

# Minford Elementary School Newsletter

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Ryan McGraw, Principal

## Principal's News

### Upcoming Events

**February 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Winter Fundraiser  
kick off

**February 14th**  
Valentine's Day!!

**February 20th**  
No School -  
President's Day

**March 17th**  
End of 3<sup>rd</sup> nine  
Weeks

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Parent - Teacher  
Conferences

**March 24<sup>th</sup>**  
No school

### What does it mean to be positive?

In a day and age in which it is so easy to share information and express our thoughts and opinions about anything and everything, I encourage you to be **positive**. Our students, our school, our community depends upon it.

Positive thinking isn't just a soft and fluffy feel-good term. Yes, it's great to simply "be happy," but those moments of happiness are also critical for opening your mind to explore and build the skills that become so valuable in other areas of your life.

Finding ways to build happiness and positive emotions into your life provides more than just a momentary decrease in stress

and a few smiles. It creates the opportunity to succeed at a level you may never have thought possible. It is amazing how student work improves when they receive positive affirmations at home and at school.

Periods of positive emotion and unhindered exploration are when you see the possibilities for how your past experiences fit into your future life, when you begin to develop skills that blossom into useful talents later on, and when you spark the urge for further exploration and adventure. To put it simply: seek joy, play often, and pursue adventure. Your brain will do the rest



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*Minford elementary students stand, salute, and pledge allegiance to the flag every morning. We love our country and are blessed to live in such a GREAT NATION!*

## #postpositivemonth

I want to introduce you to a county wide initiative that many schools are participating in. It is called **#postpositivemonth**. Many schools and students find themselves struggling with and combating the constant negativity of social media and the struggles of day to day life. Our initiative is simple, let's be deliberately positive on social media and

try to post something positive each and every day. As a community, let's celebrate our differences, shine a light on our accomplishments, and encourage our neighbors. Our calling card will be **#postpositivemonth** to connect material across the county. Be on the lookout for videos, pictures, and posts featuring our students.

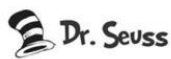
**Twitter: @MrMcGraw\_MES**  
-or-  
**Facebook.com/minfordelementary**

## AR 100 point club

Students have been working extra hard to reach the Elite 100 point AR club. When students reach the 100 point club, they are rewarded with a poster in the hallway and an XL Hershey bar at the reading rally.

Reminder: AR is **NOT** a reading program; it is built on the premise that practice strengthens performance. The amount of reading practice students receive is highly correlated to reading achievement gains. Please encourage your child to read each and every night.

**The more that you read,  
the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
the more places you'll go.**



## How can I help my child become a better reader?

As with anything, performance improves with practice. Encourage your child to read at home. Create a culture of reading in your household by reading with your child, starting a home library, visiting your local library or bookstore on a regular basis, letting your child see you reading, and discussing books that each of you has read. When reading with your child, stop and ask questions to be sure your child comprehends what is read. Reading with your child, no matter what the child's age, is an important part of developing a good reader, building a lifelong love of reading and learning

## Parent Power

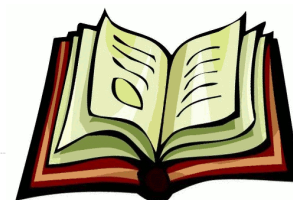
There are many ways you can support your child’s learning and his/her school. Try these tips:

- Spend a few minutes every evening looking over your child’s red folder and any handouts he/she brings home.
- Ask your child’s teachers if there are things you can work on at home to help your child.
- Make sure teachers know that you appreciate their efforts.
- Contact your child’s teacher immediately if you see a problem. Working together will help your child succeed.
- Have a transportation plan in place the night before school. Send notes and make sure your child knows what to do.
- Attend conferences, parent meetings, and school events regularly.



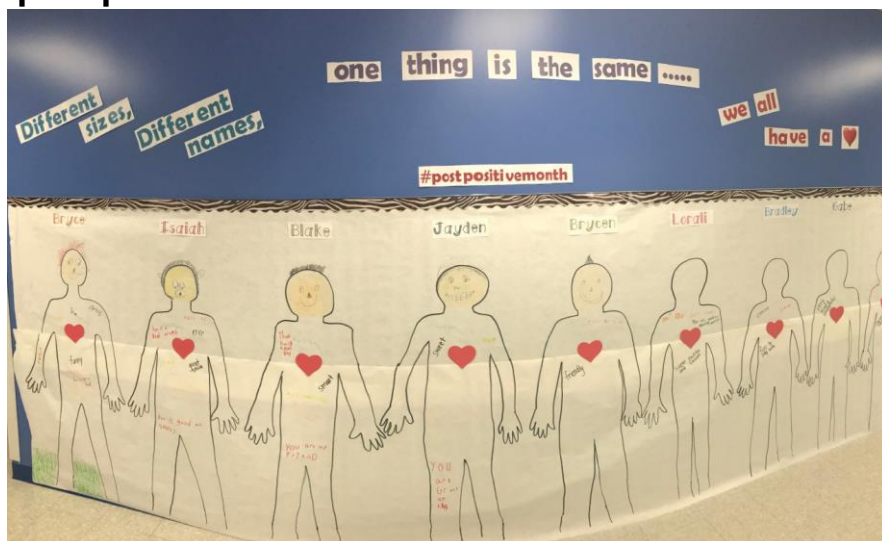
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