



Minto Elementary and Middle School

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April 2024 Newsletter



Celebrations of Success



😊 Our Grade 8 Science class, under the direction of Mr. Whipple, extended an invitation to their Shorts Film Fest. Students gathered in the theatre to view the grade 8's stop motion movies. They were excellent! Reagan did a super job as emcee.

😊 MEMS started our celebration of the Provincial French Pride Week with a school-wide concert by Roland Bibeau AND each day started with French Bingo. Thanks, Mme Green, for making these arrangements and for purchasing a fantastic variety of French books as prizes for our French Bingo daily winners.

😊 Our **Buddy Bench** has arrived! Pictured here in its temporary indoor location in our library, it didn't take long for it to attract some buddies to its bench. 😊 We look forward to having our Buddy Bench, with our school colors, outside so we can enjoy it in our Outdoor Learning Center soon.

😊 Our Middle School Students enjoyed a trip to Cambridge-Narrows Community School to participate in an Interactive Skilled Trades and Manufacturing Expo. We appreciated the invite. Lots of ideas were generated and door prizes were even sent back with a praise for our well-behaved crew.

😊 A shoutout to the Grade 4FI class that stepped in and did Lunch Buddies while our MS students were away to C-NCS. Great job, 4FI!

😊 We have added to our Breakfast Program menu muffins made fresh by Ripples Little River Convenience. They are a huge hit!

😊 District has provided us with an EpiPen emergency cabinet to house two EpiPens in the main entrance of the building. There was also school-wide training for all staff which was offered this month.



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😊 Our Grade 4FI and 5FI classes made beautiful Easter cards and hand delivered them to residents at the North Minto Residence. We are encouraged by your thoughtfulness and appreciate your willingness to model our School Mission Statement:

Positive
Responsible
Involved
Do your best
Earn and give respect.

Thanks, Mme Green and M. Lavigne, for facilitating this opportunity for our students!

MEMS Annual Bookfair

We are pleased to host another bookfair for students and staff, from April 15th to 19th. The bookfair will be open to parents on Monday, April 15th, only. This is the day and evening for Parent/Teacher interviews so there is no school for students that day but students are welcome with their parents to the bookfair on Monday. Students will visit the bookfair with their homerooms during scheduled visits for the remainder of the week. Thanks, Melody, for organizing this event that promotes great reading. Did you know students are recommended to read at least 20 minutes a day?



MEMS Breakfast Program

Our **Breakfast Program** is available for all of our 345+ students. We continue to look 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 fabulous volunteers.

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

Memorials are regularly received in memory of a loved one.

This month, **donations** have been received from friends of our Breakfast Program: Lakeville Corner Women's Institute



Letter to Parents/Guardians

A letter was sent home with every K-8 student on March 28th to explain the change in our bell schedule for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. If you did not receive your copy, please reach out to your student's homeroom teacher and they can send you another one.

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Minlak at MEMS

The four R's~ rethink, reduce, reuse, and recycle~ are a lifestyle for a sustainable future. Think of ways to reuse items whenever possible. Reduce consumption to reduce waste. Purchase only items that can be recycled.

Respectfully submitted by,
Rudi Kennedy-Mills

French Immersion Registration for the 2024-25 school year (for grade 1) is available online at:
<https://asdw.nbed.ca/current-students/grades-k-12/french-immersion-registration-and-withdrawal/>



Happy Gotcha Day, Cubby!

A year ago, on April 3rd, 2023, Cubby made his first appearance with us! It's been so much fun having you with us and we look forward to many more celebrations to come, Cubby!

Every month, Cubby has been faithful to attend our Cub PRIDE Awards Ceremony, excited to get his picture taken with each award recipient so the pics can be posted in our hallways.

Cubby has celebrated with us at away games, taken part in community parades, and has made surprise appearances throughout the year, both in and out of the school building.

We love you, Cubby, and the school spirit you bring to MEMS!

Cubby wants to thank **Home & School** for bringing him to us.



Student Council



March 2024~ During the last week before March Break, we had Theme Week.

When we got back from break, we celebrated French Pride Week. We started

the week with an interactive music concert by Roland Bibeau for K-8. We

remember him being here before and giving out bracelets. As part of French

Pride Week, we played French Bingo every day with the whole school and the

daily winner got to choose a French novel as a prize. Also in March, there was a

really good Easter special in our cafeteria. As always, we ended the month with Cub

PRIDE Awards Assembly down in the gym. This school year is going by fast! It's Easter

already. The Home & School threw an ice cream party at the end of the month and our Student

Council volunteered their time to help with the event. It was a lot of fun!

Respectfully submitted,

Jazmyn Powers, Student Council Secretary

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Tim Horton's Spring Smile Cookie Campaign

This year's Smile Cookie Campaign will run from April 29th to May 5th. Once again, our local Tim Horton's restaurant has chosen to support the Breakfast Programs of MEMS and MMHS by splitting the proceeds between us. As always, 100% of the proceeds will go back to the students. Preorder forms are available at the school or online. **THANK YOU**, to our local Tim's owner and all who purchase smile cookies.



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

The next meeting for the PSSC will be on Monday, April 29th, 2024, at 6:30pm. 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.



A HUGE "Thank you!" from our MEMS community to our Home & School Association for hosting the **Cottontail Ice Cream Social** free family fun night. Thank you to those who made donations at the entrance to help with the cost.



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We were so pleased with the family turnout for ice cream, Easter Bingo, coloring activities, and Easter eggs stuffed with fun treats. Thank you! Cubby made some new friends. 😊 See you next year, Easter Bunnies!

Dates to Remember:

- April Poetry Month~ let's all read and write poetry!
- April 1st Easter Monday
- April 3rd Cubby's "Gotchya Day"
- April 8th Solar Eclipse in NB; students leaving school at 12 noon
- April 9th French oral proficiency interviews for selected students
- April 11th Report cards issued (K-12)
- April 12th MEMS celebration of academic growth
- April 15th Parent/Teacher Interviews, 1-3pm (no school for students)
Parent/Teacher Interviews, 5-7pm
- April 15th-19th Bookfair (Monday for parents)
- April 18th MS Spring Fling dance, 6-8pm, \$5 (must be in good standing)
- April 19th K-2 students visit the Playhouse
- April 24th Administrative Professionals' Day
(celebrate Joy & Melody with us!)
- April 24th Vaping Presentation for Middle School students
- April 26th fourth Friday of the month; students leave at 11:15am
- April 29th PSSC meeting at 6:30pm followed by H&S
- April 29-May5 Smile Cookie Campaign (preorder forms available)
- May 3rd NBTA Council Day (no school for students)



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