

The Red and Gray

Edited by Mychal and Lucy

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Wings Award

Kaiden Gamp

by: Juniper and Isabella

This edition's Wings Award recipient is Kaiden Gamp. Kaiden's kindness and positivity is so great that he was nominated by two of his teachers, Mrs. Boyer and Mrs. Riley. Mrs. Boyer describes him as one of the the most kind, young men, that she has ever had in class. "He amazes me with some of the thoughtful things he says. He is always kind to everyone and loves to be helpful," says Mrs. Boyer in her nomination. Kaiden says that his greatest inspiration is Mrs. Boyer because he loves mathematics and enjoys being in her class. Kaiden has been a member of 4-H for one year and took a steer to the Scioto County Fair. He also says that it is important to show kindness to fellow classmates because it's nice to make others happy. Kaiden wants to be a doctor when he grows up because he loves helping people. Kaiden is a wonderful young man who shows kindness to everyone that he meets.



Upcoming Events

by: Lauren

Jan. 31- Boys Basketball vs. Waverly
Girls Basketball at Waverly
Feb. 4- Boys Basketball vs. South Webster
Girls Basketball at South Webster
Feb. 7- Boys Basketball at Northwest
Girls Basketball vs. Northwest
Feb. 12- Desco Deposit Day - 6th Grade
Feb. 14- Valentine's Day
Feb. 14- Valentine's Day Dance
Feb. 18- No School - Presidents Day

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Keeping King's Dream Alive

by: Juniper

On January 21st, we took the day off of school to reflect and honor the amazing life of Martin Luther King Jr. King was a leader for the Civil Rights Movement and the Peace Movement. Throughout King's life, he led thousands of Americans in peaceful protests against the stigma put on people of color in the United States. King is known for his nonviolent resistance and his powerful speeches such as, "I Have a Dream" and "I've Been to the Mountaintop." He successfully led the federal government in gaining racial equality. King taught the world to continue to fight for what is right, no matter how hard that may be. King once said, "The time is always right to do what is right."

Gamer Guys

Battlefield V

The new Battlefield game has released and it is the sixteenth installment in the Battlefield franchise. The game is set during World War II. The game has multiplayer, campaign and battle royale game modes. The game can be played on Xbox, Playstation and PC.

Our thoughts

We think that this is a very good game and advise that you get this game. We give Battlefield V an overall rating of 7 out of 10.

8th Grade Trip Reminders

Are You Ready?

by: Isabella

- The next payment is due February 1st.
- Fundraisers: Candy Bars and Gas Card Raffles.
- The tickets have been bought for our Broadway Show! We are seeing the Lion King!



Geography Bee

Around the World!

by: Sydney and Autumn

This years 2018-19 Minford Middle school Geography Bee was held on January 16th, 2019. There were 21 participants in the 4th and 5th grade Geography Bee.

Congratulations to the back to back champ, Claire Clevenger for winning two years in a row! We would also like to congratulate the runners up, Leila Wheeler and Daylen Bentley.

There were also 21 participants for the 6th-8th grade Geography Bee. Congratulations to Jimmy Adams for winning the 2019 Geography Bee. Also congratulations to the runners up, Reagan Lester and Chase Fisher.

Although each year brings great competition, the 7th grade history teacher, Mr. Shonkwiler, said "I think that this year's Bee was the most answered questions I've seen in awhile. Everyone did a great job at answering the questions."

Music Charts

by: Tyrell

1: 7 Rings-Ariana Grande

2: Without Me-Halsey

3: thank u, next- Ariana Grande

4: Sunflower-Post Malone/Swae Lee

5: Sicko Mode-Travis Scott

Junior High Weight Lifting Behind the Scenes

by: Vaeh

I am starting a new newspaper series called, "Behind the Scenes". This section will be dedicated to highlighting students or groups of students that do important actions behind the scenes. For our first edition, of "Behind the Scenes", I will be highlighting the students that partake in the junior high weightlifting program.

Each week, 25-30 young men meet after school to lift weights. Weightlifting, supervised by Mr. Matiz, is not only limited to football players. Weightlifting is for everyone. The students don't have to play football to lift, but it is highly recommended that if you play football you stay after. It is not at all mandatory, but the students that do stay, do it for themselves and their physical and mental strength. The turn out each week speaks for itself. These young men enjoy the benefits they get by working hard and learning proper weight training.

Weightlifting is open to 6th-8th grade students. The 6th grade students have the opportunity to stay after on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2:30-3:15. The 7th and 8th grade students are open to stay after on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 2:30-3:15.



Yearbook Cover Winners

Congratulations!

by: Mychal

The yearbook has selected the drawing that will be the cover for the 2019 yearbook. The front cover goes to Mackenzie Mullens(4th grade) and the back cover is awarded to Ellie Barker (5th grade). They have also selected a few other drawings for places in the yearbook. The following students will also have their artwork highlighted in the Minford Middle School Yearbook: Taylor Cron (4th grade), Emily Trapp (6th grade), Mason McGinnis (5th grade), Jordan Newsome (4th grade), and Claire Clevenger (5th grade). Congrats to all the winners and thank you to all who submitted!

Student Voice

by: Jeriah

I asked three 6th-8th grade students the question, "If you could move anywhere, where would you move?" Here are their responses:

Q.If you could move to any state, where would you move?

S1: "California or Maine for the music."

S2: "Los Angeles because I would meet a lot of famous people."

S3: "Hawaii because I want to live by the beach."

Inside the Classroom

by: Mychal

On January 17th, Mrs. Winebrenner's art class used their creative minds and made paper from scratch. Here are a few behind the scenes pictures of their experiment.



Fun Facts

Did You Know That?

by: Brody

- More Monopoly money is printed each year than actual U.S. currency.
- You breathe in about 13 water bottles worth of air every minute, and about 20,000 bottles of air a day.
- We are actually about half an inch taller in the morning than at night; your spine gets compressed by gravity when you sit or stand.

Motivational

by: Doyle, Jacob, and Sarah

"The past cannot be changed. The future is yet in your power."

-Unknown

"It always seems impossible until it's done."

-Nelson Mandela

"Before Alice got to Wonderland, she had to fall."

-Unknown

Valentine's Day Dance

by: Lucy

The yearbook staff has scheduled this year's Valentine's Day dance. The dance will be on February 14th and the theme is Night In Paris. Admission is \$1. The 6-8 grade are invited. There will be concessions and a photobooth. Dress up if you want to!



Volleyball Clinic

by: Jimmy and Hunter

The Minford Volleyball Clinic is going to be held on Feb. 24 and Mar. 3, 10 and 17 from 1:30 to 3:30 at the Minford High School gym. The volleyball clinic will cost seventy- five dollars. The clinic will be held for grades 5th-7th. They will focus on team play and also individual skills. If you have never played volleyball, this camp will be a great opportunity to learn what it's all about!

Blizzard Bags

Let it Snow!

by: Sydney and Hannah

Blizzard bags are for the first three days of school we miss due to snow. Students then will have to complete the Blizzard Bag activities for the days of classes that were missed. For the next five snow days we miss, there will be no Blizzard Bags to complete. However, on the ninth snow day students will need to complete their fourth Blizzard Bag. Each student can find their Blizzard Bag assignments on our school website. Students have ten days from the day missed to complete the assignment from each teacher.



National Holidays

by: Doyle, Sarah, and Jacob

January-

29th- National Puzzle Day

30th- National Inane Answering Message Day

31st- Backwards Day

February-

1st- Bubble Gum Day

2nd- Eat Ice Cream For Breakfast Day, Groundhog Day

3rd- Feed the Birds Day, The Day the Music Died

4th- Thank the Mailman Day

5th- National Weatherman's Day

6th- National Chopsticks Day

7th- Wave Your Fingers at Your Neighbor Day

8th- Boy Scout Day, Kite Flying Day

Sports

by: Sydney and Hannah

On January 28th, the Girls and Boys 7th and 8th grade teams played Jackson. Girls played on their home court and boys were away at Jackson.

The girls 7th grade team had a good game but sadly couldn't take home the win. However the girls 8th grade team managed to take home the win against Jackson 38-19.

Our 7th and 8th grade boys both played great but couldn't bring home the win.

Next game for both the girls and boys teams is this Thursday, January 1st. Boys are playing on their home court and girls are away at Waverly. Good luck to both teams!

Honors Band

by: Sarah and Lee

The Scioto County Honors Music Festival is a long-standing tradition for our local area. It has been taking place every year for over 75 years. Local jr. high and high school music students audition for a chance to become part of the Honors Band and Choir and are given the opportunity to learn from their peers, other music directors and a visiting guest conductor. Senior students who have participated in the Honors Music Festival for two or more years may also audition for a \$1,000 Music Scholarship. There is one offered for band and one offered for choir each year. The winners of the Scholarship Awards are announced during the Music Festival final performance.

The 2018 Honors Music Festival will take place on at VErn Riffe Center of the Arts on March 12th. Tickets are \$7.00 each and may be purchased at the door. The Honors Music Festival Concert will begin at 7:00 pm. The students of Minford Junior High that have auditioned and been accepted into the Scioto County Honors Music Festival: **Sadie Bear**-clarinet (1st chair), **Tyrell Bragdon**-bass clarinet (1st chair), **Sarah Roberson**-alto saxophone (1st chair), **Kamal Giri**-percussion (1st chair), **Marissa Diddle**-tenor saxophone (1st chair), **Brody Pack**-trumpet (1st chair), **Hannah Dunlap**-percussion (6th chair), **Ajay Stiles**-trumpet (7th chair), **Hayden Phillips**-trombone (8th chair), **Annabel Belford**-trumpet (9th chair), **Abby Weaver**-flute (10th chair), and **Savannah Hall**-flute (11th chair).

River Days Pageant

Let's Get the Crown!

by: Mychal

Have you ever dreamed of becoming Miss Minford? Each year a special young lady is chosen to represent our school. This young lady will carry the title of Miss Minford throughout the year. Each school has a candidate that will represent them in the pageant. This year's candidate was chosen on Friday, January 25th. The candidate is chosen from a panel of judges. Each judge represents one point. The judges consist of Minford staff, the past River Days candidate from the previous year, and a community member. The student body also votes as well and that is counted as 1 point too. Each candidate is given questions to answer about themselves, a basic fact sheet. Each judge will ask a question. The results from each judge is turned in and counted along with the student body vote and is announced "Live" at the end of the school day. A very professional interview! This year's candidate that will represent our school is Sydney Speas. Congratulations Sydney and good luck!



