

# The Red and Gray

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by: Mychal and Lucy

Welcome to The Red and Gray! The Red and Gray is based out of MMS and made by Mrs. Shonkwiler's first block. This newspaper will be out every two weeks. It will include many articles such as Sports, Gamer Guys, Comic Strips, Upcoming Events, and many more. We will also include an award called The Wings Award. This award will be awarded to a student who lifts others up and shows good character. We hope you enjoy!

## Upcoming Events

by: Brody

Oct. 16- 8th Grade Football @ Northwest 6pm  
Oct. 17- 7th grade Tim Horton's Camp  
Oct. 19- End of 1st 9wks  
Oct. 19- Morning MARCS Only  
Oct. 23- Desco Deposit Day for 6th Grade  
Oct. 29- PTO Fall Carnival  
Oct. 30- Scioto County Trick or Treat  
Nov. 1- Picture retakes  
Nov. 1- 2 hour early dismissal  
Nov. 1- Parent-Teacher Conferences  
Nov. 2- No school  
Nov. 4- Time change  
Nov. 6- Desco Deposit Day  
Nov. 10- Winterfest

## Gamer Guys

### Call of Duty Black Ops 4

The fourth installment in the Black Ops series has just dropped on the market. The game will have zombies, multiplayer and the NEW Blackout gamemode.

### Our Thoughts

Blackout has ruined the feel of the Call of Duty franchise and the loss of campaign is a terrible decision. We give the game a 2.5 out of 10.

## National Holidays

by: Doyle

October

16th- Boss's Day, Dictionary Day  
17th- National Fossil Day, National Pasta Day  
18th- No Beard Day  
19th- Evaluate Your Life Day  
20th- Brandied Fruit Day  
21st- National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day, Count Your Buttons Day, Babbling Day  
22nd- National Nut Day  
23rd- National Mole Day, T.V. Talk Show Host Day  
24th- United Nations Day, National Bologna Day  
25th- Punk for a Day Day, World Pasta Day  
26th- Frankenstein Friday, National Mincemeat Day

## Student Voice

by: Jeriah

The Student Voice is a section of the newspaper giving students the opportunity to be heard. Each publication we will cover a "Hot Topic". This month's publication regards safety. It is possible some students go through the fear of coming to school everyday or even dread throughout the day as it's not very enjoyable. In this newspaper article, I attempted to make students' voices heard by asking 3 anonymous 6th-8th grade students the question, "Do you feel safe at school?" Here are their responses:

### Q. Do you feel safe at school?

**S1:** "Yes. Teachers pay attention and there are always people around."

**S2:** "Yes. Teachers are everywhere, and no one's really a bully."

**S3:** "Yeah, everyone's pretty nice and teachers keep a good look on things."



## Academics

by: Amelia

You may be asking yourself, what is Quiz Bowl? Quiz Bowl is an academic competition, in which you can become a part of. How? In order to join the Minford Quiz Bowl team, you'd have to take a test and the top scores will make up the team.

There are 10 students on the team for grades 5-6, and there are 12 students on the team for grades 7-8. They practice 2-3 times a week. Practice consists of answering critical questions and practicing using the buzzers. They work really hard to be a part of the Quiz Bowl team!

If you would like to come watch the matches you are able to do so! Students and parents are encouraged to come watch! Grades 5-6 will have their first match on October 24th at 4PM and Grades 7-8's first match is on October 31st at 4PM. Both matches will take place at the ESC, so feel free to come and watch the competitions. The main advisor, Mrs. Mcfadden exclaimed "We wanna bring home the trophy again this year!"

## Sports

by: Hannah, Sydney, Nevaeh

### Basketball

Open gyms for the Lady Falcons has already started. Jr high girls basketball tryouts are on October 24th and 25th. It is mandatory to stay after school and go both days if you would like to try out. If you have any questions you can ask the 8th grade coach, Mr. Nelson.



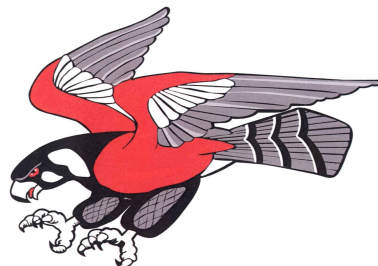
The JH girls cross country team.

### Cross Country

Our JH girls cross country team finished with an average of 15:06, on Saturday the 6th. The top scorer was Juniper Allen finishing in 1st place with a time of 12:25. There were 27 JH girls teams and 131 individual runners. Our JH boys cross country team finished with an average of 13:45. The top scorer for Minford was Skylar Allen who finished in 18th place and a time of 12:12. There were 27 teams and 158 individual runners for the JH boy's race.

### Football

Our 8th grade boys will play in their last junior high football game. This game will be at Northwest on October 16th. Go Falcons!



## 8th Grade Trip

by: Junie and Isabella

Upcoming fundraisers:

- Pampered Chef- 10/11
- Kettle Corn Sale- end of October
- Poinsettias- November
- Gas Card Raffles

Next Payment due date:

Friday, October 19th  
\$200

Remember:

Be sure to sign up for the Remind app to receive alerts about fundraisers and payment dates.

## Staff Spotlight

by: Autumn

This weeks Staff Spotlight is Mrs. Christen Bowman. She is the new Jr. High intervention specialist. This is currently Mrs. Bowman's first year of teaching. She graduated from Waverly High School and went to pursue her career as a teacher at Shawnee State University. When asked why she enjoys teaching and what made her decide to do this as a career she responded with this, "I love helping students work toward their goal and achieve them. I want to make a difference in the lives of as many students as I can." Mrs. Bowman is married to her wonderful husband and has a little boy named Gavin. She lives in Piketon, Ohio and enjoys spending time with her friends and family in her free time.

## Paint It Pink Volleyball Game

by: Hannah, Sydney, Nevaeh

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Out of every type of cancer, breast cancer is the most common. Our Jr. high volleyball team held a breast cancer awareness volleyball game on October 8, against the Valley Indians. Both teams filled the gym by wearing pink.

All of the proceeds went to Melanie Ramey. We raised \$3,000. At the soccer fields, they raised over \$100 for Mrs. Ramey.

The games in between were full of fun and laughter. Participants who played the games won prizes that had been donated. Melanie Ramey participated and helped with the games.

We asked Mrs. Ramey, how she felt having so much support from such a small town. She says, "I feel so blessed and overwhelmed at the same time from my Minford family. I had this support from last year when I was diagnosed with cancer. Now I have this new cancer. I couldn't imagine having more support than last year. It meant so much to my family. It put them at ease. They were so grateful for all the support I am getting. They were very grateful. Keep the support and prayers coming."



**Mrs. Ramey**

### Wings Award

by: Junie and Isabella

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The "Wings Award" will be featuring a student who shows good character in and out of the classroom. The student must be positive, kind, and friendly towards others.

Hayden Phillips is a kind, positive, upbeat student. He has been a member of the concert band for three years and started participating in the marching band this year playing the trombone. "Hayden is an incredibly talented musician." says Minford's band director, Mr. Porter. "His dedication is to be commended and his work ethic is impressive. He is very respectful and always willing to go the extra mile. He is certainly one of Minford's finest students."

Hayden says that his biggest inspiration is his parents because they always encourage him to work hard. Hayden says, "They encourage me to study and get good grades." On top of Hayden's outgoing work ethic and personality, he stands up for anti bullying in our school.

Hayden says, "I believe students can make our school a better place by helping people that are being bullied." "Hayden is nice, funny, kind and he always holds the door." says fellow band member, Sarah Roberson. He is a great example of a true friend, student, and classmate in our school.



## Phone Recycling

by: Junie and Isabella

Do you have old, mobile devices that you no longer use? You don't want to throw them away but you also don't want to keep them. In an effort to decrease electronic waste and bring virtual reality learning into our classrooms, Minford has created The Falcon Mobile Recycling Program. To contribute to this program all you have to do is turn in used, but functional smartphones, touch devices, and tablets that run on either the Android or iOS operating system to any of the building secretaries. Make sure that the devices are not cracked and all passwords and pins are removed before turning them into the school. If you plan on upgrading devices this holiday season we encourage you donate your old devices to our school. Your contribution to our school would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions/concerns The Falcon Mobile Recycling program is on our school website. Mobile Recycling program is on our school website.



## Motivational

by: Doyle, Sarah, Jacob

Every newspaper we will include two motivational quotes. Our two quotes for this week: "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." -Dr. Seuss "The world is filled with nice people. If you can't find one, be one." -Nishan Panwar

## MARCS

By: Reagan

MARCS is a before and after school program offered through a grant from Ohio's grant program. Brent Howard is the MARCS program coordinator here at Minford. Students k-5 may be in the after school program the times that the after school program takes place from when school lets out until 5:10pm. Grades k-8 may attend the before school the times for the before school program is 6:30am - 8:30am. MARCS helps student with math and reading. The students are helped with completing complicated homework. MARCS students also participate in various activities such as Art, Music, Literature, and Physical Activities. Students may sign-up for MARCS anytime during the school year. Registration forms are available in the guidance office and the MMS Library.

## Leadership Alliance

by: Autumn and Vaeh

Leadership Alliance is a program that is all about leadership. Being in Leadership Alliance consists of great qualities; such as kindness, positive attitude, willingness to help others, and taking the role as a leader. Leadership Alliance members are always willing to help around the school and are always doing the behind the scenes work. Leadership Alliance is a great opportunity for students to learn responsibility and leadership skills.

## Fine Arts

by: Sarah

On Saturday, October 6th, the Minford Marching Falcons traveled to the Valley competition. "I think we'll do well. It's kind of a 50/50 chance, though. We can do it if we try our best, I think," said 7th grade clarinet player, Sadie Bear. The band gave their all during their performance. Some members were confident in their performance. Others were not so sure. After almost another two hours of other bands going on, the awards were about to be presented. Although the band did not get the state qualification they were yearning for, they still got several trophies for various categories. The marching band had another competition on Saturday, October 14th.