

Minford Elementary School

January NEWSLETTER

January 26, 2023

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 2022-2023 school year is halfway over! Over the past 18 weeks, our students have made tremendous progress and have had great fun in doing so. As all of you are well aware, there were many changes to our daily routines and building procedures when we came back from Christmas Break. I am extremely proud of our teaching staff and students for being flexible and making the best of the situation. I can proudly say that Minford Elementary is moving right along, putting kids first and 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

REMINDER

- 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 13 - 17 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 Rase krase@minfordfalcons.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

February

13 - Minford Local School Board Meeting

14 - Classroom Valentine's Day Parties

13-17 - Kindness Week

20 - 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

Are you on REMIND?

Minford elementary uses REMIND as our main source of communication to families. Please make sure you are receiving our messages. If you are not, check out the picture to the right for instructions on how to enroll.



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 Rase or Ryan McGraw .

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

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Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

A smartphone screen displaying the Remind sign-up form for Minford Elementary School. The form includes fields for Full Name, First and Last Name, and Phone Number or Email Address (with the number (555) 555-5555).

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Text the message @minfordel to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @minfordel to (484) 241-4261.

* Standard text message rates apply.

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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

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