



Minto Elementary and Middle School

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December 2023 Newsletter

Celebrations of Success

~Minto Volunteer Fire Department drew names of students who participated in their **Fire Prevention Week** presentation at MEMS and the students appreciated receiving their practical prizes of fire extinguishers and smoke alarms. Thanks for thinking of us!

~Our annual **MEMS Book Fair** was another success, bringing in over \$1500 for the library as well as providing books for homerooms. Thanks, Melody, for making sure our library is well stocked with books kids enjoy!



~MEMS students and staff honored Remembrance Day and our veterans by having our grade 5 French Immersion class attend the **No Stone Left Alone** ceremony at a local community cemetery on November 10th, followed by our annual Remembrance Day Ceremony back at the school. MEMS was honored to have several community members participate in the occasion. Thanks, Mrs. Best, for organizing both events for us.

Thanks to our school community, our annual **MEMS Christmas Bazaar** on November 18th brought in \$980 for the school. Thank you, vendors and attendees, for making this possible. “Thank you!” to Joy, Melody, Janie Dasset, Terry West and all those who were able to help. There is so much work in holding an event like this and we truly appreciate your efforts! Santa made an appearance and so did our beloved Cubby. Santa and Cubby became fast friends!



Our **“Winter Formal” Middle School dance** will take place on Thursday, December 14th, in the school cafeteria from 6-8pm with \$5 admission. Students must be in “good standing” for two weeks prior to the dance. Thanks, MS Teachers, for donating your time after school hours so our MS students can enjoy a seasonal celebration.

To celebrate cultures and diversity, our Middle School students held a **Cultural Fair** on November 29th and invited our grades 2-5 students to tour their presentations. Well done, students! Lots of evidence of learning as you shared your new knowledge!

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MEMS Breakfast Program

Our **Breakfast Program** is available for all of our 340+ students. We are regularly looking for **VOLUNTEERS** from around 7:15-9am. Please contact Joy or Melody at the school (327-7016) if you are interested in helping one morning (or more!) each week. Your time would be greatly appreciated. 😊 We cannot run the program without our wonderful volunteers.

Donations can be made through Memorials or at the MEMS school office.

We appreciate the donations which have been received:

- ~in memory of: Myrna Leger, Jessie Vienneau
- ~from friends of our Breakfast Program: Jeff Tibbo

A donation to our Athletic Program has also been received with appreciation.



FREE Christmas Dinner

On Tuesday, December 12th, all students are invited to enjoy a **FREE** Christmas dinner. (No lunch is needed unless your student doesn't like turkey dinner.) To help with prep, Homeroom Teachers will be tallying how many students want free turkey dinner. Pizza will be the only item for sale. Please preorder pizza online to ensure availability. Thanks, Kristie and cafeteria staff, for all your hard work in the cafeteria and for your willingness to prepare this festive feast for us!

*Please note, the last day for cafeteria service is Friday, December 15th, 2023, until the new year. The cafeteria will be open for service on January 8th, 2024.



CANDYGRAMS

Candygrams with a special message can be sent to your children, loved one, friend, siblings or someone special who attends MEMS!

When and where: December 19th and 20th at noon in the main lobby

Or December 20th prior to the Christmas Concert

(a table will be set up at the side door entrance)

\$1 Each

Candygrams will be delivered to the students on December 21st and 22nd

All proceeds support the MEMS Home & School.

Thank you for your support and Merry Christmas!



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MEMS Parent School Support Committee (PSSC) and Home & School Association

Our next meeting for the PSSC will be on Monday, January 29th, 2024. It will be followed by our **Home & School Association** meeting. The Home & School are having so much fun building school spirit. Their next event is *Winter Wonderland* (the night of Parent/Teacher interviews)!



Parent/Teacher Interviews

Report cards will go home with students on Monday, December 4th. Please look for the insert to assist you with booking an online appointment or reach out to your child's homeroom teacher.

Parent/Teacher Interviews will happen Thursday, December 7th, from 5-7pm, and Friday, December 8th, from 1-3pm. We look forward to seeing you!

On the evening of Parent/Teacher interviews from 5-7pm on Thursday, we hope you are able to attend our **FREE** family event **Winter Wonderland** in the gym. Parents/Guardians will be asked to sign students into the gym. When parents leave for their interview, students will be supervised in the gym for the 15-minute interview time. Student attendance at interviews is not requested. Younger siblings are welcome to the event but must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Please sign out students when leaving the event.



Please plan to attend our **Christmas Concert** on December 20th at 6pm in the gym.

Santa's Beats: A Christmas Rhythmic Celebration



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BEST SEATS IN THE HOUSE!

The K-2 Team is selling “**Best Seats in the House**” tickets for the upcoming Christmas concert taking place on December 20th, 2023.

The tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The winner will receive 4 **front row comfy seats** and will have a special **reserved parking spot close to the door!**

All K-2 students will take home 6 tickets to sell on Monday, December 4th, and the draw will take place on **Tuesday, December 19th**! All proceeds will help support the K-2 Team. Tickets will be available from any K-2 student/teacher and will also be available in our Main Office.



Student Council



Our elections took place at the end of October.
Results were shared the first Monday of November.
Our new Student Council Executive for 2023-24 are:
President~ **Quinn Hunter**
Vice President~ **Tenley VanDoren**
Secretary~ **Jazmyn Powers**
Historian~ **Reegan Vienneau**

Artist-in-Residence~ **Leina Waite**

The Executive have had three meetings with the co-facilitators, Mme Doucette and Mrs. Ward. We volunteered at the Christmas bazaar and we are going to decorate the cafeteria for the MS Christmas dance. We are also looking after the Middle School display case for the winter.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays!

Respectfully submitted,

Jazmyn Powers

(*Student Council Secretary*)



MEMS ATHLETICS

The Middle school soccer season wrapped up recently. The Coed team advanced to the District final with playoff wins over CFAS and CNCS before losing in the final to AEC. Congrats, players, on a great season!

Middle School Basketball is underway and MEMS has two teams participating in district leagues. Please see schedule info:

[Events from December 7 – November 27 – Minto Elementary Middle School \(nbed.ca\)](https://nbed.ca)

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Dates to Remember:

December 4 th	Report Cards issued to K-8 students
December 4 th	K-2 begins ticket sales for “Best Seats in the House” for concert
December 7 th	FREE “Winter Wonderland” family event in the gym (sponsored by Home & School) 5-7pm
December 7 th	Parent/Teacher Interviews, 5-7pm
December 8 th	Parent/Teacher Interviews, 1-3pm (no school for students)
December 12 th	Free Christmas Dinner for all students
December 14 th	Middle School Winter Formal dance, 6-8pm (\$5)
December 15 th	last day for the cafeteria to be open until January 8 th , 2024
December 19 th	draw for K-2’s “Best Seats in the House” fundraiser
December 19, 20	candygram sales
December 20 th	“Santa’s Beats: A Christmas Rhythmic Celebration” Music concert in gym (6pm)
December 21 st	Christmas concert snow date (6pm)
December 22 nd	Last day of classes, half day, bus loading at 11:15am
January 8 th , 2024	First day for students and staff
January 8 th	cafeteria reopens for the new year

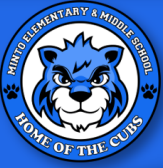


May everyone in our MEMS family enjoy a safe and happy holiday season.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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