



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

A basic life lesson that we try to instill in our students is that education is a life-long process. In our technological society and with today's economy, people constantly need to retrain or upgrade their skills to maintain or gain employment. The need for continued learning is definitely evident. In this day and age when we in the educational field, like many others, are asked to do more with less, it is imperative that we find ways to be effective as well as efficient.

On January 26th, our students will be dismissed at 1:25 PM. This early release is a school improvement measure to support teachers who will be working to complete Engaged Learning units of study. Teachers will be discussing ways to improve the teaching of reading, writing, math, science, and social studies with an important component of integrated technology. This school improvement early release day is an example of our district's commitment to find ways to improve our educational delivery system in order to increase student achievement.

Yours in Education,
Mrs. Natalie Baxter

Important Happenings!

January 24- Report Card Day

January 25- PTO Meeting 7:00PM at MPC

January 26- School Improvement-Early Release-1: 25PM
School Board Meeting at Minooka Primary Center 7:00PM

January 27- Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00pm-Early Release-1: 25PM

January 28- Parent-Teacher Conferences 8:00-11:30 am-No Student Attendance

Kindergarten Round Up!

Kindergarten registration and screening will be held on May 13, 2011. Parents of children that will be entering kindergarten during the 2011/2012 school year should call the Minooka Primary Center to schedule an appointment. (815) 467-3167



Winter Weather Is Upon Us!

Students wearing snow pants, boots, coat, hat, and gloves will be permitted to play in the snow. All others will play on the blacktop area. Please ensure that your student has warm clothes in order to enjoy outdoor play!



Mission Statement

Our staff at Minooka Elementary School is dedicated to providing an excellent education in a safe and caring learning environment that allows all children to academically and socially improve themselves for today and tomorrow.

Literacy News

Questioning

Good readers ask questions before, during, and after reading to better understand the author and the meaning of the text. It is important to ask questions of the author, yourself, and the text while reading. The following is an example of what good readers ask themselves while reading a passage: What is the author trying to say? What is the message of this piece? Do I know something about this topic? What do I think I will learn from this text? How could this be explained to someone else? What predictions do I have about this reading?



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