



# Minto Elementary and Middle School

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## February 2023 Newsletter

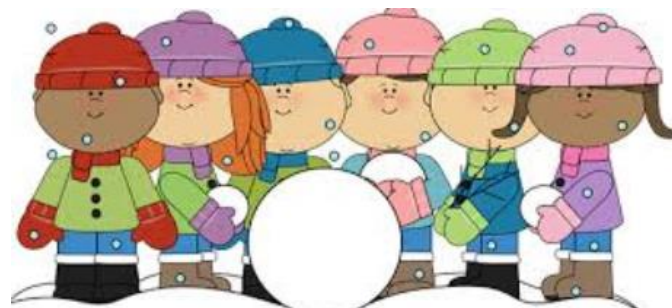
### Celebrations of Success

😊 Each class was treated to trays of sub sandwiches on our half day Friday in January. We are also getting lots of fresh fruit in our Breakfast Program that provides random treats delivered to classes, on occasion. We love supporting healthy learners with healthy choices for snacks.

😊 Ms. Lewis's Science classes are being supported by our District Science Lead and student learning has been enhanced by this opportunity. They are doing Mindcraft for Science. Thanks, Ms. Lewis, for arranging this for our MS students.

😊 Our Middle School Chess Club is headed to Hanwell Academy on February 14<sup>th</sup> to participate in a chess tournament. We wish you all the best. Thank you, Ms. Lewis, for facilitating this club at noon.

😊 Our MS Tech Class is evolving! Sewing machines have been incorporated into the lesson. We appreciate Mrs. LeBlanc for making this happen.



### 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.**

**Memorials** have been received in loving memory of: Marilyn Richardson, Shirley Sands and Georgina McKinley

**Donations** have been received from friends of our Breakfast Program: Diana Deap and the United Baptist Church of Minto

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

Our next meeting for the **PSSC** will be on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 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. Thank you, school community, for your great support.

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## Valentine's Day Candygrams

Students (K-8) will have the opportunity to buy and send a **Valentine's Day Candygram with a special message** to someone special, friends, siblings and/or staff who attend MEMS!

**Love is in the air!**

**Sales:** February 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> (12:10-12:50pm)

**Where:** MEMS Cafeteria during Lunch Time

**\$1 Each**

Candygrams will be delivered to the students on  
Valentine's Day, Friday, Feb.14<sup>th</sup>



All proceeds support the **MEMS Home & School**.

Thank you for your support and **Happy Valentine's Day!**



## Student Council

Student council – January 2023

To welcome everyone back to school, student council members Morgan, Quinn, and I asked students three questions based on their experience at our school. Our first question was, "What do you think should change within the school?" Some of the most popular answers were transition time between classes and morning gym time being cut short due to bus arrival times. When we asked further about transition times, the students typically said they often forget something they need for the next period. Not being allowed to go to their locker between classes often made them unprepared. Question two "What do you think has changed and was it a good change?" Once again, transition times were brought up, asking them to come back. Another answer was mainly directed at the teacher shortage and that not every class has had a set teacher for the past year or two, making it difficult to adjust and stay on track. Question three, "How would you rate your current middle school experience and why?" The ratings ranged from 4/10 to 7/10, so most students were in the middle, not loving it but also not hating it. One student who rated it 4/10 said, "it hasn't been the best few years and the kids aren't the greatest." Still, another student who said 6/10 explained that "it's okay, I can deal with it. Most kids are decent but there are a few that make it rough." and an answer from the middle of the road with a 5/10 told us that "the people aren't great, but the food is!" By the end of the survey, we found most kids want the transition time back, and on average, the middle school experience is rated a 4.5/10.

*Submitted by Student Council President, Kallie Lewis*

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Home & School has an exciting event for our K-5 students and their grown-ups! More info to come...



\*Please note: there has been a change in "Staff Appreciation Week". There were conflicting dates published so it is now confirmed to be February 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### Dates to Remember:

February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Safe Internet Day
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	K-5 Valentine's Gala sponsored by our MEMS Home & School
February 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine's Day candygrams on sale at noon (12:10-12:50pm)
February 13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Appreciation Week
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine's Day
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	MS Chess Tournament
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	MS Valentine's Dance, 6-8pm, \$5
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Family Day, provincial holiday
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pink Shirt Day
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	MEMS PSSC meeting, 6:30pm, followed by H&S
March 6 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	March Break



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