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Commit to Character Trait for February is — Inclusiveness

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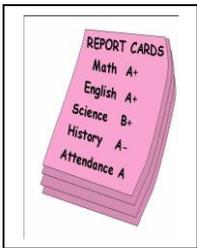
We include everyone in what we do and value their unique contributions.

MINESING CENTRAL IS ONLINE—<http://min.scdsb.on.ca>

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Although we have now been back at school for several weeks, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your good wishes during the holiday season and hope that the New Year finds all of Minesing families in good health and spirits. Here at Minesing Central, we are keeping warm, learning, and having fun despite several snow days and bus cancellations!

Looking back fondly to our second annual 'Merry Mustang celebration', prior to the winter holiday, brings memories of our outdoor fire pit, hot chocolate, and friends and family to celebrate our students' presentations in French and English. Thanks to our School Council who provided us with hot chocolate and to our volunteer Grade 9 Minesing Grad servers! Our Christmas Cheer Food Drive was also a great success thanks to all of our generous families and to the organization by our students and staff.



At this time of the year, it is a good idea to reinforce school and home routines to ensure that our Minesing students are well-rested and healthy and ready to learn when they arrive at school. Please remember to monitor your children's school work and assignments and encourage them to

follow the goals that they and their teachers set in the Progress Report. Please note that the Term 1 report card will go home on February 17, 2017, and will include learning skills as well as grades for each subject. Although there will not be pre-scheduled parent-teacher meetings, if you would like to speak with your child's teacher, you are always welcome to call the school to arrange for a mutually convenient time to talk and-or meet. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the staff if you have questions or concerns about your child or the school.

I would also like to remind you of the importance of arriving at school on time. Punctuality is an important organizational skill that is essential to success in both school and life! In this cold weather, it is important to send your children to school dressed for our winter season and our outdoor recesses. Please remember that we expect all children who come to school to play outdoors at recess; if your children are too sick to play outside please keep them at home.

As always, I would like to thank our parent community and our School Council for your continued support and encouragement. I look forward to a new year full of good discussions and team work around the many initiatives that take place in our school. Hope to see all of you at our Family STEAM evening on March 1, 2017.

Respectfully yours,
Sonia Kadela

SCHOOL COUNCIL MESSAGE

Just another friendly reminder in regards to volunteering. We are always looking for people to volunteer. Without volunteers, we wouldn't be able to offer lunches or other fundraisers used to purchase supplies and expensive materials for your child's classroom. Here are ways you can volunteer:

- ~ supervise lunch deliveries weekly, monthly or periodically
- ~ upcoming STEAM night in March
- ~ organize and distribute fundraising purchases (we have Hewitt's Food Fundraiser coming up)

We will be contacting everyone on the volunteer list soon to see when you are available to help out. Please

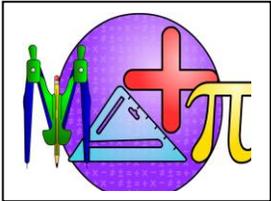
consider any of the above suggestions and let us know your availability.

Thanks to all council members for your ongoing help and support. Without you, what we do, would not be possible.

Stay warm!!!

Tara Marshall-Sutton and Lori Closs-Phillips

MATH CORNER



Help your child see math in everyday activities, have fun and build on your child's love of games and support thinking—and talking—mathematically. Most of

all, show you are willing to learn new things in new ways about math - now that's a GROWTH MINDSET!

You will recognize the names of the five strands of the Ontario mathematics curriculum from reading your child's report card. (Number Sense and Numeration, Measurement, Geometry and Spatial Sense, Patterning and Algebra, Data Management and Probability)

A set of seven essential “**mathematical process expectations**” describes how children actively learn and apply their mathematical understanding.

- Problem solving
- Reasoning and proving
- Reflecting
- Connecting
- Selecting tools and computational strategies
- Representing
- Communicating

Ontario Mathematics curriculum:

www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/math18curr.pdf

Try the Money Game. One person is the banker and the other is the accountant. You can alternate roles with your child in the game. Use amounts of money that can be shown by using coins only – for example, \$1.75.



1. Banker: “I have \$1.75 in my bank. What combination of coins might I have?”

The accountant shows one or more possible combinations.

2. Banker: “I have \$1.75 in my bank. What is the smallest number of coins I could have to make this amount?” The accountant uses the fewest coins possible to show the amount.

3. Banker: “I have \$1.75 in my bank. I have ten coins. What coins could they be?”

The accountant uses ten coins to show the amount.

- You can make the Money Game easier or harder by varying the number of coins you are playing with or by restricting the types of coins (for example, just dimes and nickels). For an advanced game, use play money and bills worth \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100.

Challenge your older child and see who can make the most correct combinations when you race against the clock—and even in teams.

FAMILY STEAM & LEARNING EVENING

We are looking forward to seeing all of our Minesing families at the upcoming STEAM & LEARNING Evening, on March 1, 2017 from 5:30-7:30 pm.

In our survey results, you have said that it is important to have lots of hands on activities relating to technology, science and math and to have activities where children can participate. We look forward to having many exciting learning stations for everyone! Please watch for further details and mark your calendar for this exciting event.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITIONS



We have exciting news at Minesing! The Public Speaking Competition has transformed into “Minesing Talks”. TED-style talks are very popular and a fresh wave in education and include media and/or movement to connect with the audience in a meaningful way.

We will be hosting our 1st school “Minesing Talks” event on Tuesday, Feb. 7th at 11:30-1:10 for Intermediates, and 1:50-3:30 for Juniors.

On February 13th, students who want to compete in the Springwater Vespra Lions Club Public Speaking Competition with a traditional speech or transformed “Minesing Talks” (to traditional style) will be chosen to present, again at 11:30-1:10 for Intermediates and at 1:50-3:30 for Juniors. Ms. Beacom will select 3 Intermediates and 3 Juniors to represent Minesing on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd at 7:00 pm in the library at Minesing Central.

GLOBAL SCHOOL PLAY DAY



Wednesday, February 1st is Global School Play Day and students at Minesing Central P.S. will be participating by have 100 minutes of “unstructured playtime”. Your child will be asked to bring toys that do NOT require electricity or batteries.

Some ideas are board games, dolls, Lego, blocks, trucks, cars, racetracks, jigsaw puzzles, playing cards and social games (Pictionary, charades). Students may also go outside to play or dig in the snow. Stay tuned for details from your child’s classroom.

POPCORN SALES

Popcorn will be on sale at 1st nutrition break every Thursday until April. It costs \$2.00 per bag. Flavours are buttersalt, caramel, dill pickle, salt & vinegar and white cheddar. Money raised is going towards the grade 8 class trip to Quebec.

IT’S TIME TO REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN

Minesing Central is now registering children for Kindergarten for the 2017-18 school year. If your child turns four this year then they’re ready for Junior Kindergarten!



Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and record of immunization. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information. Registration packages are available at the school office.

PERSONAL STUDENT INFORMATION

As students progress from elementary school to secondary school, important personal student information is shared which eases each student’s transition to secondary school. Sharing this information also improves our ability to program effectively to benefit all students. Select student information will be shared at different times as appropriate. The collection and use of personal student information for such purposes is authorized under sections 170, 171, 190 Part X and Part XIII of the *Education Act*. Please note that all information

used for the transition process is limited, secure and protected at all times. Please contact Anita Simpson, Superintendent of Education for this area, if you would like more information about the transition process at Barrie North Collegiate or Elmvale District High School.

UKULELE CLUB REGISTRATION



The next session of Ukulele lessons is scheduled to begin Thurs. Feb. 9th. Registration forms were recently sent home with students. Students from grades 1-5 can learn how to play the ukulele with Genevieve Claveau who runs “Hummin’ and Strummin’”.

New this session are lessons for grades 6-8 students who will learn to play pop songs.

Due to overwhelming interest in ukulele lessons in the fall, the ukulele teacher has decided to put a “cap” on the number of students taking lessons this session, so, it is first come, first served. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school office.

COLTS NIGHT

School Council has booked a section of tickets at the March 9th Barrie Colts game against the Mississauga Steelheads at 7:30 pm. Tickets will go on sale February 15, 2017. Watch for forms to come home that day! Tickets will also be sold on School Cash Online.



IMPORTANT LUNCH PROGRAM REMINDER FOR PARENTS...



PLEASE keep a record on your calendar of the days that you order lunches and milk (especially, if you don’t order for every date on the form) 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 for the particular date(s) in question.** If you write the dates on your calendar there will be no question or confusion as to when and what you ordered.

OPERATIONS APPRECIATION DAY

Feb. 8th is Operations Appreciation Day in the Simcoe County District School Board. We celebrate and recognize our custodians and operations maintenance employees for the great work they do every day to keep our schools safe and clean. We'd like to say "thank you" to Minesing Central's new Lead Custodian, Domenic Cozzupoli, as well as our new afternoon/evening Custodian Rick Pratt.



Please take a moment to thank these very important staff members on Feb. 8. Share your support on social media using #props2ops.

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTION ARRANGEMENTS

Simcoe County District School Board Policy states that students who travel on the bus are permitted to travel on an alternate bus in **emergency situations only**. After school visits, after school jobs, birthday parties and sleepovers are not acceptable reasons for riding to another stop. Parents are responsible to transport their child(ren) in these cases.

Parents must supply a written request to the office in advance stating the date, bus route # and reason for the request before permission may be granted.

For insurance reasons, **ONLY** bus students may ride the buses. Thank you for your co- operation in this matter.



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS

Winter weather is here, so please be sure your child's clothing provides the appropriate protection against the weather while waiting for the bus. Students are requested to be at their bus stop at least five minutes before their scheduled pick-up time. School vehicle delays of 15 minutes or more are posted under 'View Bus Delays' at the SCSTC website: <http://simcoecountyschoolbus.ca>.

TOP EIGHT SNOW DAY QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Bus cancellations and snow days are inevitable in Simcoe County. Each time buses are (or aren't!) cancelled, the SCDSB and the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) receive many questions from students, parents and community members. Check out the *Sharing Simcoe* blog for the top eight questions and answers - visit www.sharingsimcoe.com and search for 'snow'. Remember to follow the SCSTC on Twitter @SCSTC_SchoolBus for bus updates and cancellations.

MORNING PRESCHOOL IN MINESING

Are you looking for a preschool experience for your child? Do you have a child entering kindergarten in September 2017? Starting in February 2017, the Minesing YMCA will be offering a morning Preschool program on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. (2 ½ to 4 years)



"At the YMCA we understand that children learn through play. Our educators' roles are to support play so that learning and development flourishes."

There is an option to join us for a delicious hot meal. Please contact us for more information at: YMCA of Simcoe Muskoka- Minesing 705.725.5453 or sue_mcallister@ymca.ca

TIPS FOR SQUABBLING SIBLINGS



It's common for children to disagree or argue at times. They may fight or get aggressive when things don't go the way they want, or if they feel jealous or competitive, especially with siblings. So what can you do to stop fighting before it starts?

- Let your child know what behaviour you expect by explaining rules for playing with others, such as "be gentle" and "keep your hands and feet to yourself."
- Praise your child when they are playing well with others.
- Help children to solve problems before fights start.

Remember, you and other adults play a big role in setting expectations and teaching children better

ways of behaving. For more tips, call *Health Connection* at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 and talk to a public health nurse about the Triple P-Positive Parenting Program or visit www.tripleontario.ca.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

HOW TO PREVENT AND TREAT HEAD LICE



Like everywhere else, there are head lice in Simcoe County. Lice are a nuisance, but do not pose a public health hazard as they are not known to transmit any infectious diseases. Anyone can get head lice but kids tend to get them more often because they can have head-to-head contact with other children during school and play. The best way to keep head lice in check is to work together to prevent the spread.

Schools are required to inform parents when a case of head lice is confirmed, to provide parents with timely information to begin their own checks at home. Head lice management and treatment is a responsibility of parents/guardians.

Here are some tips to help prevent and treat lice:

- Teach your child not to share personal things like hair brushes, combs and hats
- Set a schedule to check your child's head regularly. Use an area with bright light and look carefully for nits (shells containing eggs) and live lice in the hair, behind the ears and around the neck and hairline. Nits looks like half the size of the head of a pin, shaped like a teardrop and stick to the hair so you can't blow, flick or easily slide them off. Lice are about the size of a sesame seed and are very hard to see because they can crawl and hide but they cannot hop or fly.
- If you find nits or live head lice, you'll need to use a head lice treatment to kill them. Make

sure to follow the directions, and then to do a second treatment 7 to 10 days later to help stop the lice from returning. Head lice are not likely to live in clothing, furniture or bed linen but it's a good idea to wash bed linen and hats in hot water and dry them in a hot dryer just in case.

For more information, visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's website www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

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What's Happening at the Minesing Library

Hours: Tuesday: 1-7; Thursday: 1-5; Friday: 9-5

Storytime: Friday, February 10th and 24th at 10:30 am. Storytime for preschool children up to 5 years of age. Come for stories, songs and a craft!

Ontario Early Years: OEY will visit the Minesing Library on Friday, February 3rd and 17th from 10:30-11:30 am for children 0-6 years of age. This is a free program.

After School Craft: Valentine Special - Friday, February 3rd at 3:45pm we will be having a Valentine's Day themed craft. We will be making some great Valentines gifts! The cost is \$3. Please sign up for this program.





FEBRUARY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
		<p>1 Global School Play Day & PJ Day</p> <p>School Council 6:30 pm</p>	<p>2 Tuque & Sash Day</p> <p>Groundhog Day</p>	<p>3 Winter Carnival K-8 Dress Warm!</p>
6	<p>7 Minesing Talks – Intermediates 11:30-1:10</p> <p>Minesing Talks – Juniors 1:50-3:30</p>	<p>8 Gr.6's Leave for Camp Kandalore</p> <p>Custodian Appreciation Day</p>	<p>9 Camp Kandalore</p> <p>Ukulele Begins 3:30 pm</p>	<p>10 Gr.6's Return from Camp Kandalore</p> <p>Intermediate Hockey Tournament</p>
<p>13 Dental Screening 9:15-3:15</p> <p>Speeches for Mrs. Beacom 11:30-3:30</p>	<p>14 Dental Screening 9:15-3:15</p> <p>Valentine's Day – Wear Pink, Red, White</p> <p>Bake Sale – 1st Break</p>	<p>15 Pepperette Pick-up 3:30-6:30 pm</p> <p>Gr.5's Outdoor Ed @ Springwater Park</p>	<p>16 Ukulele 3:30</p>	<p>17 Reports cards go home</p>
<p>20</p> <p>FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Pink Shirt Day- Bullying Awareness</p> <p>Springwater Public Speaking Competition 7:00 pm M.C.P.S.</p>	<p>23 Ukulele 3:30</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>27 Gr. 1 Scientists in School</p>	<p>28 Cardboard Boat Races – Select Gr. 8's</p>	<p>1 Family STEAM & LEARN Evening 5:30-7:30</p>		