



Minto Elementary and Middle School

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December 2022 Newsletter



Celebrations of Success

Our school community welcomed back our annual **MEMS Christmas Bazaar** on November 19th which raised \$832.50 for the school. Thank you, vendors and attendees, for making this possible. “Thank you!” to Joy, Melody, Mrs. Dasset, and our Home & School parents who made sure all the little details were dealt with. There is so much work in setting up an event like this and we truly appreciate your efforts!

Our **MEMS Breakfast Program** is under new management! 😊 A big “**THANK YOU!**” to Tara MacKenzie for taking this on for us. We appreciate this huge service that benefits all our students.

Our “**Winter Formal**” **Middle School dance** will take place on Thursday, December 15th, in the school cafeteria from 6-8pm with \$5 admission. Thanks, MS Teachers, for donating your time after school hours so our MS students can enjoy a seasonal celebration.



French Celebrations

In an effort to celebrate French language and culture, **Art Richard** will be performing for our K-5 and Middle School French Immersion students on December 16th. Thanks, Mme Andrews, for making these arrangements to enrich our students’ French learning.

MEMS Breakfast Program

Our **Breakfast Program** is available for all of our 360+ students. We are looking for **VOLUNTEERS** from around 7:15-9am. Please contact Joy or Melody at the school (327-7016) if you are interested in helping one morning (or more!) each week. Your time would be greatly appreciated. 😊 We cannot run the program without our wonderful volunteers.
Donations can be made through Memorials or at the MEMS school office.

We appreciate the donations which have been received:

~in memory of: Debbie Richard

~from friends of our Breakfast Program: Scotchtown United Church and Trinity United Church

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Christmas in the Cafeteria

On Thursday, December 15th, our cafeteria will be offering **Christmas Dinner** with milk and a cookie for only \$7.50. This is a huge hit with students so, to ensure we don't run out of food, parents are asked to pay in advance with cash or online by December 12th. Thanks, Kristie, for all your hard work in the cafeteria and for treating us to this festive feast!

MEMS Parent School Support Committee (PSSC) and Home & School Association

Our next meeting for the PSSC will be on Monday, January 30th, 2023. It will be followed by our **Home & School Association** meeting. Our current committee members are: **Brittney Bridges, Erin Bridges, Cheryl Colford, Lindsay Glenn (Secretary), Jolene Hall, Tara MacKenzie (Vice Chair), Denise McLong, Kyrie Nadan, Holly Oulton, Tiffany Richardson, Loraina Sivitilli McAllister, Jennifer VanLaren (Chair), Tammy Best (Teacher Rep), and Kynda Bryant (Principal).** **Jim Mills** continues to serve as our ASD-W District Education Council representative. The Home & School are having so much fun building school spirit. Their next event is *Candyland Christmas!*

Attention MEMS families!!
Please join us for
Candyland Christmas Family
Night
Dec 8th , 5pm-7pm
A fun night of games, crafts, cookie decorating,
photobooth, stories and more!

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Student and Parent Surveys

Throughout the next 3 weeks, our school will be participating in the annual provincial student survey. This survey is a collaborative initiative of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, Departments of Health, and the New Brunswick Health Council (NBHC).

Students in grades 4-12, and parents of students K to 5 will be asked questions about their school experience and wellness such as eating, physical activity, sleep, bullying, and substance use. The survey will be conducted online.

By taking the time to complete this survey, students can contribute to their school's improvement plans and student learning and wellness activities. The results of this survey will be available from the school administrator next Spring.

If you would like more information on this survey, please call the New Brunswick Health Council at 1-877-225-2521 or visit their website at www.nbhc.ca.

The survey is anonymous and voluntary. No names are associated with the surveys, instead randomly selected codes are provided to students, and all results are grouped together.

Prior to the date of the survey, parents who do not want their child to participate can call and inform the school coordinator and VP, Jennifer LeBlanc, at 506-327-7016.



BEST SEATS IN THE HOUSE!

The K-2 Team is selling “**Best Seats in the House**” tickets for the upcoming Christmas concert taking place on December 21st, 2022.

The tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The winner will receive 4 **front row comfy seats** and will have a special **reserved parking spot close to the door!**

All K-2 students will take home 6 tickets to sell on Monday, December 5th, and the draw will take place on **Tuesday, December 20th!** All proceeds will help support the K-2 Team. Tickets will be available from any K-2 student/teacher and will also be available in our Main Office.



Parent/Teacher Interviews

Report cards went home with students on Thursday, December 1st. Please look for the insert to assist you with booking an online appointment or reach out to your child's homeroom teacher.

Parent/Teacher Interviews will happen Thursday, December 8th, from 5-7pm, and Friday, December 9th, from 1-3pm. We look forward to seeing you!

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Student Council



To put it mildly, this month was quite interesting. At the beginning of November, we held our annual Remembrance Day Ceremony in our gym. We had two guest speakers: Warrant Officer Jeanine Fraser & Captain Marie-Eve Lamoine, who spoke about the Canadian Armed Forces and their duties and purpose. They also discussed the meaning and reason Remembrance Day is held every year in Canada.

Also, this month is the beginning of the holiday season, and MEMS Home & School held a fundraiser with Scott's Nursery. This fundraiser included poinsettia flowers, holiday-themed wreaths, and other festive décor. Alongside the topic of the holiday season, we also held our Christmas bazaar after previously being cancelled due to covid-19 restrictions the year prior. Now that covers all the interesting details of November! Enjoy your holiday season! Submitted by Student Council Secretary, Morgan Barton.

Dates to Remember:

December 1 st	Report Cards issued to K-8 students
December 5 th	K-2 begins ticket sales for “Best Seats in the House” for concert
December 8 th	“Candyland Christmas” presented in the gym by Home & School
December 8 th	Parent/Teacher Interviews, 5-7pm
December 9 th	Parent/Teacher Interviews, 1-3pm (no school for students)
December 12 th	deadline to preorder Christmas Dinner
December 15 th	Christmas Dinner in the cafeteria for \$7.50
December 15 th	Rocks & Rings presentation for grades 3-5 students
December 15 th	Middle School Winter Formal dance, 6-8pm (\$5)
December 16 th	Art Richard French performance for K-5, 6FI & 8I
December 16 th	last day for the cafeteria to be open until January 9 th
December 20 th	draw for K-2’s “Best Seats in the House” fundraiser
December 21 st	“Welcome back to Christmas!” concert in gym, (6pm)
December 22 nd	Christmas concert snow date
December 23 rd	Last day of classes, half day, bus departure at 11:15am
January 9 th , 2023	First day for students and staff



May everyone in our MEMS family enjoy a safe and happy holiday season.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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