

MINTO ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS & LEADERS



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SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

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



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

MEMS Cub PRIDE

Celebrations!

At MEMS, we are dedicated to cultivating a culture of kindness and compassion. At the end of every month, we are celebrating students who Promote Tiger Cub PRIDE.

- P**~ Positive
- R**~ Responsible
- I**~ Involved
- D**~ Do your best
- E**~ Earn and give respect



Kindergarten Support Workers



Ms. Keehn and Ms. Weeks would like to extend a special shout out to our wonderful Kindergarten Support Workers, **Taylor MacBeth** and **Nicole Clark**. Both ladies have been invaluable members of our school community over the past 10 weeks. Their last day was Friday, January 29. That afternoon, the Kindergarten classes enjoyed celebrations within their bubbles to show appreciation for the consistent positivity and dedication both Miss MacBeth and Mrs. Clark have demonstrated in their roles. They will surely be missed!

Breakfast Program

As in previous months this year, the **MEMS Breakfast Program** continues to make COVID-friendly Breakfast Baskets available to every student daily from 8:15-8:35am. In January (20 school days), MEMS students consumed 1140 cartons of milk, 2196 granola bars, 744 fresh fruit, 150 mini muffins, 714 apple sauce, 1015 yogurt tubes and 1236 cheese strings. Thank you to our Breakfast Program Workers for your continued support by contributing many volunteer hours. The students look forward to their breakfast baskets every morning. ☺

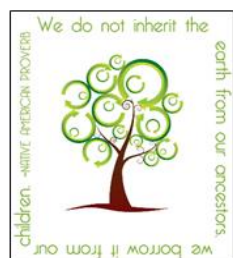


As you can imagine, our **Breakfast Program** is an expensive undertaking so all donations are greatly appreciated. Gifts through “memorials for loved ones”, whether made through Hogg Funeral & Crematorium Services or directly to Minto Elementary and Middle School, have helped sustain our Breakfast Program. 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 to the MEMS Breakfast Program have been made in loving memory of Iris Lee Miller, Evelyn Mary Lanin, Leota Shaw and Phyllis Blackier.
- **Friends of the MEMS Breakfast Program**~ “Thank you!” to Hogg Funeral & Crematorium Services for their continued support in looking after and forwarding memorials. This is much appreciated.

Minlak at MEMS



Not all plastics are treated equally.

Rigid plastics are recyclable and are labeled by resin codes 1 through 7.

Generally, the higher the number, the less recyclable it is. Most recycling centers will recycle plastic 1 and 2 without a problem. Past those numbers, recycling gets tricky.

MEMS Athletics/Sports

Although COVID has created a bit of wrinkle in our usual season, Middle School Basketball is operating as much as possible. While in Red Level, we are not permitted to hold any afterschool sports. While in Orange, we are able to run Skills & Drills. Students are glad for the opportunity to participate. Thanks, Mr. Best, for your flexibility and patience!



Staff Appreciation Week



The **MEMS Parent School Support Committee (PSSC)**, as representatives of the students and parents of our school community, and our **MEMS Home & School Association**, who work hard to fundraise for the needs of our students, would like to extend best wishes to all members of the staff of Minto Elementary and Middle School during **Staff Appreciation Week**, February 8th-12th, 2021. Thank you, Teachers and ALL Staff, for all you do for our children!

Dressing for Winter Weather



At Minto Elementary and Middle School, we expect all our K~8 students to **be appropriately dressed for winter weather** as they travel on the bus to and from school, as well as when they attend outside recess and Physical Activity classes. When the temperature drops to **- 20° C due to the wind chill factor**, we will have inside recess/activities. Please ensure that your children understand that we expect them to wear their winter clothes (hats, mittens/gloves, boots) when they go outside or travel home on the bus and that includes snow pants when they play in the snow.

Valentine's Day Candygrams

Students (K-8) will have the opportunity to buy and send a **Valentine's Day Candygram with a special message** to someone special, friends, siblings and/or staff who attend MEMS!

Love is in the air!

Purchase: February 3rd, 4th, 5th

Where: in homerooms and through Homeroom Teachers
\$1 Each

Candygrams will be delivered to the students just before Valentine's Day, on Thursday & Friday, Feb.11th and 12th

All proceeds support the **MEMS Home & School**.

Thank you for your support and **Happy Valentine's Day!**



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is available on ASD-W's website under "Parents" for children who will turn five by December 31, 2021, and who start school in September 2021. Once you have completed the online registration form, the school will contact you for a follow-up or you can call Joy at 327-7016. For more information, visit: <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-w/Pages/default.aspx>

French Immersion registration for 2021-2022

A School Messenger communication went out to parents/guardians of current Kindergarten and Grade 5 students to inform them of Grade 1 Early French Immersion and Grade 6 Late French Immersion registration for the 2021-2022 school year. An informative brochure is also available to parents/guardians.

Registration for French Immersion for the 2021-2022 school year will be done electronically through the following hyperlink to the ASD-W web site: *Registration for French Immersion 2021-2022*. (The registration form will be available effective January 27th, 2021, and will remain open to the end of the school year, June 2021, with scheduled monitoring.) Registrations received by March 8, 2021, will inform planning for formation of classes (as per Provincial Policy 309: French Second Language Programs).

Please be advised that information is available on the ASD-W web site: www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca

Additionally, there will be 10 minute Question & Answer time slots on February 3rd and 4th for any parents/guardians wanting to connect with a French Second Language Subject Coordinator regarding the registration process. These sessions will be conducted through Microsoft Teams or by phone. *Instructions for parents who do not have access to a computer are included on the 'Process' document.*

Head Lice

As the school year continues, please know cases of head lice are reported to us. Head lice is common among children and outbreaks are possible whenever children are together. We will check the children periodically at school but parents should also make a point of checking carefully each night at home. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



Water Bottles and Face Masks

Thank you for continuing to provide your student(s) with a water bottle for school and a spare face mask in case they need to replace their mask throughout the day.



Trolls Bring Smiles to MEMS~

Thanks to a generous donation of Trolls memorabilia by *Michael's*, the Craft Store, our MEMS students had lots of fun with a Coloring and/or Writing Contest in January. *Michael's* gave us so many prizes, we were able to award first and second place to each homeroom as well as choose some random names. Thanks, Kaitlyn Dykeman, our Librarian/Admin Assistant, for posting winning pictures outside our library.



Our first place winners were:

Harper Richardson, Saydee Halbot, Elizabeth Stewart, Hadley MacKenzie, Macy Fairweather, Ajay LeBlanc, Haley Jenkins, Wyatt Randall, Tatum Walsh, Aalyah Stephens, Abigail LeBlanc, KCee Sullivan, Lily Hoyt, Ellie Bridges, Austin Yeomans, Emily Nearing, Peyton Penney, Daffani Budgell, Olivia Richardson and Delaney MacBeth

Our second place winners were:

Paige Glenn, Morgan Smith, Charlie McCoy, Harper Bancroft, Cassidy Bell, Faithanne Thibodeau, Addison Miller, Gabe Smith, Lauren Illsley, Quinn Hunter, Vaida Ashe, Selena Caissie, Dawson MaGee, William Keogh, Hallie Gaddess, Destiny Ferreira, Mylie VanLaren, Kara Turcotte, Nadia McKellar, Abigail Austin and Kassie-Rae Flynn

Other winners were:

Baylee Corey, Jake Mountain, Isabelle Yakymchuk, Josh Langer, Hana Boucher, Arianna McGarity, Kaelyn Clark, Peyton Richard, Ezra McGraw and Brooklyn Barton

Important Dates to Remember

January 27 th	French Immersion registration for 2021-2022 opens
February 1 st	Grade 5 Intensive French Block II begins
February 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th	Valentine's Day candygrams on sale in homerooms
February 8 th -12 th	Staff Appreciation Week
February 9 th	Safer Internet Day
February 11 th , 12 th	Valentine's Day candygrams delivered
February 14 th	Valentine's Day
February 15 th	Family Day in New Brunswick (no school)
February 18 th	EYE-DA testing for 2021-2022 Kindergarten students
February 22 nd	PSSC monthly meeting at 6:30pm followed by Home & School (in the library, physically distanced)
February 24 th	Pink Shirt Day
February 26 th	fourth Friday of the month; half day for students; afternoon PL for staff
March 1 st -5 th	March Break



