



Minto Elementary and Middle School

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February 2024 Newsletter

Celebrations of Success

😊 In addition to our weekly Praise Slip draws, every month, a draw is made from all the names of every student who has received an MEMS Praise Slip for the month. Congratulations, Ms. Conrad's class, for winning a sub party for January!

😊 Both our Grades 3-5 and Middle School Chess Clubs are underway and are practicing up to participate in the OEC chess tournament. We are excited for you and we wish you all the best! Thank you, Mme Green and Mr. Hazelton, for facilitating both of these clubs.



MEMS Breakfast Program

Our **Breakfast Program** is available for all of our 340+ students. We are 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.

Donations have been received from the following friends of our Breakfast Program: Bebe Miscich and Huestis Insurance



Water bottles

Please remember: our water fountains are fitted to fill water bottles (students cannot drink from them) so please be sure to send your student with a water bottle. The office cannot provide paper cups.

Minlak at MEMS

Do chip bags go in the recycling? No.

Why can't they be recycled? Chip bags are made of a mix of plastic and foil paper that has been laminated together. These layers cannot be separated which is why chip bags belong in the garbage.

Respectfully submitted by: *Rudi Kennedy Mills*



Cell Phones

Please remind your student(s) of the MEMS handbook rule stating the use of cell phones is prohibited during the school day, including breaks and noon. Therefore, if a student brings a phone, it is to stay in his/her locker from arrival until the end of the day. The student may ask for a phone pass and use his/her phone at the main office. **NO PICTURES/RECORDINGS** are allowed to be taken. This includes the bus. Thank you for supporting us in this matter.

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

Our next meeting for the PSSC will be on Monday, February 26th, 2024. It will be followed by our Home & School Association meeting. Our current combined members are: **Gwenda Barton, Cheryl Colford, Lindsay Glenn (Secretary), Kayla Goodrum, Jolene Hall, Tara MacKenzie (Vice Chair, H&S Treasurer), Denise McLong, Kyrie Nadan (Chair), Holly Oulton, Stephanie Ryder, Lorena Sivitilli-McAllister, Jennifer VanLaren, Tammy Best (Teacher Rep), and Kynda Bryant (Principal).** **Jim Mills** continues to serve as our ASD-W District Education Council representative for our PSSC. Thank you, school community, for your great support.

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 are at MEMS!

Love is in the air!

Sales: February 7th & 8th (12:10-12:50pm)

Where: MEMS Cafeteria during Lunch Time

\$1 Each

Candygrams will be delivered to the students on Valentine's Day, Wednesday, Feb.14th

For candygram orders, please include the name of the sender and the recipient's name (provide "to" and "from").

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



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

Student Council

Student Council – January was a quiet month. We had a Cubs PRIDE assembly, which happens at the end of each month. In January, Teachers awarded students for “earning and giving respect.” For February, Teachers will give out awards for positivity. On February 15th, there will be a Middle School Dance for Valentine's Day. MS students need to be in good standing to attend.

Happy Valentine's Day, everyone!

Jazmyn Powers, *Student Council Secretary*



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French Immersion Registration for the 2024-25 school year (for grade 1 or grade 6) is available online at:

<https://asdw.nbed.ca/current-students/grades-k-12/french-immersion-registration-and-withdrawal/>

MEMS Athletics



The Middle School Basketball season wrapped up recently with both of our teams losing in a semifinal. Huge thank you to coaches Jesse LeBlanc and Lee Penney for their time and dedication. In our annual Teachers vs Students basketball game, the teachers once again were victorious! Thank you to all who participated.

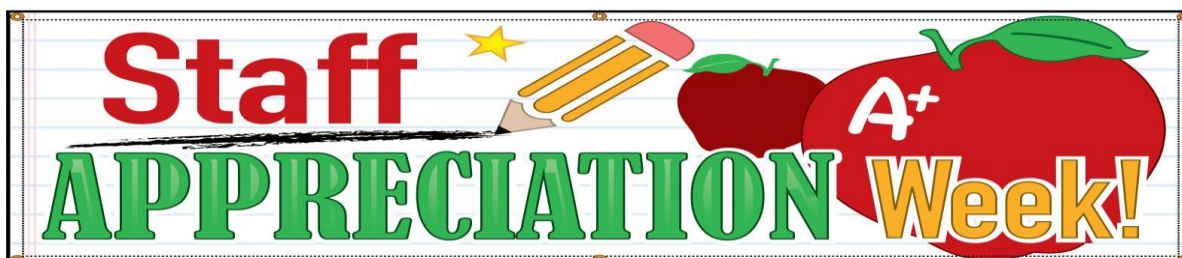
Badminton is the next sport up and will begin shortly.

Dates to Remember:

February	Black History Month
Feb. 1 st	“Good Standing” begins for MS dance
Feb. 6 th	Safer Internet Day
Feb. 7 th , 8 th	Valentine’s Day candygrams on sale at noon (12:10-12:50pm)
Feb. 12 th -16 th	Staff Appreciation Week
Feb. 13 th	MS Chess Tournament at Hanwell Park
Feb. 14 th	Valentine’s Day, candygrams delivered
Feb. 15 th	Grades 3-5 Chess Tournament at Lincoln Elementary
Feb. 15 th	MS Valentine’s Dance, 6-8pm, \$5
Feb. 19 th	Family Day, provincial holiday
Feb. 23 rd	half day Friday (4 th Friday of the month); dismissal 11:15am
Feb. 26 th	MEMS PSSC meeting, 6:30pm, followed by H&S
Feb. 28 th	Pink Shirt Day
Feb. 29 th	It’s Leap Year!
March 4 th -8 th	March Break



We will be celebrating all MEMS staff the week of February 12th – 16th, 2024.



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