



Minto Elementary and Middle School

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October 2022 Newsletter

Celebrations of Success

This year, MEMS held their **Terry Fox School Walk/Run Day** on the half day Friday, Sept 23rd. Due to the wet weather, we took turns walking in the gym. Thanks for the awesome efforts to fundraise for this cause.



Our afterschool **Running Club** for grades 3-5 is in full swing, under the supervision of Mrs. Best and her daughter, Alyssa. They are training for the finale ASD-W District Track Meet in Oromocto on October 14th.

Our **MEMS Breakfast Program** is getting tweaked with lots of new and nutritious items for all students who wish to partake. A HUGE thanks to the volunteers who make it happen!

MEMS is offering to students between 11-15 years of age a **St. John Ambulance Babysitter's Basics Course** on Saturday, October 15th. The course costs \$65 per person. Please contact VP Jennifer LeBlanc for more details (327-7016).



Popcorn Wednesdays are back! Thank you to Terry West, our wonderful volunteer, who faithfully provides us with our fresh popcorn each week. It's only \$1 a bag and all proceeds go to support student activities.

Our **“Welcome Back!” Middle School dance** took place on September 29th. Thanks, MS Teachers, for donating your time after school hours so our MS students could enjoy an evening out with school friends.

MEMS Breakfast Program

Our **Breakfast Program** began the first day of school. We are in need of **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 volunteers. A big **“Thank you!”** goes out to Joy and Melody who organize our volunteers and help oversee the program.

Donations can be made through Memorials or at the MEMS school office.

Annual Christmas Bazaar back at MEMS

We are excited to announce we are planning to hold our annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 19th. Please call Joy at the school to book your table. More details to come!



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Anglophone West Safe Schools Week

The **NB Anglophone West Safe Schools Week** is slated for October 17th-21st. During this week, the students may participate in numerous safety practices including a Fire Drill, Secure the Building/Lockdown, Bus Evacuations and School Property/Safe Site Evacuation. Other safety activities planned for various grade levels involve Health Education curriculum outcomes, as well as the review of various safety rules/programs/activities.

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

Our first meeting for the **PSSC** was on Monday, September 26th, 2022. It was followed by our **Home & School Association** meeting which has promptly kicked off our sixth annual **blueberry fundraiser**. Voting for PSSC positions took place. Our current committee members include: **Cheryl Colford, Lindsay Glenn (Secretary), Jolene Hall, Tara MacKenzie (Vice Chair), Denise McLong, Kyrie Nadan, Holly Oulton, 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 October 24th** 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 (5lb boxes):



Reminder: Our Blueberry order forms went home on October 3rd and are due back on October 14th. **Blueberries are to be picked up at MEMS from 3-7pm on Thursday, October 20th.** Thank you, Home & School, for organizing this fundraiser so quickly. **SELL, SELL, SELL!** We will have prizes for our top three sellers AND a pizza party for the class who sells the most!

Athletic News

This year, we are operating three soccer teams~ Varsity Boys, Varsity Girls, and Junior Varsity Co-Ed. As always, students are invited to return to the building after school hours to watch if accompanied by an adult to supervise them.

Water Bottles

Each student needs their own water bottle to have in class. Thank you for providing a water bottle for your student.



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NB Provincial Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for the 2023-2024 school year will be held October 11th -14th. Registration can be done online through ASD-W's website under "Parents" for children who will turn five by December 31, 2023, and who will start school in September 2023. You may also come in to MEMS to register in person. Please bring **your child's birth certificate, Medicare Number and immunization record** (card or letter from the doctor) when you register. The routine childhood immunization schedule in New Brunswick can be found on the NB Department of Health website: <http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/health.html>. If you have any questions or concerns about the required immunizations for school entry, please call **Public Health** in Fredericton at **453-8252**. For additional information about Kindergarten registration, please call the **Anglophone West School District Office** at **453-5454** or **1-888-388-4455** or visit the website: www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca.



Minlak at MEMS

October is sweater weather!

When you make space in your closet for your cold-weather clothes, do you unload some of your summer clothes? Please keep in mind that clothing and textiles do not belong in your recycling bin. Instead, please take them to your local clothing donation or thrift shop!

Respectfully submitted by,
Rudi Kennedy-Mills

MEMS Student Fees

A friendly reminder to Parents/Guardians~ **A student fee of \$ 32 per student** is requested to cover the cost of student activities, locks for lockers, supplementary materials/resources, and special programs which enhance the learning environment. You can send it in to your child's homeroom teacher or easily pay your school fees on Cashless Schools. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to "Minto Elementary and Middle School". A receipt will be sent home with your child as soon as possible. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

School Supplies Fee

For K-5 students, teachers opted to purchase all student supplies over the summer so every student had what they needed on the first day. This \$32 fee was due by September 30th. If you have not yet done so, please forward payment. A receipt will be issued.

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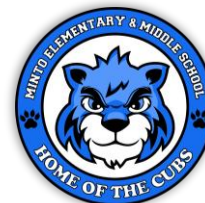
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Cell Phones

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 for supporting us in this matter.

Student Council

We are thrilled to offer our Middle School students a chance again to become active contributors to school life at MEMS. Student Council elections take place in October. Awesome leadership opportunity!



MS Lunch Buddies

Thank you to the MS students who have offered to assist our K-2 students at lunch. Both the K-2 Teachers and students appreciate your help.

Dates to Remember:

October 5 th	World Teachers' Day
October 10 th	Thanksgiving Monday (no school for students or staff)
October 10 th	World Mental Health Day
October 10 th -14 th	Fire Prevention Week
October 11 th -14 th	Kindergarten Registration for students entering K in Sept. 2023
October 14 th	District Track Meet
October 14 th	blueberry fundraiser ends; orders due
October 14 th	deadline for Student Council applications
October 15 th	Babysitter's Course at MEMS
October 17 th -21 st	Safe Schools Week
October 18 th	School Picture Day
October 20 th	Blueberry Pickup at MEMS (3-7pm)
October 20 th	Student Council elections (grades 6-8)
October 24 th	PSSC meeting (6:30pm) followed by Home & School meeting
October 28 th	half day Friday for students (fourth Friday of the month)
October 31 st	Halloween
November 19 th	MEMS's Annual Christmas Bazaar



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