January 31st from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Dinner and childcare will be provided. Call (978) 455-0701 to register.



PreK & Kindergarten Registration Information Session

The district will be offering two sessions for the PreK & Kindergarten Registration Information Session for families who have children that are ready to enter PreK and Kindergarten during the 2024-2025 academic school year.

- Session 1: February 6th Shaughnessy Elementary School @ 6:00 PM 8:00 PM
- Session 2: February 8th Pawtucketville Elementary School @ 5:00 PM 7:00 PM

For more information, please see the flyers below that have been translated in multiple languages.



Winter Playground Opportunities - January 8th - April 5th

Check out some playground opportunities including how to sign up using the scan code below.



Kids Winter Wiggles - February 17th - February 24th (Winter Break)

Do you have a child that is between the ages of 2-5 and not sure what to do during the Winter Break in February? Look no further...check out the information below regarding the fun opportunity including how to sign up using the scan code.



FREE COVID-19 Tests

With an increase in COVID-19 cases, this is a good time to remind you all of the current COVID protocol for public schools, which can be found here:

https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-isolation-and-exposure-guidance-for-children-and-staffin-child-care-k-12-out-of-school-time-ost-and-recreational-campprogram-settings? fbclid=IwAR24BK80e6IAiisGU4eniISFTPrZ1-z7PoNp5nRovIR1ApBTpt7722BFw2g

Additionally, FREE at-home COVID tests are again available. To claim yours, visit <u>https://special.usps.com/testkits</u> or call (800)-232-0233.



Source: COVID.gov

Mill City Grows Indoor Mobile Market

Thursday, November 16th will marka the kickoff of Mill City Grows Indoor Winter Mobile Market season! Come shop with us at the <u>City of Lowell Senior Center</u> from 9:00 AM -11:30 AM, and stock up on fresh produce for your holiday week! MILL CITY GROWS Shop local in Lowell at all our Mobile Markets!

Check out the flyer below for more information.



Positive Parenting Training Session

Here is a great opportunity for parents of students that are in PreK or Kindergarten. The sessions start on November 15th. Follow-up sessions will occur on December 13th, January 10th, January 24th, and February 7th.



Sessions will start at 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM at the James Houlares Early Learning at 126 Phonix Avenue, Lowell, MA.

Please see the fly below for more details. If you are interested in signing up for this helpful opportunity, you can click the link below to access the registration form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSQ1cAqjKMREIZROtW8jyFDUjtyf3i22qti67gB1df4_t DVw/viewform



Cub Scout Pack 7 Information

Cub Scout Pack 7 is looking for new cubs to join their pack! Tons of fun and learning experiences for all kids in Kindergarten through Grade 5. For more information, visit <u>www.pack7lowell.com</u>

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





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, <u>kshannon@commteam.org</u>
 - · Families who are not enrolled in a CTI program
 - If you've filled out a CTI application in the past...
 - Contact Karen (978) 729-7216, <u>kshannon@commteam.org</u> to see if where you are on the waitlist (if there is a waitlist)
 - If you've never filled out a CTI application...
 - Fill out an application at 17 Kirk St., 126 Phoenix Ave
 - Or call the main CTI number (978) 454-5100 to request an email version of the application.

- Karen Espinola is the school-age director
 - Fill out a application online or at the YMCA to request a slot
- Debbie Doben is the preschool director if your child is preschool age
- Family Childcare: Call programs to see if they have openings near you
 - Bethel Family Childcare (978) 458-6577
 - Clarendon Family Childcare (978) 454-3026
 - Child Development and Learning (CDE) (978) 275-2843
 - ACRE Family Childcare (978) 937-5899
 - CTI: See above contact information
- Girls Inc: (978) 458-6529, 220; Worthen St. in Lowell
 - Accept girls ages 5-14 years old
 - Accept Child Care Circuit vouchers, DCF vouchers, and private pay (income-based, sliding scale)
 - Call Pam Lerocque (Director of Finance & Administration) to check on openings
- Boys and Girls Club: (978) 458-4526; 657 Middlesex St in Lowell
 - School-age openings for after-school
 - Teens who are working with the Department of Children and Families can call BGC or DCF to see if they're eligible



The Family Leadership Institute

The Family Leadership Institute provides families with the knowledge and skills to partner with schools and communities to ensure their children achieve their full potential.

Throughout the year, the FLI runs a variety of programs including: survival English classes, family college visits, mental health and financial literacy workshops, and more. For more information about the FLI visit: <u>https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/5263</u> or email FLI Director Zoe Dzineku at <u>zdzineku@lowell.k12.ma.us</u>.

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.

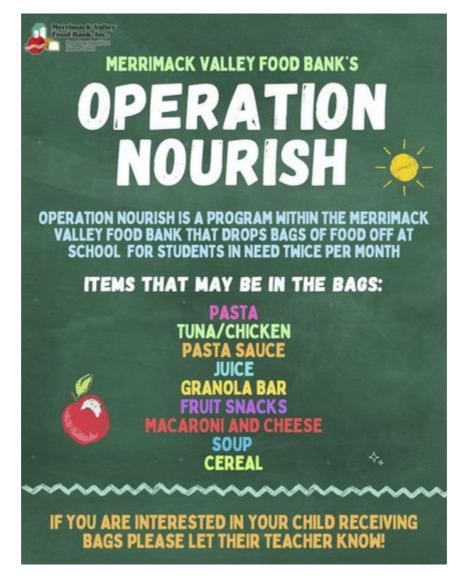
You can also reach out to Mrs. De La Luz, McAvinnue's Social Worker, for support navigating these and other options.

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

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Operation Nourish

Food insecurity is a serious issue for many Lowell Public Schools families. Help is available. The Merrimack Valley Food Bank offers "Operation Nourish" in ALL of our schools. This program provides a bag of food for students to take home two Fridays each month. Please contact the school directly if your family is interested in joining this program.



Community Vaccination Information

Community vaccination sites.pdf

Download 1.1 MB

McAvinnue's Virtual Family Read-A-Loud: "Henry And The Yeti"

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S1zjwlH0KTM



McAvinnue's School Website

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

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

WEB SITE!

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Follow McAvinnue On Social Media

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

Click the buttons below to access our social media sites!



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Our Vision

McAvinnue Elementary School is a place...where there are <u>high</u> <u>expectations</u>, where students are <u>academically engaged</u>, where instruction is guided by a <u>systematic approach to examine data</u>, where there is a <u>multi-tiered system of support</u>, and where a responsive environment that fosters <u>social emotional connections</u> between faculty and students prevails.

#McAvinnuePride #BeTheDifference #NextLevel

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