



Minooka Elementary School

Grades K - 4

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The Minooka Elementary Minute

A newsletter for families and friends of
Minooka Elementary School!

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Principal's Message

Mrs. Natalie Baxter-Principal

Grades one through four have begun Discovery testing. Discovery is a comprehensive, standards-based online assessment that tests in the areas of math and reading. This assessment will be administered in October, January, and April. Teachers will use this data, along with the previously assessed DRA data, to guide instruction and identify each student's strengths and needs. Grade level teams continually meet to review and collaborate on best practice within instruction in order to meet our students' needs. MES teachers are committed to providing the best learning opportunities possible for each learner.

Looking Ahead.....

October 5- Transportation Committee Meeting 7:00PM MES

October 7- First Grade Field Trip to Meadowland Farm, Transportation Committee Meeting 7:00PM Aux Sable

October 11-Columbus Day- No student attendance

October 14- School Picture Day

October 20- Anti-bullying Day/Wear Pink

October 22- Teacher Institute-No student attendance

October 26- PTO Meeting 7:00PM

October 27-PTO Book Fair, School Board Meeting at MPC 7:00PM

October 29- Halloween Parade 10:15AM, EARLY RELEASE 11:25AM

Thank you to all of the parents of car rider children. By waiting until 3:00PM to line up and pick up your student, you are helping to keep MES safe for all students and staff!



Reminder!

The tardy bell rings at 8:35 am. If your child arrives after that time, he/she will need to be escorted into the building and office for a tardy slip. Thank you.



STUDENT ABSENCE LINE

815-467-2261 Extension 1



When calling your student in sick or late, please leave a message that includes your child's name, teacher, and reason for absence.

Wellness This Week!

The average child leads a very busy life. They have school, chores, homework, and after-school activities; therefore, it is necessary for them to get enough sleep each night. Sleep allows the body and brain to rest for the next day. Although experts believe children should get 10 to 11 hours of sleep a night, most get only 9.5 hours of sleep. When children don't get enough sleep, they may feel tired or cranky, or they may not be able to think clearly. An assignment that is usually easy may be difficult for them, or they might be sluggish playing a sport or game. Experts also believe lack of sleep can affect children's growth and their ability to fight illnesses. Following are a few tips to help children get enough sleep: go to bed at the same time every night, start a calming bedtime routine (i.e. take a bath or read a book), limit foods and drinks that contain caffeine, and avoid scary TV shows or movies close to bedtime. Zzzzzzzzzz.!

Community Fliers

Fliers below are available in the Parent Center located in the main hall at MES or online at www.min201.org.

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