

The Red and Gray ~Kindness Week~

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Governor Dewine A Kind Visit

by: Autumn and Sydney

Governor Mike Dewine visited the Elementary to read to the first grade classes about kindness. He read the book, "Have you filled your bucket today?" The meaning behind the story is we all have an invisible bucket that we carry with us everyday. A "bucket" symbolizes the acts and decisions we choose to make. We could be a "bucket filler" or a "bucket dipper". A "bucket dipper" is a person who chooses to do unkind deeds, and a "bucket filler" is someone who is kind to one another. Governor Dewine came to the Elementary during Kindness Week to teach children that it is good to be kind. He asked the first grade students questions about how they could fill their bucket. The students eagerly raised their hands to answer. He also gave examples of what the students could do to fill their buckets and others. Let's all strive to be a "Bucket Filler". Thank you, Governor Dewine for your wonderful visit.



Behind the Scenes Starting Each Day With a Smile

by: Vaeh

Every morning, we are greeted by the same smiling face. Rain, shine or snow, Mr. Mark Shonkwiler is outside to greet you in the morning everyday at 7:15 until 7:45. For 10 years, Mr. Shonkwiler has opened your car door, greeting you with a smiling face, not because he has to, but because he wants to. 10 years ago, Mr. Shonkwiler was assigned to do this duty, but he has continually done it voluntarily. "I like doing it because I get to see everyone as they get to school, and it makes me be in a better mood before school begins." For 10 years, Mr. Shonkwiler has started each student's day off with motivation and a smile every morning, without even realizing it. He doesn't do it to get noticed, but he does it because he cares. This is one of the random acts of kindness that each day often goes unnoticed.



Jordan Newsome Spreading Kindness Everywhere

by: Vaeh

Jordan Newsome is a fourth grader that took Kindness Week from the school and into the community. Jordan decided that her random act of kindness should be helping a homeless man. Jordan made a goodie bag full of socks, snacks and more. She took the goodie bag to a homeless man in Portsmouth, and explained the meaning of Kindness Week and the minford movement. I asked Jordan how the experience of meeting the homeless man made her feel, and she explained, "It made me feel really happy, and it made him really happy." Jordan chose to do a random act of kindness because she wanted to do something kind, and she wanted to be kind to everyone. She loved making Ken feel happy, and she said that when he said, "God bless," she could tell it meant a lot to him. Jordan is one of the many reasons that kindness can be spread, no matter how big the act is, or how small. We focus on kindness one week a year, but we should be kind all the time, to everyone.



Valentine's Day Dance A Night In Paris

by: Juniper and Isabella

On February 14th, the yearbook staff hosted a Valentine's Day dance for the 6th through 8th grade. They had concessions, a photobooth, and fun, Paris themed decorations. The yearbook staff worked very hard to put on this dance. They made beautiful decorations, selected the songs for the playlist, made bake sale items, and hung fliers. In total, they raised \$500. They will be using this money to help pay for our yearbooks and to purchase yearbook staff shirts. The yearbook staff did an amazing job and everyone had a great time!

Basketball An Unforgettable Season

by: Hannah

Our 8th grade girls basketball team played Symmes Valley. They played a very good game, but lost by 4 points. The 7th grade girls won their first game against Valley, but lost their second game against West.

The 8th grade boys played their tournament game against Wheelersburg. The 7th grade boys played Northwest. Both teams played very good, but unfortunately they were defeated in the first round of tournament games. Our junior high basketball teams had a great season. Good luck to all of the players for next year!



Upcoming Events What's Up Next?

by: Brody

February

26th- Desco Deposit Day

27th- 2- hour delay

March

4th- First Track Practice

4th-8th- 6th grade TerraNova testing

10th- OMUN 6th-8th grade

11th- OMUN

12th- OMUN

12th- Desco Deposit Day

15th- 3rd quarter ends

20th-22nd- 7th grade Tim Horton's trip

28th- Parent- Teacher Conferences

28th- 2 hour early dismissal

Movational

by: Sarah, Jacob, Doyle

"Kindness is in our power, even when fondness is not."

~Samuel Johnson

"I always say that kindness is the greatest beauty that you can have."

~Andie MacDowell

"Clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

~Colossians 3:12

Falcon Fortune

by: Juniper

This year's Falcon Fortune will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2019. The event will take place at the SOMC Friends Center. Tickets are \$100 for 2 people. The Grand Prize is \$5,000. Tickets may be purchased from any of our coaches, or at the Middle School office. This is a great way to support the school and help fundraise.

Wings Award Faith Helms

by: Juniper

Faith was chosen to be the Wings Award recipient because of her outstanding kindness and welcoming attitude that she shows to not only her best friends, but to all of her classmates. It is rare to ever see Faith without a smile. She is constantly going out of her way to brighten up her classmate's days. Faith is always one of the very first people to welcome new students to our school. She is very charismatic and befriends everyone that she meets. Faith is also very artistic. In her freetime she enjoys singing, painting, and drawing. While walking down the hall at end of the school day you can often hear her singing for her friends. She is amazingly gifted in singing and shares her gift with her friends and classmates. Faith is kind hearted and caring. We are all very lucky to have her as an advocate for kindness in our school.

2019 Album Charts of the Week

by: Tyrell

Thank U Next- Ariana Grande (Clean)

A Star Is Born (Soundtrack)- Lady Gaga & Bradley Cooper

Bohemian Rhapsody (Soundtrack)- Queen

Hoodie SZN- A Boogie Wit Da Hoodie (Clean)

Beerbongs & Bentleys- Post Malone (Clean)

PTO

by: Juniper and Isabella

Minford has had a PTO program for many years. The PTO works hard to provide field trips, playground equipment, fundraisers, and many other exciting events for our school. Without the PTO, many of the events that make school fun would not take place, such as the Fall Carnival. PTO workers are solely volunteer and dedicate eight to twenty hours a week to the school. The amount of effort and time that PTO members put into their work is selfless and should be commended. Next time you see a PTO member helping out around the school, be sure to thank them for all that they do for us!

County Science Fair

by: Amelia

The Scioto County Science Fair took place on February 8th, 2019 at SOMC Friends Center. Representing Minford were Kynedi Davis, Hannah Stockham, Carly Thoroughman and Barrett VanSickle. Minford took home more awards than any other school. Hannah Stockham won in the 6th grade, her project being about "Eating In Or Out". There were two winners in the 7th grade. Kynedi Davis' project, "Egg substitution" was the first winner and the 2nd winner for the 7th grade was Carly Thoroughman with her project being about "Super Soil". The 8th grade winner was Barrett Vansickle with his project being about "Fish Hooks". Those students receiving a superior rating qualified for the District Science Day at the University of Rio Grande in March. Congratulations to all our winners!

Leadership Alliance

by: Vaeh

Each year, seventh grade students are given the opportunity of joining Leadership Alliance. This year, 19 seventh graders were accepted into Leadership Alliance. The new seventh grade Leadership Alliance members are, Rylie Banks, Grace Bennett, Meredith Byrd, Emily Cram, Sadie Hatfield, Miranda Johnson, Addi Lute, Harley Lute, Allie McCray, Laryn McGuire, Cali Miller, Kailey Shaffer, Mya Shonkwiler, Jeremiah Smith, Katie Strickland, Carly Thoroughman, Sam Tieman, Grant Wheeler, and Kate Wiseman. Congratulations to our new seventh grade members!

Fun Facts Did You Know?

by: Brody

- Bees can fly 500 feet higher than the summit of Mount Everest.
- The first sole pattern on Nike shoes was inspired by a waffle iron.
- You will spend 340 hours of your life waiting for a red light to turn green.



National Holidays

by: Doyle, Sarah and Jacob

February

21st- Card Reading Day

22nd- Be Humble Day

23rd- Tennis Day

24th- National Tortilla Day

25th- Winter Olympics Closing Ceremony

26th- National Pistachio Day

27th- No Brainer Day

28th- Public Sleeping Day

March

1st- Peanut Butter Lovers Day

2nd- Old Stuff Day

Gamer Guys Apex Legends

Apex Legends is a free-to-play first-person shooter Battle Royale developed by Respawn Entertainment and published by EA. Apex Legends is set in the same universe as the Titanfall franchise. Apex Legends is available on Playstation 4 ,Xbox One and PC. In the first week of Apex's release, it had over 25 million downloads.

Our Thoughts

Apex Legends is just another free-to-play Battle Royale game. The games does have a few unique features. It steals most of its ideas from other games such as Halo, Overwatch and Player Unknown Battlegrounds. We give Apex Legends 5.5 out of 10.

OMUN Reminders

by: Vaeh

This nine weeks, select students have been working nonstop on their OMUN resolutions. This experience is one of the best and most educational activities students can take part in. Mrs. Rolfe is the advisor of OMUN, and although there is a price to participate, Mrs. Rolfe makes the price a little easier to pay by letting us do fundraisers. We have completed all of the fundraisers so far. We do one fundraiser, but the money goes to the I-OPEN program. I-OPEN is International Outreach Program for Education in Nigeria. All of the money of fundraiser goes to the representatives of the I-OPEN program. I-OPEN is an important fundraiser that the OMUN students need to partake in. The fundraiser has not yet been decided. We have paid one payments for the trip. All of the resolutions are finished, so now we are working on speeches and learning the debate process. Students are welcome to stay after school until 4:00 on Monday-Thursday every week. We recommend that students come to after school practices as much as possible to get the gist of things!



Yearbook Staff

by: Mychal

A huge welcome to the newest members of the The Yearbook Staff. The Yearbook Staff, made up of seventh and eighth graders are chosen through a selection process based on applications and submission of photo work. The 2019 Yearbook Staff consists of Mychal Cron, Lucy Grashel, Paige Martin, Annabel Belford, Meredith Byrd, Emily Cram, Mya Shonkwiler, Allie McCray, Grace Bennett, Cali Miller, Addi Lute, Kate Wiseman, Katie Strickland, Alexis Slusher, and Savannah Hall. Congratulations to all!

8th Grade Trip

by: Lee

The infamous eighth grade trip that everyone is so excited for takes place in New York city, "The Big Apple", "The City Of Dreams", "The Capital Of The World". Many fundraisers have been held to help the eighth grade students pay for the expense of their trip. The money earned goes straight towards the student funds for their trip, ensuring that you'll be able to go as long as you put the work in. Mrs. Rolfe also holds raffles and side jobs, such as working the concession during various sporting events. Just like the fundraisers, the funds go straight to the cost of the students trip. On the trip, students will be going to see a Broadway show "The Lion King", stopping in Hershey Pennsylvania and visiting Hershey Park. Another perk to the trip, "We eat an abundant amount. You will not go hungry," Mrs. Rolfe. The eighth graders are looking forward to the trip that they have been waiting for all year!

Spelling Bee

by: Amelia and Doyle

Congratulations to Drew Livingston, winner of the Junior High Spelling Bee and Sophia Mougey, winner of the Middle School Spelling Bee. The Spelling Bee was held January 11th, in the Middle School Library. The runner-ups are Katherine Ball and Alyssa Ruby. Parents sat eagerly watching, as the students were given a variety of spelling words. Students go through a series of classroom spelling bees to earn the achievement of being in the Junior High or Middle School Spelling Bees. Again, congratulations to the winners, runner-ups and participants of the Junior High and Middle School Spelling Bees.

Track Season

by: Juniper and Lucy

Track season is just around the corner. Practices start Monday, March 4th. Practices will be everyday after school until 4 pm. There are 15 events including running, jumping, throwing and pole vaulting - something for everyone to enjoy. Please consider joining the 2019 Minford Junior High Track Team. The coaches are Mr. Shonkwiler and Mrs. Seaman. Ask them if you have any questions. Grades 7th and 8th can participate.



Kindness Week

by: Autumn and Sydney

Be Kind. Two words, seemingly so simple, yet challenging at times. Last week, the entire Minford District took on the role of “Being Kind”. Kindness Week was inspired by Kendra Cram, Emotional and Behavioral Teacher at our Minford Elementary School. The entire Minford Community embraced #TheMinfordMovement #PostPositive and #BeKind tags as they were scattered across social media as well as throughout school.

Kendra Cram, organizer/creator of Kindness Week, “We are excited by the interest and investment made by our local churches, clubs and businesses to support our kids in building strong character and a strong community for our future. Many teachers and I just took off of the idea and ran with it.” The mission is simple Ms. Cram explained, “Kindness Week is to teach and promote kindness, respect and to have dignity toward others and yourself.”

Kindness Week was an effort to strive to be kind to yourself and others. Throughout the week, it was brought to the students attention that you should always be kind to one another and always try to be your best. Bright colored posters about being kind filled the hallways and many quotes did as well.

Each day of the week, kindness was celebrated with various activities that contributed to the school and community. Students rotated through “Kindness Stations.” They painted rocks with positive messages, listened to a storyteller, and completed team building challenges. Students also made Random Acts of Kindness bracelets to remind them daily to reach out to help others. Students spent time making cards at the Appreciation Station for active military, our community service workers and the awesome support staff they come in contact with each day.

A special visit was also made by Governor Mike Dewine. A visit that was made possible by Janice Taylor. During his visit, Governor Dewine read a book about kindness to the first graders and what they could do to help contribute to Kindness Week.

Ms. Cram plans on Kindness Week becoming an annual event is already in the making.

When asked what contributed to the success of Kindness Week, Ms. Cram responded,

“I think Kindness Week had such overwhelming support because our students, our community, our country is ready and hungry for positivity. We are challenged and refreshed by embracing a lifestyle of treating others with kindness and dignity.”