

Minford Elementary School

January NEWSLETTER

January 21, 2022

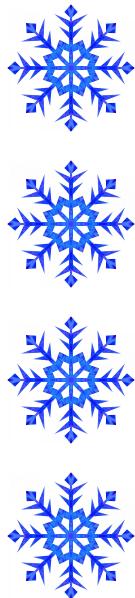
Amazing things are HAPPENING
at Minford Elementary!



Welcome to the 3rd nine weeks and the 2nd half of the school year. I find it hard to believe that the 2021-2022 school year is halfway over! Over the past 18 weeks, our students have made tremendous progress and have had great fun in doing so. I am extremely proud of our teaching staff and the wonderful job they are doing in the classroom. While we can never “make up” the lost instructional time over the past 2 years, we are working ever so diligently to make sure each student receives the instruction they need to achieve their educational goals.

Ryan McGraw
Elementary Principal

R E M I N D E R



- Transportation/bus changes can only be made in person or by sending a signed note with your child to school that day. Bus changes cannot be taken over the telephone.
- Winter is here! Parents, be sure to send your child to school with a jacket. Our students will go outside for recess everyday unless the temperature is below 32 degrees or it is raining. Also, please take the time to write your child's name in his/her coat. We add numerous unclaimed coats each week to our lost and found.
- Breakfast is served each morning at 8:30 am to 9:00. If your child does not ride the bus and you would like them to eat breakfast, be sure to drop them off prior to 8:45. This will ensure that your child has the opportunity to eat. Our drop off doors close at 9 a.m. Any student arriving after 9 am will be considered tardy.

Kindness Week

February 14 - 18 is Kindness week in Minford. Kindness week was started 3 years ago with a goal of focusing on others. Lessons throughout the week will be tailored around kindness and thinking of others. We will have special guests in the building discussing service projects and organizations whose mission is to be kind. In the weeks to come, there will be much more information passed along concerning student activities and how the community can be involved. Keep a lookout on social media (#TheMinfordMovement) and your child's red notebook for this information. If you are a parent and/or community member and would be interested in volunteering or donating resources for kindness week, please email Kendra Cram kram@minforfalcons.net or Ryan McGraw rmcgraw@minfordfalcons.net



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!

Upcoming Events

January

24 - Remote learning day for students. Professional Development Day for Staff.

February

08 - Minford Local School Board Meeting

14 - Classroom Valentine's Day Parties

14-18 - Kindness Week

21 - No School - Presidents Day



If your child is sent home from school with a fever or has a fever in the evening or night, please keep him/her at home. Your child needs to be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications such as Tylenol or Motrin before returning to school. Thanks for helping keep our school healthy!!

Deborah Daniels, RN
School Nurse



Valentine's Day @ MES

Minford Elementary will be partying for Valentine's Day on Monday, February 14th @ 2:40 p.m. Here are a few things to keep in mind for V-Day:

- Student's who ride the bus are not permitted to take flowers, balloons, etc., on the bus home with them. Please do not have these items delivered to school if your child rides the bus.

- There will be no classroom visitors permitted for our V-day parties.

However, if you would like to volunteer to help out with Kindness week, please reach out to Kendra Cram or Ryan McGraw .

Covid Tests

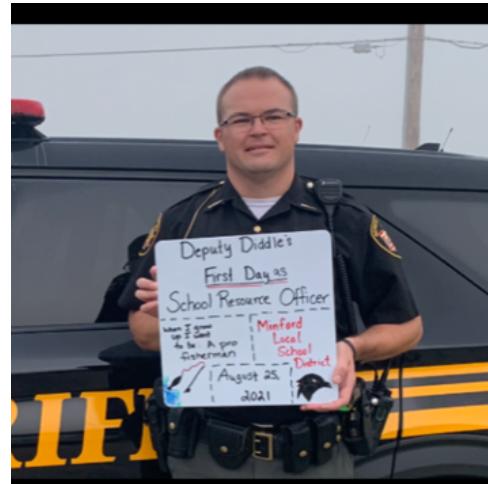
All US homes are now eligible to receive 4 free at home Covid tests. Here is the link for more information.

<https://www.covidtests.gov/>

Kindness - Talk about it!

If you were to look up kindness in the dictionary, you would find that it is described by words like **friendly, generous, and considerate**. Also, in our regular conversations, we use words like **affection, gentleness, warmth, concern, and care** to describe it. Unfortunately though, sometimes kindness has a connotation of meaning someone is naive or weak, but this is absolutely not the case. **Choosing to be kind requires more strength and courage than choosing to show no emotion or anger.** Since kindness is an interpersonal skill it requires **self-discipline** and it is a learned habit that we must strive to perfect each and every day. At Minford elementary, we discuss and model kindness and respect each and every day; however, over the coming weeks, we will be stressing this topic even more. **Parents, please join in the conversation and talk with your children about the importance of showing kindness, love and respect to ALL.**

- Ryan McGraw



Hello!

I am Deputy Diddle. I have been with the Scioto County Sheriff Department for 17 years. I grew up in the Minford area and also graduated from Minford Local Schools. I am extremely thankful to work in the Minford School District this year. It has been a great experience. I have enjoyed the opportunity to be a positive influence on the students, talking to them, and being involved in some of the School activities. I am very proud to be working with the Minford School District, school staff, and students.

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