

# The Lion's Roar

McAvinnue's Community Newsletter: Week Of May 6th

#### Hello McAvinnue Community!

I hope that everyone is having a great weekend! From a weather standpoint, it's certainly feels more like Spring and is a well-deserved change as we move into the final stretch of this school year! The weather this week will start out in the 70's and the week will end in the 50's. It is important to tune in to the local news for the most up to date forecast. Things can change quickly and you need to ensure that your child is prepared to adjust with the weather forecast.



We have completed Math MCAS testing for our Grade 3 students this past week. We completed a few make-up testing sessions on Friday. Overall, our Grade 3 students did extremely well for thier first of many MCAS testing sessions. We can't wait to see how they did when we receive the results over the summer months!

Up next...Grade 4 will begin their Math MCAS on Wednesday, May 8th. We are eager to complete this required round of state testing and move on to more relevant items that is far more meaningful for our students!

We have some great student events coming up. There are some field trips on the horizon for some grade levels...and multiple exciting events like McAvinnue's "International Night", McAvinnue's

"Paw"tastic Field Day, and Grade 4 "Move Up" Graduation. Stay tuned for more information in this weekly newsletter as well updated notices from your child's teacher.

Finally, we have a few school celebrations this week...School Nurse Appreciation Day on Monday, May 6th and Teacher Appreciation Day on Tuesday, May 7th. Check out some of the details below!

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, May 6th McAvinnue Reopens @ 9:10 AM
- Monday, May 6th National School Nurse Appreciation Day
- <u>Tuesday, May 7th</u> National Teacher Appreciation Day
- Tuesday, May 7th McAvinnue's School Site Council Meeting @ 6:00 PM 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, May 8th Grade 4 Math MCAS Testing: Session 1
- Thursday, May 9th Grade 4 Math MCAS Testing: Session 2
- Friday, May 10th McAvinnue's "Walk-A-Thon" Fundraiser Event (During Allied Arts Classes)

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

# School Nurse Appreciation Day: Monday, May 6th



We will recognize Nurse Danielle on Monday, May 6th as part of School Nurse Appreciation Day (actually Nurse Appreciation Day).

If you stop by the school and see her in and around the Main Office, please thank her for all of her efforts to keep everyone healthy in the McAvinnue Community every day.

While she is new to the McAvinnue Community this school year, Nurse Danielle has done a commendable job making sure that all of our health related needs are met and that our school is safe and supported from a medical standpoint.

Teacher Appreciation Day: Tuesday, May 7th



We will celebrate our AMAZING teachers and faculty on Tuesday, May 7th as part of "National Teacher Appreciation Day"! We have some special things planned on this day to show our appreciation of what they do at McAvinnue everyday.

Please give them a shoutout on this day...and consider doing something special for them!

As you are aware, teachers play a critical role in educating and shaping our children into the future leaders of our country. These kind, patient, hard-working, dedicated, and understanding professionals help mold our children and guide them in positive directions. We entrust our children with teachers during the school year and they play a pivotal role in their lives daily.

No matter where we are in life, a teacher influenced us. They continue to impact our lives every day, too! When we meet new employees with a wealth of skills and abilities, know a teacher helped shaped them. Every new business owner, doctor, engineer, or nurse can name a teacher who inspired them. Every one of us has at least one teacher in mind who encouraged and motivated us during our education!

### McAvinnue's "Walk-A-Thon" Fundrasier

# McAvinnue Elementary School

# WALK-A-THON









# Fundraiser Event Friday, May 10, 2024

#McAvinnuePride



We have a really fun and easy fundraiser planned at McAvinnue that will occur in a few weeks! On Friday, May 10th, we will host McAvinnue's "Walk-A-Thon" Fundraiser!

This fundraiser is really simple...all students need to do is raise and turn in as much money as possible starting on Monday, April 29th - Friday, May 10th. Students can bring in money throughout the week in an envelope with their name and homeroom number on it...and drop it off in the Main Office. We will record and track the amount of money that each student is able to raise. Students are encouraged to ask those family members and friends to "sponsor" them for this great and fun fundraising event! Please keep in mind that the money that is raised for each student is not connected to the number of laps that they walk during the Walk-A-Thon.

This event will occur during the school day for all grade levels at their assigned Specials time. Grade levels will walk in the gymnasium during their 50-minute scheduled Special. We will have cool lights, music, and many of our faculty will be joining in on the action! Students will walk as many laps as possible to show their appreciation for the money that they raised, which will be donated to McAvinnue!

We have some prizes for those that raise the most money for McAvinnue's "Walk-A-Thon" fundraisers. Check out the list below to see prizes that can be carried for the ten fundraisers.

including a "mystery" metric winner:

- "Principal For The Day": The top 2 fundraisers will earn a chance to be "Principal for the Day"! They will work with Mr. Domina and Mr. Alcaraz for an entire school day and help them with all of the things that they need to do. This prize includes a special lunch with Mr. Domina and Mr. Alcaraz. Also, each student will receive a special Principal's ID badge. Students can dress up like a Principal as they will have some important work they will need to do on this day!
- <u>"Top Homeroom Fundraiser"</u>: The homeroom that raises the most money over the next 2 weeks will have a chance to earn a very special classroom lunch and dessert! The winning homeroom will have a chance to decide what they have for lunch and dessert!
- <u>"Top Grade Level Fundraiser"</u>: The grade level that raises the most money over the next 2 weeks will earn a very special "Frozen Treat Recess"! Each grade level winning homeroom will head over to Father Maguire park for a special "extra" recess that will feature a delicious frozen treat!
- <u>"Mystery Winner"</u>: We will have a "mystery" winner that will be chosen based upon a "mystery metric"! This could be the most money turned in during a day, most laps walked during the Walk-A-Thon, or some other action that demonstrates a high level of effort and committment for this fundraiser. This student will earn at \$150 Target giftcard!

You can start raising and turning in money starting on Monday, April 29th! Remember that we will be collecting money until Friday, May 10th! Just make sure that the money is placed in an envelope with the students' name and homeroom number on it. All money needs to be turned in to Ms. Anna and Ms. Natalia in the Main Office.

Money that is raised during this event will go right back to our students for various school supplies and materials, field trips, special shows, and more!

If you have any questions, please reach out to the school or Mr. Domina directly!

# UPDATED: MCAS Testing Dates: Grades 3 - 4

Here is the remaining MCAS testing dates for Grades 3 and 4. We only have Math to complete before we wrap up our MCAS testing for this school year. Our students did an amazing job competing the ELA (English Language Arts) MCAS over the past few weeks. They worked extremely hard and we are eager to see how they did!

Please see the remaining dates below for both Grade 3 and Grade 4.



- Grade 3 Math May 1st (Session 1); May 2nd (Session 2)
- Grade 3 Math Make Up Sessions May 3rd & 6th
- Grade 4 Math May 8th (Session 1); May 9th (Session 2)
- Grade 4 Math Make Up Sessions May 10th & 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 "International Night": Thursday, May 23rd @ 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Mark your calendars...McAvinnue will be hosting "International Night" on Thursday, May 23rd from 5:30PM - 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 or the school directly! Check out the flyer below in multiple languages!

We will also be offering access to the Scholastic Book Fair in the library during this event. You will have a chance to make some purchases for books and other cool items! The profits from the Scholastic Book Fair will go toward purchasing books for our students.

Looking forward to another amazing event at McAvinnue!









Spanish Portuguese Swahili

McAvinnue's Week In Review



### "Grasshead Fun In STEAM Studio"

The "Grassheads" are back at McAvinnue! Student are learning about germination during STEAM Studio...they are learning that seeds remain dormant until conditions are favorable. All seeds need water, oxygen and optimal temperature to germinate. What a super cool learning activity! We will share updates with how the germination process is.



### From Last Week..."McAvinue's "Artist of the Week"

From last week...McAvinue's
"Artist of the Week" was Jaylon
in Room 304! Jaylon used
radial symmetry to create his
paper sculpture. He mastered
three different folding
techniques to create this
masterpiece! Amazing focus
and skills!



# "Fun With Colors In Kindergarten"

Kindergarten students learned about mixing primary colors, (red, yellow, and blue) to make secondary colors (orange, green, and violet) to paint a rainbow! They explored mixing their colors to make a flowery landscape!



#### **LEGO Masters!**

Landon and Elijah are the LEGO Masters at McAvinnue's Before School Program!



### For This Week... McAvinnue's "Artist of the Week"

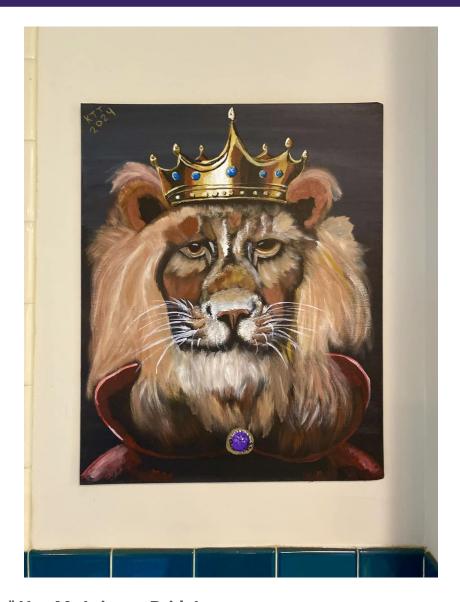
For this week...McAvinnue's "Artist of the Week" is Zaniyah in Room 304! Zaniyah used



### "Grasshead Update"

Our STEAM Studio

"Grassheads" are growing! Check out the germination and how things are growing so far! paper sculpture. She mastered three different folding techniques to create this masterpiece! She also used an analogous color scheme! So amazing!



### "Leo The Lion" Has McAvinnue Pride!

Check out this great painting created by our very own, Mrs. Tingley! This version of "Leo The Lion" is perfect! You need to see this in person. It's hanging right next to the Main Office!

# **Upcoming Events**



#### Here are important dates to remember in the month of May:

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- Monday, May 13th McAvinnue's "Lion's Pride" Core Value All School Celebration @ 9:30 AM
- Wednesday, May 15th Lowell School Committee Meeting @ 6:30 PM (City Hall)
- Thursday, May 16th McAvinnue's "Family Movie Night @ 5:30 PM 7:00 PM
- Monday, May 20th Friday, May 24 Scholastic Book Fair
- <u>Tuesday, May 21st</u> Kindergarten Field Trip: Stone Zoo
- Tuesday, May 21st McAvinnue's School Site Council Meeting @ 6:00 PM 7:00 PM
- Thursday, May 23rd McAvinnue's International Night @ 5:30 PM 7:00 PM
- Friday, May 24th Grade 3 Field Trip: USS Constitution Museum (2 Classes)
- Monday, May 27th No School: Memorial Day
- Wednesday, May 29th Grade 4 Field Trip: Stone Zoo
- Thursday, May 30th: Grade 2 Field Trip: Stone Zoo
- Friday, May 31st Grade 3 Field Trip: USS Constitution Museum (2 Classes)
- <u>Friday, May 31st</u> McAvinnue's "Lion's Pride" Core Value All School Celebration: May Edition @
   9:30 AM 10:15 PM

# McAvinnue's School Site Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 7th @ 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

# **McAvinnue Elementary School**



### **School Site Council Meeting**

Tuesday, May 7, 2024 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Meeting will occur on the Google Meets Virtual Platform

#McAvinnuePride

McAvinnue's School Site Council will meet on Tuesday, May 7th at 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. This meeting will occur using the Google Meets virtual platform.

Meeting information including working agenda and login information can be found using the link below:

https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/5546

# McAvinnue's Summer Program Registration is NOW OPEN!

McAvinnue will once again 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. Transportation will be provided for this program!



<u>The program will occur on July 8th - August 2nd at McAvinnue. The program will begin at 9:10 AM - 12:40 PM from Monday - Friday.</u>

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 2023-2024 academic school year.

You can register using the link below or the QR scan code in the picture below. bit.ly/3WfWdSY

If you have any questions, please contact the Summer Program Coordinator, Mrs. Evans, at <a href="mailto:revans@lowell.k12.ma.us">revans@lowell.k12.ma.us</a>.

# MCAVINNUE SUMMER

Mon-Fri July 8th-August 2nd 9:10-12:40

Students will experience handson 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.



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**English** 

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

# PROGRAMA DE VERAÑO

Lunes a Vierne de

Julio 8 a Augusto 2

9:10 a 12:40
Los estudiantes tendrán la oportunidad
de participar en diferentes actividades

académicas y sociales. El programa es gratis e incluye desayuno y almuerzo

El programa está abierto a todos los estudiantes que cursen K a 4to grado este año escolar.

Por favor solo escanee esta barra o presione este enlace para registrarse,



bit.ly/3WfWdSY

¿Preguntas? Contacte a Rebecca Evans a revans@lowell.k12.ma.us

Spanish

# ESCOLA DE VERÃO NA MCAVINNUE SCHOOL

julho 8 a 2 agosto

De segunda a sexta feira 9h10 às 12h40

Os alunos terão oportunidades de aprendizagem prática, bem como disciplinas acadêmicas importantes...

Será servido pequeno almoço e almoço todos os dias e o programa é gratuito.

Alunos começando na primeira à quarta série, bem como todos os finalistas da quarta série, recomendam-se que sejam inscritos.

Para matricular, faça o scan ao código QR ou use o link abaixo mencionado



bit.ly/3WfWdSY

Perguntas? Entre em contato com Rebecca Evans revans@lowell.k12.ma.us

**Portuguese** 

### 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".

McAvinnue's Morning Announcements will occur on Monday and Friday each week. On occasion, there will be a Wednesday edition.

You can check out current and past editions of McAvinnue's Morning Announcements on our YouTube channel using the link below.

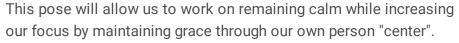
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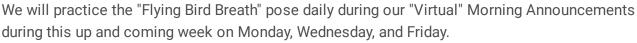
You can check out the latest edition of McAvinnue's Morning Announcements below!



## McAvinnue's Yoga Pose Of The Week: "Flying Bird Breath"

We are bringing back a pose this week from the beginning of the school year called the "Flying Bird Breath".





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 <a href="mailto:dralls@lowell.k12.ma.us">dralls@lowell.k12.ma.us</a> and she can also be reached by calling (978) 937-2871 ex. 47858. Our fax number is (978) 937-2880.

## 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



Arrival and Dismissal
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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 <u>must</u> 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

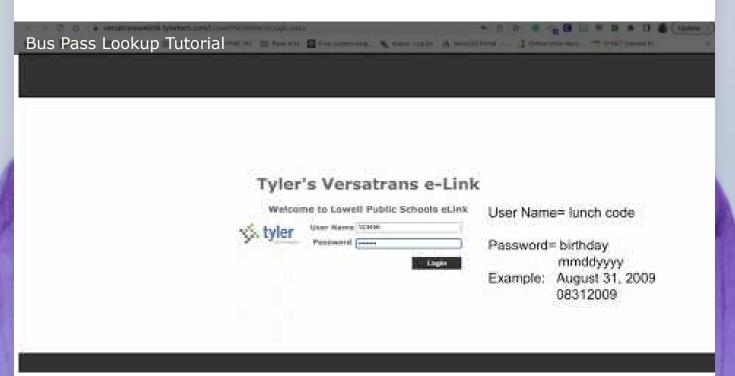
parent or older sibling is not present, the student will be brought to the Moody School, located at 158 Rogers Street. A driver's license or valid identification must be presented to the staff in order to dismiss the student.

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.

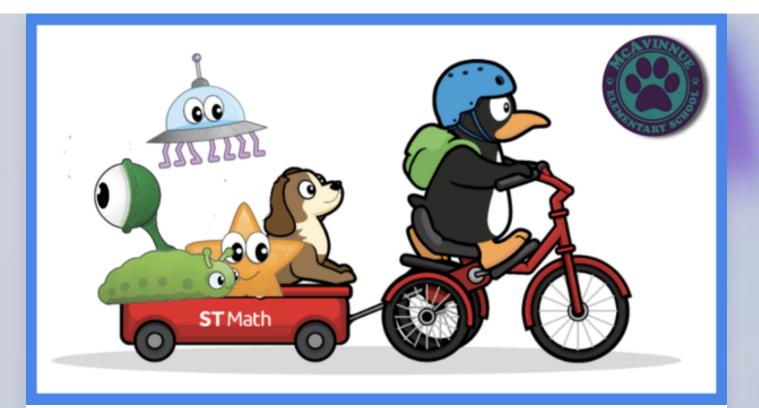
There also is a helpful video that you can watch that will walk you through the process.

### 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.



## ST Math Weekly Shout Out!



Hope this message finds you in high spirits and ready for another exciting week of learning adventures with JiJi and ST Math!

Let's dive into the world of puzzles and progress percentages! Let's talk puzzles first. Students are so close to the 1,000,000 puzzles milestone. Check out how close they are to that goal!

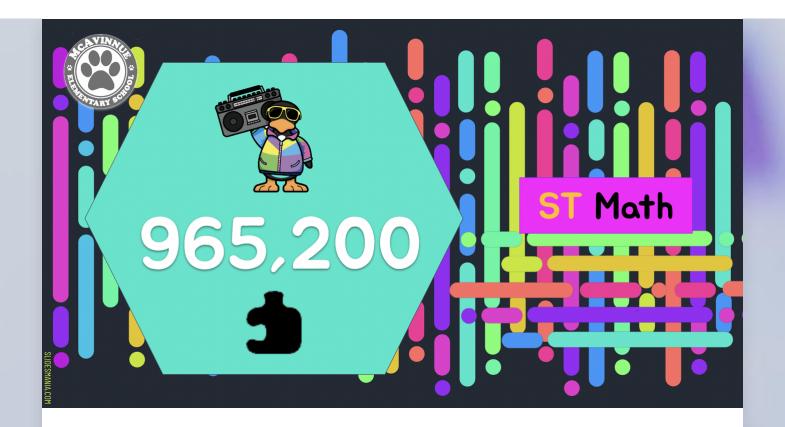
Let's be over the moon about the progress in classrooms. Students are leveling up their math skills and building a solid foundation for future success. And guess what? McAvinnue has the numbers to prove it!

Puzzle Goal Progress percentages are soaring like never before, showcasing the dedication and hard work of both McAvinnue staff and our incredible students. Together, we're reaching new heights!

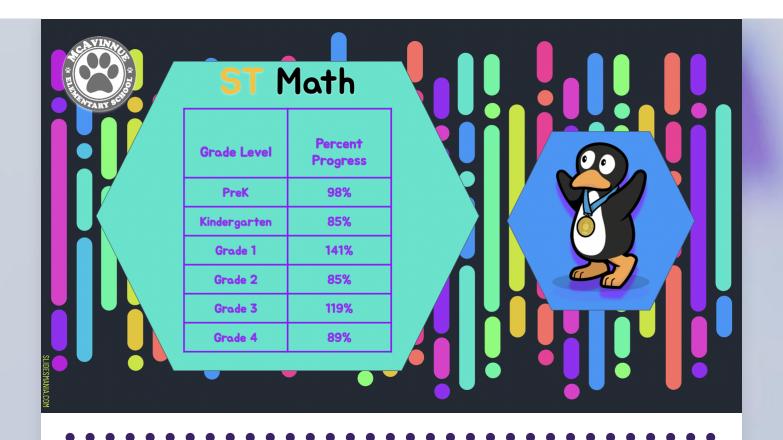
So, what's next? Let's keep the momentum going! You always encourage your students to tackle each puzzle with enthusiasm and embrace every challenge as an opportunity to shine. With your guidance and their determination, there's no limit to what can be achieved!

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to student success and for making ST Math a vibrant part of the classroom experience. Together, we're paving the way for a brighter future, one puzzle at a time!

Wishing you a week filled with joy, discovery, and plenty of math magic.







ST Math Progress Champions!



# McAvinnue's ST Math Progress Champions





Stella Room 303



Tyra Room 102



Lucianna Room 203



# McAvinnue's ST Math Progress Champions





Amelia Room 205



Josh Room 201



Alex Room 104



# McAvinnue's ST Math Progress Champions

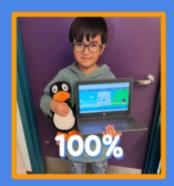




Anthony Room 307



Karen Room 204



**Kevin Room 101/108** 



# McAvinnue's ST Math Progress Champions





Landen Room 302



Levi Room 206



Livia Room 310



# McAvinnue's ST Math Progress Champions





Sebastian Room 304



Edward Room 101



Ryan Room 101

Lexia Reading Champions!

## McAvinnue's Lexia Level Champions









Julian - Room 202 Level 6 Completed



Haley - Room 101 Level 7 Completed



Amara - Room 202 Level 11 Completed

# McAvinnue's Lexia Level Champions









Sophia- Room 103 Level 3 Completed



Edward - Room 101 Level 8 Completed

2023-2024 School Year Calendar

#### Superintendent of Schools-Lowell Public Schools-Lowell, MA 2023-2024 School YearCalendar

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



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Central Administration, Family Resource Center will be closed in

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School Calendar 2023-2024.pdf

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# Parent & Family Resources

### LPS "Connector" Newsletter: April Edition

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

Click the link below to check out all of the action that occured across the district during the month of April!

LPS Connector
April 2024

https://www.smore.com/n/57xbq

#### 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

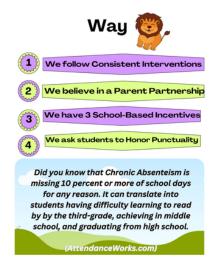
As you are aware, attending school is first step each in the learning process for our students. It is critical that our students arrive to school on time each day so that they can access all of the engaging and meaning lessons that have been planned by our teachers and related service providers.



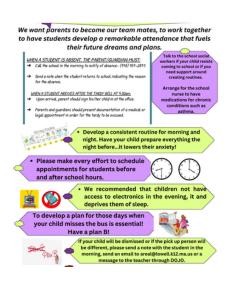
The McAvinnue Attendance Team will monitor student attendance on a weekly basis and will reach our directly to families when they notice frequent absences, a pattern of absences, or an increased number of consecutive absences within a short period of time.

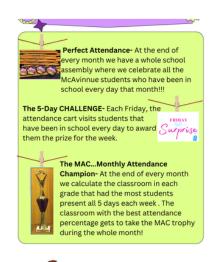
Please refer to McAvinnue's Student Attendance Booket below that will provide additional information. This booket will be sent home with students in multiple languages. It is important that you review this information for your own awareness and to be fully prepared to support your child with the first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

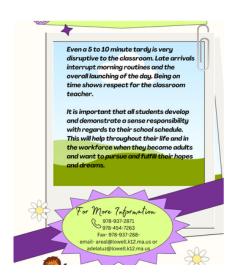












#### Breakfast and Lunch Will Be Free for All LPS Students

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 LPS Food and Nutrition website.

Any concerns please feel free to email <a href="mailto:foodservice@lowell.k12.ma.us">foodservice@lowell.k12.ma.us</a>

### GREAT NEWS

# PERMANENT FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL

#### WHY EAT SCHOOL BREAKFAST + LUNCH?

Better **Productivity** 

improved focus, behavior, & attendance rate.

Better **Health** 

good for the brain & gives students the fuel to learn.

Better **Days** 

one less thing to worry about & it's free!



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## May Breakfast & Lunch Menu





#### Elementary May Breakfast Menu 2024 .pdf

#### **Download**

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#### Elementary May Lunch Menu 2024.pdf

#### **Download**

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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.

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



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.

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### **Click To Access Prep Sportswear Spirit Gear**

#### **General Information**

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

Go online to the Family Resource Webpage
 (<a href="https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/UpdateContactInfo">https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/UpdateContactInfo</a>) 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 <a href="https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/HomelessAssistance">https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/HomelessAssistance</a>.

#### 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 <a href="https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolRegistration">https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolRegistration</a>. 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 <a href="https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolRegistration">https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolRegistration</a>. 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

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 2023-2024 School Assignment Policy, all students have the option to request one school transfer per year.
- Families can apply online at <a href="https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolTransfer">https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/SchoolTransfer</a> 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



### **Spring Playgroup Information**

Here is a free opportunity to explore a consistent time for your child to play with others. This opportunity will start at the beginning of April and last until the end of the school year.

### Spring Playgroups

#### Starting 4/8/24 through 6/18/24

MONDAY	
Location: Pollard Library	Locati
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10:00-11:00 AM	
LPS Facilitators	
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WEDNESDAY	
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cation: Housing Authority 580 Chelmsford St. 10:00-11:00 AM LPS Facilitators Language Supports: English and Khmer TUESDAY & THURSDAY
Location: YMCA
35 YMCA Drive
10:00-11:00 AM
LPS Facilitators
Language Supports:
English and Khmer

WEDNESDAY
Location: Saint Rita's Church
158 Mammoth Road
10:00-11:00 AM
Language Supports:
LPS Facilitators
English and Spanish

FRIDAY
Location: Pollard Library
401 Merrimack St
10:00-11:00 AM
Language Supports:
LPS Facilitators
English and Spanish



#### LEARNING THROUGH INTENTIONAL PLAY

Your child will learn language through stories and songs. Children will have fun, make friends, and grow in their language, motor, and social skills.





To Register Scan







OR



Email Ivanthiel@lowell.k12.ma.us

These Playgroups are funded through the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement grant from the MA Department of

### **Local Summer Planning Opportunities**

Check out a few early local Summer planning opportunities below.



#### **CONTACT US:**

978-866-9391 MEMBERSHIP@LBGC.ORG WWW.LBGC.ORG

#### 7 WEEK PROGRAM

- \$30 PER WEEK FULL DAY (8-13) 8AM-6PM; (14-18) 8AM-8PM, MON-FRI
- \$5 PER WEEK TEEN NIGHTS ONLY
   (14+) 6PM-8PM, MON-FRI
   \*UNABLE TO ATTEND TRIPS SCHEDULED
   DURING THE DAY\*

**FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE!** 

#### **ACTIVITIES:**

- ARTS & CRAFTS
- STEM PROGRAMS
- SPORTS & FITNESS
- FIELD TRIPS
- PEACE LEAGUE
- AND SO MUCH MORE....

657 MIDDLESEX STREET LOWELL, MA 01851



Week 1 All Star Adventures (June 24- June 28)

Week 2 STEAM & Space (July 1 - July 3)\*

Week 3 Around the World (July 8 - July 12)

Week 4 Water Week (July 15 - 19)

Week 5 Animal Extravaganza (July 22 - July 26)

Week 6 Water Week 2 (July 29 - August 2)

Week 7 Culinary Creations (August 5 - August 9)

\*Pro rated

### AGES 5-12 • 7 WEEKS 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM \$390 / WEEK

Camps are Non-refundable.

200+ Acres • Ponding • Geodome • Hiking Trails • Orienteering • Indoor & Outdoor Athletic Facilities • Wild Animals Science Experiments Team Building

For more details or to register visit NDATyngsboro.org/summercamp/ 978-364-2756



180 Middlesex Rd, Tyngsboro, MA 01879 · 978-364-2756

This camp must comply with regulations of the MDPH and be licensed by the LBOH.

### **Spring Baseball & Softball Recreation League Registration**

Please see the information below regarding 2024 Spring Baseball & Softball Recreation League Registration. The flyer is offered in mutiple languages for your convenience.



FIND US ON THE SOCIALS:



Our website can be translated into multiple languag

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**Spanish Flyer** 

**Portuguese Flyer** 

**Khmer Fyler** 

#### **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-staff-in-child-care-k-12-out-of-school-time-ost-and-recreational-campprogram-settings? fbclid=lwAR24BK80e6lAiisGU4enilSFTPrZ1-z7PoNp5nRovlR1ApBTpt7722BFw2g

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



#### **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 <a href="https://www.pack7lowell.com">www.pack7lowell.com</a>

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, <u>wma@commteam.org</u>
      - 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, <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: <a href="https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/5263">https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/5263</a> or email FLI Director Zoe Dzineku at <a href="mailto:zdzineku@lowell.k12.ma.us">zdzineku@lowell.k12.ma.us</a>.

### **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.

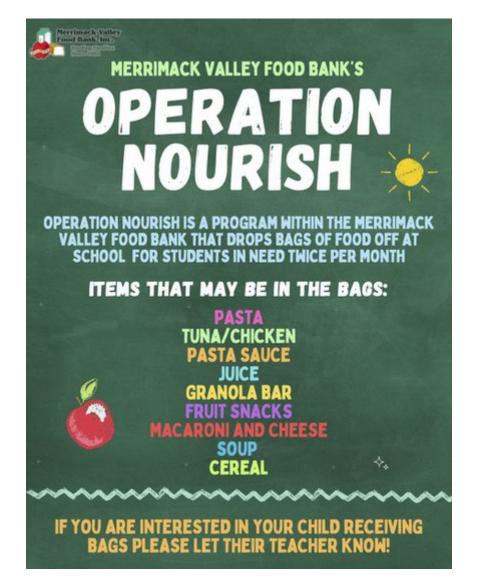
Greater-Lowell-Area-Pantry-List 8-27-20 (1).xlsx

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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** 

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McAvinnue's Family Read-A-Loud: "Cinco de Mouse-O"





#### 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"!

Click the buttons below to access our social media sites!



Click To Access McAvinnue's Facebook Page

**Click To Access McAvinnue's Twitter Page** 

Click To Access McAvinnue's Instagram Page

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#### **Our Vision**

McAvinnue Elementary School is a place...where there are <a href="https://miss.ncb.nlm.nih.google-niss.ncb.nlm.nih.google-niss.ncb.nlm.nih.google-niss.ncb.nlm.nih.google-niss.ncb.nlm.nih.google-niss.ncb.nlm.nih.google-niss

**#McAvinnuePride #BeTheDifference #NextLevel** 

Email: mdomina@lowell.k12.ma.us

Website: <a href="https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Domain/21">https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Domain/21</a><br/>Location: 131 Mammoth Road, Lowell, MA, USA

Phone: (978) 937-2871



