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November 2022 Newsletter

Celebrations of Success

The final event for our afterschool **Grades 3-5 Running Club** was the ASD-W District Track Meet in Oromocto on October 14th. We had 53 runners from MEMS participate. With approximately 50 runners per heat, we were extremely pleased with our success of numerous top 20 runners and three top 10 placements. Congratulations to Owen B. (grade 3 boys), Natalie H. (grade 3 girls), and Brooklyn B. (grade 4 girls) for placing within the top 10. A shoutout to all runners for their amazing participation and great behavior. Thanks, Mrs. Best, for making this opportunity happen.

Terry Fox Fundraiser~ \$2306.50 was raised by MEMS. Awesome effort, MEMS Cubs!

MEMS held a very successful **St. John Ambulance Babysitter's Basics Course** on Saturday, October 15th, with 16 students in attendance. Congratulations to the certified attendees! Thanks, Mrs. LeBlanc, for facilitating this event.



Popcorn Wednesdays is a wonderful way to celebrate midweek! It's only \$1 for a freshly popped bag of popcorn and all proceeds go to support student activities. Yum!

Grade 6-8 Math Enrichment at noon on Fridays is now available for all grade 6-8 students. Thanks, Ms. Parker and Mme King, for offering this additional learning opportunity.

Marie Knott, of **Tim Horton's Smile Cookie Campaign**, came to the school to present a cheque for \$2,627 in support of our Breakfast Program. **Thank you** to our local Tim Horton's and to our community!



MEMS Breakfast Program

Our **Breakfast Program** runs daily, even on half days. Please contact Joy or Melody at the school (327-7016) if you are interested in helping one morning (7:15-9am) each week. Your time would be greatly appreciated. 😊 We cannot run the program without volunteers. A big **"Thank you!"** goes out to Joy and Melody who organize our volunteers and help oversee the program.

We appreciate receiving the following donations:

Memorials~ in loving memory of Debbie Richard, Helen Guislain, Joanne Barton, Mildred Boudreau

Friends of the Breakfast Program~ United Baptist Church of Chipman, Diana Deap, United Baptist Church of Minto, Lakeville Corner Women's Institute

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MEMS Student Council

Since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, this month has been the first month that the Student Council has been active. Nevertheless, a lot has happened this month, including the election of the Student Council, and our newly elected president additionally seeking the opinions of the Middle Level students.

After our election results had been decided, there were five students for the 2022-2023 Student Council. Those students were:

Kallie Lewis~ President

Quinn Hunter~ Vice President

Morgan Barton~ Secretary

Leina Waite~ Historian

Megan Seymour~ Artist in Residence

Those chosen are now currently working to get opinion boxes installed into each Middle School classroom to attempt to listen and acknowledge every single question, idea, opinion, etc., that any student passes forward. You will see these changes next month.

Furthermore, this year, the Staff and Student Council held a Halloween Dance which included a costume contest! How fun, and the crowd's favorite was Addyson Hailey, Channing Thompson and Trey Walsh dressed up as the chipmunks! Runner-up was Peyton Richard who was dressed up like a hotdog!

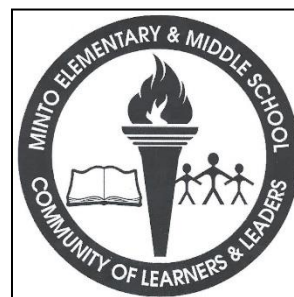
That pretty much sums up the first month of our Student Council's term in office! We're incredibly eager for what lies ahead!

Enjoy your November!

Respectfully submitted by,

Morgan Barton

MEMS Student Council Secretary



Athletic News

Our three soccer teams~ Varsity Boys, Varsity Girls, and Junior Varsity Co-Ed~ are just finishing up their season. Our basketball tryouts are underway. As always, students are invited to return to the building after school hours to watch if accompanied by an adult to supervise them.

Annual Christmas Bazaar back at MEMS

We are happy to announce our annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 19th. Please call Joy at the school to book your table. This year, it will be held in the MEMS gym from 9-1pm. Please enter by the lower side entrance.



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

Our second meeting for the PSSC was on Monday, October 24th, 2022. Our committee is now at full capacity. PSSC Members include: **Brittney Bridges, Erin Bridges, Cheryl Colford, Lindsay Glenn (Secretary), Jolene Hall, Tara MacKenzie (Vice Chair), Denise McLong, Kyrie Nadan, Holly Oulton, Tiffany Richardson, Lorena 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 **next PSSC meeting on November 28th** will be held at **6:30 pm** in the Conference Room (203). A huge “THANK YOU!” goes out to these parents who are willing to donate their time to help our school AND to serve on our Home & School Association. 😊

BLUEBERRY FUNDRAISER



We had an awesome fundraiser, raising \$3,685! We appreciate the support the school community provides every year. Congrats to the top sellers:

1st place, \$25 prize~ **Denver Best** (103 boxes)

2nd place, \$20 prize~ **Gillian Glenn** (27 boxes)

3rd place, \$15 prize~ **Ashton Corey** (19 boxes)

Top Class, Pizza Party~ **Ms. Green's grade 5FI** (114 boxes)

Honorable Mention, Ice Cream Treat~ **Ms. Keehn's Kindergarten** (108 boxes)

Notes from the Office

Each student needs their own water bottle to have in class. Thank you for providing a water bottle for your student, since the office cannot continue to provide disposable cups for everyone. As well, the office can no longer provide students with Advil or Tylenol. If this is needed, a student can bring a bottle from home and submit it to the office where it will be housed with the student's name on it.



Minlak at MEMS

November~ Don't recycle anything smaller than a credit card. That includes straws, bottlecaps, coffee pods, plastic cutlery, paperclips, and a million other tiny things that creep into our daily lives. These objects are too small to be sorted and can jam the recycling equipment.

Respectfully submitted by,
Rudi Kennedy-Mills

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Home & School Holiday Fundraiser



MEMS Home & School have partnered with our local **Scott's Nursery Ltd. in Lincoln, NB.**, for an exciting holiday fundraiser! On Monday, November 7th, order forms will go home with students. Orders and complete payment will be due back at the school by Thursday, November 17th (since the 18th is not a school day for students). When payment is received, Scott's will issue us coupons which the student seller will deliver to those who bought items. The buyer then takes their coupon(s) to Scott's for direct pickup prior to

December 24th, 2022. Scott's are well known for their beautiful plants and décor so we look forward to seeing what the nursery has for our fundraiser participants this Christmas.

Cell Phones

Please remind your student(s) of the MEMS handbook rule stating the use of cell phones is prohibited during the school day, including breaks and noon. Therefore, if students are bringing a phone, it is to stay in their locker from when they arrive until the end of the day. Thank you.

MS Lunch Buddies

Thank you to the MS students who assist our K-2 students at lunch on a weekly rotational basis.

Dates to Remember:

November 7 th	Scott's Nursery/Home & School fundraiser order form goes home
November 10 th	No Stone Left Alone for Grade 4 students
November 10 th	Remembrance Day Ceremony at MEMS
November 10 th	Remembrance Day posters for Legion contest due to office
November 10 th	Harvey's at MEMS for picture retakes
November 10 th	Tdap & HPV #1 for all grade 7's and HPV #2 for grade 8's
November 11 th	Remembrance Day (no school for students or staff)
November 14 th -18 th	MEMS Book Fair
November 17 th	Grade 5 students to Science East and sports museum
November 17 th	Scott's Nursery/Home & School fundraiser ends
November 18 th	PL for staff; no school for students
November 19 th	MEMS's Annual Christmas Bazaar (9am-1pm)
November 21 st	Diversity & Respect Week
Nov. 28 th -Dec. 2 nd	Ring a Bell Campaign
November 29 th	PSSC meeting (6:30pm) followed by Home & School meeting
December 1 st	Report cards issued for K-8 students
December 2 nd	PL for staff; no school for students
December 8 th	Parent/Teacher Interviews, 5-7pm
December 9 th	No school for students; Parent/Teacher Interviews 1-3pm



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