



# 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

Minooka Elementary School staff believes that home/school communication should be very high on our list of professional priorities. Many MES teachers send home weekly correspondence maintaining the vital link between home and school.

The first quarter ended on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Teachers have been busy getting ready for parent conferences. Conferences will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>. It is with this in mind that I would like to encourage you, parents, to do your homework too. Here are some questions that you might ask to help you have a constructive conference with your child's teacher.

1. How are my child's work habits? Does he/she use time wisely in class?
2. Does my child read at the level you would expect for this grade?
3. Is my child able to grasp math concepts at the appropriate level?
4. What can I do to help my child be more successful at school?

You may also want to ask your child if there is anything that he/she would like to add. I trust that with preparation on everyone's part you and the teacher will have a better understanding of the best way to foster your child's achievement.

Yours through education,  
Natalie Baxter

### Looking Ahead.....

November 2-12- PTO Book Fair

November 10- Parent/Teacher Conferences  
1:25PM Dismissal

November 11- Parent/Teacher Conferences  
1:25PM Dismissal

November 12- - Parent/Teacher Conferences  
No Student Attendance

November 18- ELL Family Reading Night  
6:00PM at MES

November 22-Picture Retake Day!

November 24- 1:25PM Dismissal

November 26 and 27- No School Happy  
Thanksgiving!

December 2- PTO cookie dough pick-up TBA

### Reminder!

Classroom instruction begins at 8:35 AM; therefore, students should be in their classrooms at that time. If your child arrives at or after that time, he/she will need to be escorted into the building and office for a tardy slip. Car rider parents please note that the car rider supervisors will re-enter the building at 8:33 AM. Children arriving at that time will also need to be escorted into the main office. Thank you.



### Everyone's Vote Counts!

On Election Day, MES students made their vote count! Students voted for their favorite school flag. The flag will be printed and flown outside MES. Thank you to our PTO for purchasing our MES School flag! The students also voted for after retirement activities for our two retiring teachers, Mrs. Satorius and Mrs. Caamano.



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!



A new law was passed on 1/1/2010, under section 11-605, which prohibits cell phone use in a school zone. For the safety of our students and staff, please refrain from using a cell phone while dropping off and picking up children.

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