



Minesing Central Public School

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Newsletter #4

Commit to Character Trait for December is Empathy.

Dec. 2016

We strive to understand and appreciate the feelings and actions of others.

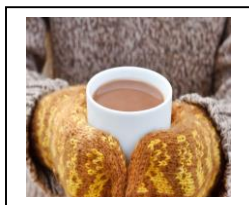
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

November brought us together as a community to mark our Remembrance Day program. Thanks to all who attended this solemn event and to our staff and students who were very well-prepared to lead us through the ceremony. November also emphasized our Bullying Prevention Week from November 21st-25th. During this week, our student leaders planned and prepared a visit to each classroom to spread the message that here at Minesing we 'stand up' when we see bullying and we intervene to stop it!



Our Parent-Teacher-Student conference evening was well-attended, which speaks of the genuine partnership that exists between home and school. Thanks to all parents and guardians who visited our school for conferences. Research proves that parents and guardians who are involved in their children's education help to secure student success at school. We value your support and interest in working together as partners in your children's education. Our annual Book Fair was a great success which has resulted in monies raised for our library and for even more books!



We look forward to our second annual Merry Mustangs Celebration on Wednesday December 14th at 6:30 pm. It will be an outdoor celebration in the school yard complete with musical presentations from our

students in the pavillion and complimentary hot chocolate from our School Council. Please bring your own mug to support our Eco-Team initiatives of keeping our environment green! A Silent Auction is being held in the school on the same night to support

our Grade 8 fundraising for the end of year trip to Quebec.

Thanks to School Council for their dedication in organizing and attending school events and thanks to all parents and guardians who visit our school for community events and meetings with staff. We value your support and interest in working together as partners in your children's education.

Have a great month of December!

Sincerely,
Sonia Kadela

SCHOOL COUNCIL MESSAGE

We would like to take this time to thank all the volunteers who have helped parent council already this year. Your time and dedication to the school and to council are much appreciated. Thank you!

With that being said, our volunteers also take the time to run fundraisers in order to buy materials and electronics for our school that benefit all of the children. Please take the time to consider investing in the fundraisers that do occur around the school (i.e.: lunches, Snow Valley coupons, Colts game). Without them, we would not have the privilege of offering these to our children.

Speaking of fundraisers...Snow Valley coupons are officially back and only here until they are gone!!! You can order by going to your online account or by visiting the office. They are \$20 a booklet and \$10 comes back to the school to use towards technology or whatever else the school needs. Great for gifts or stocking stuffers. First come, first served so order before they are sold out.

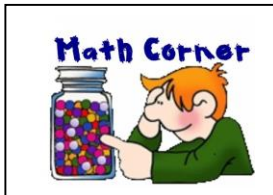


After the holidays, we will meet Wednesday, January 11th @ 6:30 in the library. All are welcome to join.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season!!! 🎄

Sincerely,
Tara Marshall-Sutton and Lori Closs-Phillips

MATH CORNER



Solve Everyday Math Problems

Involve your child in using numbers to solve problems and make everyday decisions.

TIP! Encourage your child to talk about and show a math problem in a way that makes sense to her or him – for example, your child may act it out, use the actual materials, draw it or count on his or her fingers!

- "We need six tomatoes to make our sauce for dinner, and we have only two. How many more do we need to buy?"

Benefits by playing games? Your child will learn there is no right way to add and subtract – mathematicians use a variety of strategies.

TIP! Encourage your child to use a strategy that makes sense to him or her – ie. "counting-on" strategy might help your child keep track of the score in a game, starting with the larger number (such as 12) and then counting on the remaining quantity (such as 13, 14, 15,...).

Try to make up games that involve adding and subtracting number cubes and number cards. Have your child help you make four or more sets of number cards. Each card will have a number from one to ten on one side of it.



- Higher Number. Shuffle or mix up the cards and then leave them face down in a pile. Each player takes two cards and adds the numbers. The player with the higher sum gets the other players' cards. Players continue to take and add up two cards at a time until no cards are left. The player with more cards is the winner. You can play the same game with subtraction, but it would be called Lower Number. The player with the fewest cards at the end is the winner. You can play the same game with multiplication.

NEW SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Minesing Central Public School has made some changes to its Safe Arrival Program. As of Nov. 21, 2016 an automated message will contact parents or guardians who have not called the Safe Arrival Line to report an absence for their student(s). The message will ask you to contact the school right away to let us know if your child will be attending school that day. The system WILL NOT call families who have indicated that they do not want to be part of the Safe Arrival Program.



The S.C.D.S.B. has created this program to help alleviate the time it takes for office staff to make phone calls to parents each day. If you have any questions or comments regarding the new Safe Arrival system, please feel free to contact the school office at 705-728-1944.

Thank you for your cooperation.

SIGNING OUT STUDENTS

PARENTS: Your child will be sent to the office at the time specified on your note (required) if you are removing your child from class before 3:30 dismissal.

Please sign your child out at the office and wait for your child to arrive.

Calls to classrooms will not be made unless your child does not show up at the time specified on your note. Thank you for assisting us to keep interruptions to classroom learning at a minimum.

BUS LOADING AREA SAFETY

As you are aware, the safety of our students is of the utmost importance to us at Minesing Central. We would like to issue a friendly reminder of safety procedures in our bus loading area. Parents and Guardians are asked to NOT ENTER ANY PART OF THE BUS LOOP (Entry or the Exit driveways) during arrival time 8:50-9:10 am and dismissal time 3:15-3:45 pm Monday to Friday. Please arrange another location for drop off and pick up such as the end driveway for the community centre near the water towers or Maguire Avenue.

It is essential that everyone complies with these rules in order to maintain a safe arrival and departure process. Please choose SAFETY OVER CONVENIENCE.

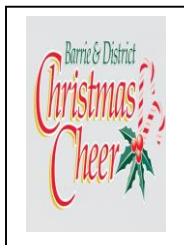
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IMPORTANT LUNCH PROGRAM REMINDER FOR PARENTS...

PLEASE keep a record on your calendar of the days that you order lunches and milk and make sure you inform your child(ren). **We often have parents or students who claim that they didn't get their lunch/milk when in fact it had not been ordered.**

Also, if you pay for your child's lunch program online, you do not need to submit your paper order to the school.

MINESING CENTRAL'S 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS CHEER



We are collecting donations again this year for Barrie & District Christmas Cheer to help the many families in need over the holiday season. We will be collecting different items for 12 consecutive days and have made some suggestions of what your family may want to donate.

"On the 1st Day of Christmas Mustangs gave to Christmas Cheer...a box of macaroni and cheese!"

1 st Day	Nov. 28-macaroni & cheese
2 nd Day	Nov. 29-canned fruit & veggies
3 rd Day	Nov. 30-boxes of cereal
4 th Day	Dec. 1-canned meat
5 th Day	Dec. 2-boxes of pasta or rice
6 th Day	Dec. 5-canned tomatoes & pasta sauce
7 th Day	Dec. 6-canned stew, beans, ravioli
8 th Day	Dec. 7-canned soups
9 th Day	Dec. 8-boxed dessert mixes
10 th Day	Dec. 9-mittens, hats, scarves
11 th Day	Dec. 12-Canadian Tire Money
12 th Day	Dec. 13-unwrapped toys

Items will be accepted from Nov.28 - Dec.13, 2016. The Barrie Christmas Cheer Association requests that the non-perishable food items be canned or boxed (NO glass containers) and be within their best before date. Although dates are specified, ALL donations are accepted at ANY time over the course of the 12 day period. Thank you so much for your donations! We have an amazing community who is always willing to help! THANK YOU!

**THE BEST WAY TO SPREAD
CHRISTMAS CHEER
IS SINGING LOUD
FOR ALL TO HEAR**

MERRY MUSTANGS CELEBRATION

Come and join us for Minesing Central's "Merry Mustangs" Holiday Celebration taking place Wed., Dec. 14th at 6:30 pm. This outdoor celebration will include holiday musical presentations by some of our classes in the pavillion. Our new Ukulele Club will be doing a special performance. Hot chocolate will be provided by School Council. Please bring your own mugs to support the environment. A Program will be sent home closer to the event announcing the classes who will be performing. Looking forward to this merry event!



GRADE 8 FUNDRAISER SILENT AUCTION

A Silent Auction is also being held Wed. Dec. 14th with funds raised going to the Grade 8 Trip to Quebec. The auction starts at 1:00 pm inside the school and will continue through the evening during the Merry Mustangs celebration. All are welcome!

BUS CANCELLATION INCLEMENT WEATHER

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca

The decision to cancel school buses is made before 6 a.m. by the consortium and as such, every effort is made to post announcements between 6 and 7 a.m. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here:

<https://scstc.ca/subscriptions> and you can follow the consortium on twitter @ SCSTC_SchoolBus.

MINESING SCHOOL IS IN THE "CENTRAL" ZONE

As well, please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the winter weather. Warm hats, mittens, boots and jackets will allow the students to play outside comfortably. Keeping extra socks and pants at school may be a good option as well.

GR. 8 PARENTS—SAVE THE DATE

Elmvale District High School Grade 8 Parent Night, Wed. Jan. 18, 2017 from 6:30pm – 8:00 pm. Come learn about all the amazing programs E.D.H.S. offers and see the plans for our incredible new addition being built starting 2017. E.D.H.S. has all the courses your child needs plus awesome electives like our Outdoor Education Program, Hockey Course, Environmental Science, Instrumental Music, Photography, Construction Technology, and so much more! Hope to see you there!

REGISTER FOR FRENCH IMMERSION

Register your child for French Immersion, find out more at information sessions in January
The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) offers French Immersion (FI) at select schools throughout the county beginning in Grade 1. This program gives students a bilingual education and the opportunity to become fluent in another language.

Information sessions will be held in January for parents of students in Senior Kindergarten. A letter will be sent home to those parents with more details. Information session dates will be posted at www.scdsb.on.ca under Programs, French as a Second Language.

The FI online application form will be available from 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 23, until 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017 at www.scdsb.on.ca under Programs, French as a Second Language. While every effort is made to accommodate all FI applications, available space and staffing will determine how many students can be registered in the program.

Applications will be processed in the order they are received electronically.

Please contact the school if you do not have Internet access at home or require assistance accessing the online application. Please note that the host sites for FI may change during your child's time in the program, and your child may need to move schools. This may also include splitting the program between two different sites.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION OPENS IN JANUARY

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2013? If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB!

Beginning on January 23, 2017, Simcoe County's public schools will register children for Kindergarten for the 2017-18 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and record of immunization. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.



NEXT YEAR'S S.C.D.S.B. CALENDAR

Provide input on proposed 2017-18 school year calendar

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) invites public school communities to submit input regarding the proposed school year calendar for next school year (Sept. 2017 to June 2018). Input can be provided by visiting www.scdsb.on.ca, then clicking the link on the 'School Year Calendars' page under the 'Schools' menu. All stakeholders including staff, school council members, parents/guardians, students and members of the school community are invited to provide input. **The deadline to submit input is Jan. 13, 2017.**

HEALTHY CELEBRATION IDEAS

Celebrations are great opportunities for children to practice the healthy eating messages they learn in class. You can help us teach the importance of healthy eating by choosing healthy foods to send to school the next time your child's class is celebrating. Try these ideas:



- send a tray of watermelon slices, box of clementines or fruit kabobs
- make homemade mini muffins with whole wheat flour and grated carrots or apple
- send a tray of whole grain crackers, cubes of lower fat cheese and grapes

For more ideas, tool and resources to support your healthy classroom celebrations, check out www.brightbites.ca – Reason to Celebrate.

IS BEDTIME STRESSING YOU OUT?

Kids need 10 to 12 hours of sleep every night but sometimes getting them to bed can be frustrating. You can help create a regular sleep schedule for your child by setting a clear bedtime and

sticking to the same time every night. Start getting ready an hour before bed: turn off the TV, computers and phones. Spend quality time talking or reading stories to help them unwind. Agree on how many books you'll read before you start! Keep their room dark, cool and quiet - a nightlight is fine. Remember, making sure your child gets enough rest will help improve their mood, behaviour and ability to learn.

For more bedtime tips, contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 to speak with a public health nurse or visit the health unit website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.



STAY HEALTHY THIS SCHOOL YEAR!

Colds and Influenza spread easily from person to person. These germs can spread directly from person to person when someone coughs or sneezes, or indirectly when germs land on hard surfaces like door knobs, desks, keyboards, or wet tissues and then are touched by someone. These germs can then enter the body through the eyes, nose or mouth.

The most important thing you can do to keep from getting sick and stop the spread of germs to others is wash your hands with soap and warm running water for at least 15 seconds. If your hands are not visibly dirty, you can use alcohol-based hand sanitizer for 15 seconds. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough into your sleeve or upper arm and stay home if you are sick. Teach your kids to do the same!

For more tips to keep you and your family healthy this school year, contact Health Connection at 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS IN THE VILLAGE OF ANTEN MILLS

The community of Anten Mills is gearing up for a weekend of Christmas celebrations at the Anten Mills Community Centre on Horseshoe Valley Road, December 10th and 11th.

Dec. 10th from 5:00-8:00 pm - Bring the kids to the portable Snow Valley tube run.

Dec. 10th at 6:15 pm – Meet with Santa

Dec. 10th at 7:00 pm – Tree lighting and fireworks.

Dec. 11th at 1:00 pm – The Santa Clause Parade followed by cookies and hot chocolate.



All events are free to the public. To enter a float in the parade contact Dennis Gannon at antenmills1@gmail.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MINESING LIBRARY

Storytime: Friday December 9th & 23rd at 10:30. Storytime for preschool children to 5 years of age. Come for stories, songs & a craft!

Ontario Early Years: OEY will visit the Minesing Library on **Friday, December 2nd and 16th from 10:30-11:30** for children 0-6 years of age. This is a free program.

After School Christmas Craft: Come out to the Minesing Library on **Friday, December 9th** at 3:45pm – 4:45pm for a Christmas themed craft! **The cost is \$3 and is for ages 5+.** Please sign up for this program.

Movie Matinee: Friday, December 30th at 2:00pm we will be watching "Storks". Cost is \$3 for popcorn and a bottle of water. Please sign up for this programs! ***Watch our website and Facebook page for other upcoming programs!**

~Happy Holidays~



DECEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
			<p>1 Christmas Cheer Day 4 (Bring Canned Meat)</p> <p>Popcorn Sales Begin! 1st Break</p>	<p>2 Christmas Cheer Day 5 (Bring Boxed Pasta or Rice)</p>
<p>5 Christmas Cheer Day 6 (Bring Canned Tomatoes or Pasta Sauces)</p> <p>Gr. 8 Quebec Trip Parent Meeting 5:30</p>	<p>6 Christmas Cheer Day 7 (Bring Canned Dinners)</p> <p>Int. Girls Basketball Tourn. Bear Creek</p>	<p>7 Christmas Cheer Day 8 (Bring Canned Soups)</p>	<p>8 Christmas Cheer Day 9 (Bring Dessert Mixes)</p> <p>Popcorn Day</p>	<p>9 Christmas Cheer Day 10 (Bring Mittens, Hats, Scarfs)</p> <p>Spirit Day – Winter Accessory Day</p>
<p>12 Christmas Cheer Day 11 (Bring Canadian Tire \$)</p>	<p>13 Christmas Cheer Day 12 (Bring Unwrapped Toys)</p>	<p>14 Gr.8 Silent Auction 1pm</p> <p>Merry Mustang Celebration 6:30pm</p>	<p>15 Popcorn Day</p>	<p>16 Gr.5's to Ontario Science Centre</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20 Gr.8 Bake Sale</p>	<p>21 Christmas Caroling Gymnasium</p> <p>Holiday Hat Day</p>	<p>22 Christmas Caroling Gym</p> <p>Wear Green & Red Day</p> <p>Popcorn Day</p>	<p>23 Christmas Caroling Gym</p> <p>Christmas Sweater & Holiday Hat Day</p> <p>Last Day of School before Xmas Break</p>
<p>26 Boxing Day</p>	<p>27</p> 	<p>28 School Holidays</p>	<p>29 School Holidays</p>	<p>30</p> 