



Minooka Elementary School

Grades K - 4

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The Minooka Elementary Minute

A newsletter for families and friends of
Minooka Elementary School!

February 4, 2011

Principal's Message

Mrs. Natalie Baxter-Principal

While driving by Minooka Elementary School, you will notice red ribbons tied around numerous trees. These ribbons were placed there as a commitment by our students to be drug free. Our fourth grade student council has decided to keep the ribbons up for the entire school year as a reminder of that oath. Next week, we will take an active stance in honor of Anti-Bullying Day. Our students will be welcoming the Minooka Primary Center's students to help spread the anti-bullying message. The PTO is sponsoring a BMX assembly for both student bodies, which will focus on the bully free message. The MES student council will also be tying pink ribbons to help spread the anti-bullying message to our community. We are asking that everyone wear pink on Wednesday, February 9, 2011.

On another note, the fourth grade recorder concert originally scheduled for February 17th has been cancelled. The recorder concert will be rescheduled at a later date and will be held at Minooka Elementary School. The new date and time will be in March.

Yours in Education,
Mrs. Natalie Baxter

Important Happenings!

February 4- PTO Open Gym Second Grade

February 9- Anti-Bullying Day-Wear Pink

February 10- ISAT Club

February 11- MES Career Fair, Jump Rope For Heart, PTO Open Gym Night-Grade Three

February 16- MES Lapsit Reading Program 10:00AM

February 17- ISAT Club

February 18- Grade 2 Engaged Learning 9:00-10:00 AM, Early Release 11:25 Dismissal

February 21-President's Day-No Student Attendance

February 22- PTO Meeting at MPC 7:00PM

February 24-ISAT Club

February 28-March 11-ISAT and CogAT Testing

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

February's Comprehension Strategy— Inferring/ Author's Purpose

Making inferences involves using background knowledge, along with information in the text, to make assumptions about what is *not* written. Often referred to "reading between the lines," making inferences requires the reader to move beyond the literal level and make judgments about what the text implies. Often the reader must infer what the author's purpose was for writing the text. Was the author simply trying to entertain? Was the author trying to send a message or give factual information about a topic? The ability to make inferences helps students to understand the story at a deeper level and to see cause-and-effect relationships in the story.



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