

MINTO ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS & LEADERS



APRIL NEWSLETTER 2021

Kynda Bryant
Principal

Craig Richards
Vice Principal



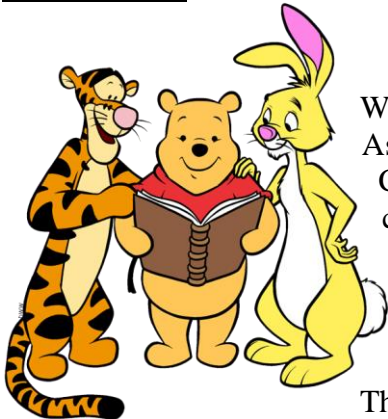
SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Promote a spirit of excellence... be caring, get involved, reach for success

MEMS WEBSITE – <http://mems.nbed.nb.ca>

Celebrations!

This spring, hop into a good book!



We are so pleased to have Kaitlyn Dykeman working as our second Admin Assistant and as our Librarian. Kaitlyn has several new books on display, COVID-friendly style! Students can check out her display of photocopied book covers that she has posted on the bulletin board just outside our main library doors. We have just received a new shipment of 50 French, English and First Nations books for our MEMS Cubs to enjoy. Students are encouraged to speak to their teacher if they are interested in borrowing any books and Kaitlyn will deliver the requested books to homeroom classes.

Thanks, too, Kaitlyn, for the enjoyable read-alouds you have been doing in our classrooms! You are reminding us how much fun reading can be. 😊

As you may have heard, our dear Mr. Richards hurt his knee and has had to be away from the school. 😞 We extend a warm welcome to Mr. Dolan 😊, our Acting Vice Principal, while Mr. Richards is out convalescing.

French Learning at MEMS

Mme Roberts would like to thank all the staff and students for their participation in Festivale this year!

The winners of the Best Dressed Class were Mme. Andrews, Mme. Roberts, and Mrs. Colwell! The master weaver award went to Ms. Ponds grade 3/4 classroom.

Each class won a Tim Hortons Party!



Breakfast Program~ Thank you to Joy for continuing to organize our Breakfast Program volunteers, and to Kaitlyn for assisting. 😊 We invite anyone to contact the school at 327-7016 for more information on how you might be able to help out. The Breakfast Program continues to be made available every day to all students. **“Thank you!” to our volunteers** who are in every morning to load up our Breakfast Baskets so breakfast can be served, COVID-consciously. In the month of **March** (17 school days), we consumed approximately 1789 various granola bars, 1095 cartons of milk, 1612 cheese strings and yogurt tubes as well as 1330 apple snacks and fresh fruit.

As you can imagine, our Breakfast Program is an expensive undertaking so all donations are greatly appreciated. Gifts through **“memorials for loved ones”**, whether made through **Hogg Funeral & Crematorium Services** or directly to Minto Elementary and Middle School, have helped sustain our Breakfast Program. Your generosity is thoughtful and greatly appreciated by students and staff at Minto Elementary and Middle School.

Special thanks to various members of the community of Minto (and beyond) for supporting MEMS students through the Breakfast Program by generously contributing through:

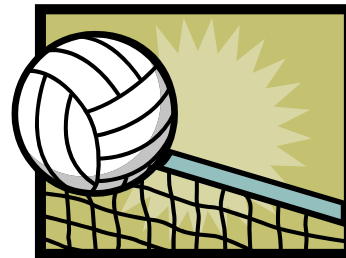
- **Memorials**~ donations have been made in loving memory of Sherri Goodwin, Anna Goguen, Lorna Knox, Lorne Richardson, Karen Clark and Viola McLean.
- **Friends of the MEMS Breakfast Program**~ Thank you to the Chipman Minto Lions Club for making a monetary donation to our Breakfast Program, and to **Hogg Funeral & Crematorium Services** for their continued support in looking after and forwarding memorials. This is much appreciated.

MEMS Student Report Cards and Parent/Teacher Conferences

The MEMS K-8 report cards were sent home on March 31st. In the envelope was a letter inviting parents and guardians to return the notice to set up an appointment. Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place on **Wednesday, April 14th, from 1-3pm and 3-6pm**. If you are still interested in meeting with a teacher and have yet to make arrangements, feel free to call the school and speak with Joy or Kaitlyn. 327-7016

MEMS Athletics/Sports

Volleyball season is underway for our Middle School students who are grateful to have the opportunity to participate in extracurricular sports again. Thank you to all the volunteers who help make this happen.



Home & School and MEMS Staff raise funds for Braiden~

We have been thinking positive thoughts for one of our students, Braiden Spencer, and wishing him all the best as he battles leukemia. Parents of our Home & School Committee and members of our MEMS Staff banded together to create two Easter baskets and sold tickets on Baskets for Braiden. We raised a total of **\$3103.25!** Thank you for helping us to support one of our own.

Congratulations to our two basket winners:
Bonnie Gallant and James Simmons

A word from Minlak at MEMS

April Showers Bring May Flowers~

Did you know that wet recyclables are tough to sort and separate? If you have a recycling bin with a lid, we ask that you keep it closed. Thanks for doing your part to recycle better!

You can contact us at 327-6817 or minlak@nb.aibn.com

Respectfully submitted by Rudi Kennedy Mills

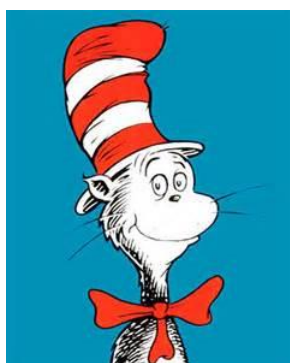


Important Dates to Remember

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| March 31 st | MEMS report cards issued |
| April 14 th | MEMS Parent/Teacher virtual interviews (1-3pm, 4-6pm)
(no school for students on Wednesday, April 14 th) |
| April 15 th | National Talk With Our Kids About Money Day (we invite parents to participate in discussions at home) |
| April 21 st | EYEDA testing at MEMS for students entering Kindergarten 2021-2022 |
| April 22 nd | HPV clinic for grade 7 students |
| April 23 rd | fourth Friday of the month; half day Friday (PL for staff in afternoon) |
| April 26 th | MEMS PSSC meeting followed by Home & School (in library, with COVID protocols) |
| April 28 th | Administrative Professionals' Day |
| April 30 th | Cubs PRIDE (P ositive, R esponsible, I nvolved, D o your best, E arn and give respect) celebrations |
| May 7 th | NBTA Council Day, provincial based (no school for students) |
| May 10 th | District Education Council (DEC) elections take place during Municipal elections |
| May 17 th | NBTA Branch 1724 Branch Meeting Day (no school for students) |
| May 24 th | Victoria Day (no school) |
| May 28 th | fourth Friday of the month; half day Friday (PL for staff in afternoon) |



April is National Poetry Month! Here's an inspirational thought from one of our favorite poets, Dr. Seuss~



*You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself
Any direction you choose!*