



# Minto Elementary and Middle School

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## September 2022 Newsletter

Welcome to a new school year, everyone! We are excited to introduce you to this year's MEMS Staff for the 2022-2023 school year:

<b>Primary Level Team</b>	<b>Education Support Services</b>
Stacie Harvey, Kindergarten	Julie McLenahan, EST-Resource (grades 5-8)
Megan Keehn, Kindergarten	Erin Weeks, EST-Resource (grades K-4)
Shara Andrews, Grade 1 French Immersion	Terri-Lynn West, School Counsellor
Jennifer Thompson Bailey, Grade 1	Keillan Lavigne, Behavior Intervention Mentor
Debbie McFadden, Grade 2	<b>Specialist Teachers</b>
Anna Wetzl, Grade 2 French Immersion	David Best, Physical Education, Athletic Director
	Summer Green-Glass, Physical Education (0.5)
	Lance McNeill, Music & Art
<b>Elementary Level Team</b>	<b>School Administration</b>
Emily Cordero, Grade 3 French Immersion	Kynda Bryant, Principal
Janie Dasset, Grade 3	Jennifer LeBlanc, Vice Principal
Tammy Best, Grade 4	Joy Murray, Administrative Assistant
Emily Damsteegt, Grade 4 French Immersion	Melody Duncan, Admin. A. (15 hours), Library (14.25)
Alexandra Green, Grade 5 French Immersion	<b>Educational Assistants</b>
Alexandra Ross, Grade 5 Intensive French	Cherie Atyeo, Educational Assistant
<b>Middle Level Team</b>	Carly Beek, Educational Assistant
Lauren Doucette, Grade 6 French Immersion	Debbie Bishop, Educational Assistant
Cortney Colwell, Grade 6/7	Margie Daken, Educational Assistant
Hilary Foster, Grade 6/7	Terri Guislain, Educational Assistant
Valerie Lewis, Grade 7	Debbie Hay, Educational Assistant
Brittany Parker, Grade 8	Brenda Hickey, Educational Assistant
Stephanie Haslam, Grade 8	Tina Thibodeau, Educational Assistant
Madison King, Grade 8 French Immersion	Cathy Vautour, Educational Assistant

**MEMS's Mission Statement:** *Promote a spirit of excellence... be caring, get involved, reach for success!*

**MEMS's Vision Statement:** *Fostering strong academics in a positive and safe learning environment while supporting individual needs and abilities.*

### **MEMS Breakfast Program**

Our **Breakfast Program** is back in full swing. Thank you to the many volunteers who help make it possible to provide breakfast to any and all of our 360+ students who want to enjoy breakfast upon arrival at school.

**Memorials** for the Breakfast Program received since June have been made in loving memory of: Caroline Madore, Rene Lefait, and Johnny Logue.

**Friends of the MEMS Breakfast Program**~ Generous donations to our MEMS Breakfast Program have been made by: Scotia Bank, Grand Lake Campground in Princess Park, and Ripples Little River Convenience Store. All donations are truly appreciated.

### **MEMS Home & School Healthy Blueberry Fundraiser**

The **MEMS Home & School** are excited to announce that we will be holding our sixth annual schoolwide Blueberry Fundraiser. Each student is encouraged to sell 5lb boxes of **local** (Ed Goguen) frozen blueberries. They are excellent blueberries! This fundraiser will take place soon AND money from each box sold will go directly to the school.



We will have prizes for top sellers and, every time a student sells a box of blueberries, his/her name will go in a draw for a prize.

Please stay tuned for details on the dates of the fundraiser and the pickup of the blueberries. Details will be on the order form coming home soon with students.

### **Early Morning Supervision**

**PLEASE NOTE:** This year, **early morning supervision at school begins at 8am.** Parents are asked to please make other arrangements for the supervision of their children prior to that time. As a safety precaution, we would appreciate parents dropping off their children after 8am when the doors open. Students are not supervised at school prior to 8am and, therefore, we are not permitted to let the students in prior to 8am. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### **Head Lice**

As the school year begins, please know we will have cases of head lice reported to us. Head lice continues to be common among children, and outbreaks are possible whenever children are together. We will check the children periodically at school but parents should also make a point of checking carefully each night at home.

## Allergies – Peanut-Free Environment



Again this year, we have children with severe, life-threatening allergies to peanuts and peanut butter. We ask for your cooperation in the following ways:

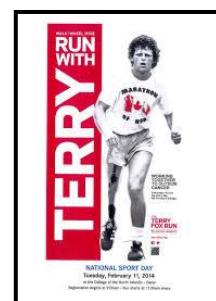
- Please be sure your child's hands are washed free of any traces of peanuts before coming to school.
- Please instruct your child of the danger that peanuts are to some students and adults
- Please avoid sending any peanuts or products containing peanuts to school.
- Please remind your child to not share their food.

## Parent School Support Committee (PSSC)

The first meeting of our **Parent School Support Committee** will take place at **6:30 pm on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**, 2022, in the MEMS Conference Room 205. The purpose of the PSSC is to make recommendations on broad educational issues and policies relating to school performance, goals for improvement, family and community involvement and creating an inviting school climate. A school's PSSC consists of 6-12 members. If you are interested in being on the PSSC, please attend this organizational meeting. An election may be held at this initial meeting if we have more than 12 people interested. Our **Home & School Association will meet** after the PSSC adjourn.

## Terry Fox National School Run/Walk Day

On our half day Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, MEMS students and staff will be participating in our 19<sup>th</sup> annual Terry Fox National School Run/Walk Day by walking, jogging and/or running at school. Donations are currently being collected. Special thanks to Mr. Best for organizing this very important event again this year.



The annual **Tim Hortons Smile Cookie campaign** is being held from September 19<sup>th</sup> through September 25<sup>th</sup> when 100 per cent of the proceeds from sales of Smile Cookies will support 665 charities and community groups across Canada. Each year, local charities and community groups are chosen by Tim Hortons restaurant owners and our local Tim's is supporting MEMS again! Fun, yummy and for a great cause!

**Important dates to remember:**

Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Cafeteria opens
Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	Smile Cookie Campaign at our local Tim's
Sept. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Terry Fox Walk/Run
Sept. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	half-day Friday (fourth Friday of the month)
Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup>	PSSC meeting 6:30pm)
October	Home & School blueberry fundraiser
Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Monday holiday
Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup>	Registration for children entering Kindergarten in 2023-2024



Minto Elementary & Middle School kicked off the new school year with their first “Meet, Greet ‘n Eat” Open House with 165 students in attendance! MEMS Staff was color-coded according to Team. Together, the MEMS Team, wishes you a wonderful 2022-2023 school year! 😊

