



# Minooka Primary Center

Each month we will have a building newsletter that shares important upcoming events and details. Please read all newsletters to help wrap up one month and prepare for the new month! If you have bus transportation questions please call 815-467-5133.

Minooka Primary Center building hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The main office phone number is 815-467-3167. To contact the nurse please use extension 7003.

We are still working on filling our Good Character Bucket focusing on Being Respectful, Responsible, Safe, and Kind while at school and at home. Students are currently earning hearts to fill their classroom and building buckets. **We intend on earning our third prize which will be a Character Caring Carnival on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019, during the school day. Thank you to our Student Activity Committee as well as our Character Committee for planning the fun reward days. Remember to like us on Facebook we have another LIVE reading coming in February!**

Just a reminder cars should not be passing buses when the bus has the stop sign out. Please help us keep our students safe while arriving and dismissing school. Thank you to our car rider families, for pulling up close to the car in front of you while waiting for your child to come to the door.

We are in need of boys' pants sizes 2T-5T for the MPC Nurse's Office. Please label donation bags, MPC Nurse. Thank you for your kindness!



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February 2019  
Newsletter

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# February 2019

## EARLY INTERVENTION WILL-GRUNDY BIRTH-3 SCREENINGS



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 WCHD/WIC 8:30-3* Morris Lib 9:30-11	6	7	8 Easter Seals 9-11	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 One Hope United 9-11	20 Catholic Charities 9-11 Morris Lib 10:30-12	21	22 Family Dev. Center. 9-11	23
24	25 WCHD/WIC 8:30-3 * CFC #15 9-11	26	27	28		

### Child & Family Connections (CFC #15)

2300 Glenwood  
Joliet, IL 60435  
815-730-2617

### One Hope United

500 Parks Ave  
Joliet, IL 60432  
815-722-4200

### WCHD/WIC

501 Ella Ave  
Joliet, IL 60403

\*lunch is taken from 12-1

### Catholic Charities

203 N Ottawa  
Joliet, IL 60432  
815-723-3053

### Morris Library

604 Liberty  
Morris, IL 60450

### Easter Seals

212 Barney Dr  
Joliet, IL 60435  
815-927-5471

### Family Development Center

1 University Parkway  
University Park, IL 60484  
708-235-7300

If you are looking for a screening for a child who is age 3 or over please contact your local school district. School districts conduct screenings for children age 3-5 years. To determine the school district you reside in, go to the following website and enter your address, <https://www.greatschools.org/school-district-boundaries-map/>.

To be placed in any of our MPC preschool programs parents must sign up for an Early Learning Screening date once your child is at or between the ages of 3-5.

**2018-2019**

## **EARLY LEARNING SCREENINGS**

GRUNDY COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE  
725 School Street  
Morris, IL 60450  
815-942-5780

FOR 3, 4, AND 5 YEARS OLDS  
IN GRUNDY COUNTY  
OR ATTENDING GRUNDY COUNTY SCHOOLS

FEBRUARY 9, 2019 (Saturday)	8:00 – 12:00	Minooka Elementary School
FEBRUARY 23, 2019 (Saturday)	8:00 – 12:00	Jones Elementary School
MARCH 9, 2019 (Saturday)	8:00 – 12:00	Morris Grade School

**REGISTER ONLINE AT:  
[GRUNDYSPECIAL.ORG](http://GRUNDYSPECIAL.ORG)**



## Health Corner with MPC Nurse Erin



February is Dental Health Month! MPC is excited to have **Orland Park Dental Services** come to our school on **Feb 7** to provide **FREE dental exams** for students with signed permission forms. **This exam will fulfill the dental exam requirement for any students entering kindergarten next fall.** Information packets were sent home in the fall. Please contact Nurse Erin if you are interested and need a packet.

**MPC will also be having dental presentations in the classrooms on Feb 5 & 6.** A dental hygienist from Dr Rita Tamulis-Shea's office will be teaching the students about going to the dentist and how to care for their teeth.

### **Dental health tips for preschoolers from The American Dental Association:**

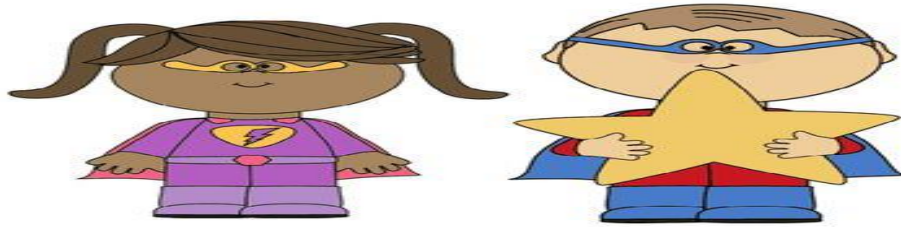
**Tiny Teeth Do Big Jobs! Our teeth are important because they help us talk properly, chew our food, and give us beautiful smiles!** Children get 20 baby teeth (or primary teeth) by the time they are 3 or 4 years old. When children are about 5-7 years old, their baby teeth start to fall out. Those baby teeth are replaced by 32 new adult (or permanent teeth) as the child grows older.

**Cleaning our teeth keeps them healthy and strong!** Clean teeth and mouth are parts of a clean body. Brush twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste. You only need a small amount of toothpaste (just the size of a green pea!). Always spit out all the toothpaste. Adults should help and supervise children up to age 7 when they brush and floss their teeth. Move the brush back and forth gently in short strokes and using a circular motion. Brush the top, front, and back sides of each tooth. Use a child-size toothbrush that is easy to hold. Get a new toothbrush when the bristles are bent and worn out.

**Eating healthy foods helps keep your teeth and body healthy.** Don't eat or drink too many sweets. If you want sweets, eat or drink them with your meals. Avoid sticky chewy candies which can stick to dental surfaces. Don't chew on hard objects like pencils, ice cubes or hard candy.

**A dentist is a friendly doctor who will help your teeth stay healthy and strong.** Be sure to see your dentist regularly. Your dentist counts your teeth, notices if you are brushing properly, checks to make sure your teeth are growing the correct way, and looks for cavities. Your dentist also checks your tongue and the inside of your mouth to make sure they are healthy, too! If you have any questions about your teeth or how to take care of them, you can ask your dentist. Your dentist wants you to have healthy, shining teeth!

**For more information and resources for parents and kids, go to The American Dental Association website at [www.mouthhealthykids.org](http://www.mouthhealthykids.org).**



## I Can Be a Super Friend!

Adapted from a CSEFEL Social Story by Kelly Leonhardt

### **Super Friend Week!**

#### **Monday, February 11th**

“Be a Super Friend and dress like a hero”

Wear any Super Hero clothing/outfit/costume OR wear any princess clothing/outfit/costume!

#### **Tuesday, February 12th**

“Be a Super Friend and express your unique personality and style”

Wear crazy hair today!

#### **Wednesday, February 13th**

“Be a Super Friend and walk away from bad behavior”

Wear crazy socks! (Character Caring Carnival Reward Day)

#### **Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

“Be a Super Friend and show your kind heart”

Wear something pink or red! MPC Student Activity Committee will provide a snack!

**Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>-Half Day Morning Students Attend,  
No Afternoon Session**

# FEBRUARY 2019

## IMPORTANT DATES

1. Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, Lockdown Drill During School Hours
2. February 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, Super Friend Week (see page 5)
3. February 13<sup>th</sup>, Character Caring Carnival
4. Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, Special Snack Day
5. Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, Morning students attend/NO Afternoon Students in Session 8:45-11:25 a.m.
6. Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7PM
7. Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, President's Day-No Student Attendance Day
8. Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, Firefighter Cindy Day @ MPC
9. Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, Board of Education Meeting @ 7PM MPC
10. Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, Afternoon students attend from 8:45-11:25/NO Morning Students in Session
11. Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 p.m.
12. Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, Teacher Institute Day, No Student Attendance

Please mark your calendars. Also, reminders are sent home via teacher mail as well as email blasts, if your email address is not listed in Teacherease please call 815-467-3167 to add your email address.

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