



# Minooka Primary Center May & June 2019 Newsletter



It is hard to believe this is the final MPC Newsletter for the 2018-2019 school year! What a fabulous year of growth for our students. Children between the ages of 3-5 grow and advance so rapidly that a full school year can really show vast social, emotional, and academic growth. I am so proud of this year's students and look forward to celebrating their accomplishments as they Cross the Bridge into their new school year. **The Crossing the Bridge information can be found here on page 3.**

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.

The Student Activity Committee would like you to continue having your child bring in pop tops as well as box tops. The students love "Feeding the Box Top Robot"!

We are still working on filling our Good Character Bucket focusing on Being Respectful, Responsible, Safe, and Kind while at school and at home. We intend on earning our **fifth prize** which will be our Field Day, where the children will use their gross motor skills to play in a series of planned circuit events. The reward date will be June 4th. More information will be sent home in May for Field Day parent volunteers. Remind your child that we as adults are also bucket fillers because we try our hardest to always make good choices in life!

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### Newsletter

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# MPC 2019 ABC Countdown to Summer

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			<u>5-2-19</u> <u>Art Day</u> Students will do an art activity in class!	<u>5-3-19</u> <u>Bubble Day</u> We will be blowing bubbles today!
<u>5-6-19</u> <u>Crazy Hair Day</u> Come to school with crazy hair!	<u>5-7-19</u> <u>Dinosaur Day</u> Bring dinosaur toys while we read about dinos and do dino crafts.	<u>5-8-19</u> <u>Extra Gym Day</u> Students will have extra time in the gym today!	<u>5-9-19</u> <u>Favorite Toy</u> Please bring in your favorite toy for show and tell!	<u>5-10-19</u> <u>Game Day</u> Play board games in your classroom!
<u>5-13-19</u> <u>Hawaiian Day at MPC!</u> Wear your colorful Hawaiian shirts or skirts	<u>5-14-19</u> <u>Inside Out Day</u> Wear your clothes inside out!	<u>5-15-19</u> <u>Jammie Day</u> Wear your pajamas to school today!	<u>5-16-19</u> <u>Kickball Day</u> Play kickball with the teachers and run the bases. Outside or inside	<u>5-17-19</u> <u>Learn about other cultures.</u> Today we will do multicultural activities!
<u>5-20-19</u> <u>Mismatch + Music</u> Wear mismatched clothes and hear music when you arrive to school!	<u>5-21-19</u> <u>Nifty Day to Jump and Play!!</u> Bring your socks for some good times in the jumpies! _	<u>5-22-19</u> <u>Ooodles of Noodles</u> for necklaces!	<u>5-23-19</u> <u>Party Down</u> Today we will celebrate summer birthdays!	<u>5-24-19</u> <u>How QUICK are you?</u> Racing friends to see who the quickest MPC kid is!
<u>NO SCHOOL!</u> <u>Memorial Day!</u>	<u>5-28-19</u> <u>Royal Blue</u> Wear royal blue to show your Minooka Pride!	<u>5-29-19</u> <u>Silly Socks</u> Wear some silly socks today!	<u>5-30-19</u> <u>Team Uniform</u> Wear your favorite team uniform or shirt today!	<u>5-31-19</u> End of the school year is a blast! Make a <u>Volcano!</u> Watch Moana (optional per class).
<u>6-3-19</u> <u>Wave goodbye</u> to your friends, the year is almost done!	<u>6-4-19</u> <u>X-tra Fun Day for Field Day!</u>	<u>6-5-19</u> <u>End of the Year</u> Crossing the Bridge celebration!	<u>6-6-19</u> <u>Zip up your book bag</u> and zoom into summer!	

## ***MPC End of the School year Important Updates***

**MPC Returning Students Re-registration Information:** We will be sending home a registration packet for students to re-register for Minooka Primary Center. The packet will come home in your child's folder by mid-May. If your child is going to kindergarten those registration packets have already been sent home.

**MPC Yearbook Orders:** The MPC Yearbook Online Orders are due by Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

1. Go to [www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate)
2. Enter MPC's code: 1014792442714363
3. Regular Price is \$13.99 per yearbook

**MPC Bridge Crossing Celebrations:** There may be some families that need to attend two or more celebrations. Parking will be limited please arrive 5 minutes earlier than the listed start time. Please see the class list by teacher's name and time to attend.

**When: Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

### **9:15 Celebration**

AM Classes:

Mrs. Best

Ms. Cunitz

Mrs. DiLorenzo

Mrs. LaMont/ Mrs. Dearth

Mrs. Hamilton

Mrs. Hill

### **10:20 Celebration**

AM Classes:

Mrs. Cousineau

Mrs. Lindsey

Mrs. Sabella

Mrs. Smith

Ms. Winter

### **12-12:30 Celebration**

All STARS Classes

### **1:15 Celebration**

PM Classes

Mrs. Lindsey

Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Hamilton

Mrs. Cousineau

Mrs. DiLorenzo

### **2:30 Celebration**

PM Classes

Ms. Cunitz

Ms. Winter

Mrs. Best

Mrs. Hill

Mrs. Sabella





## School Health Requirements

We are near the end of this school year, and soon a new school year will be upon us in the fall. We wanted to make you aware of the school health requirements for the new year before the busy summer months begin. The following are the required school health forms for the new academic year. **Please note, students must have a school physical with immunizations on file prior to attending the first day of school.**

### New incoming MPC students (EC, STARS, Preschool):

- IL school physical (certificate of child health exam) with documentation of immunizations (including a series of 4 DTaP, 3 Polio, 3 Hepatitis B, Hib, Pneumococcal, and 1 MMR and 1 Varicella or exemption form) dated within 12 months prior to start date
- Registration paperwork including a yearly health history form

### Returning MPC students (EC, STARS, and Preschool):

- Returning student registration forms including a yearly health history form
- A new school physical is not required

### Kindergarten students (STARS, Developmental Kindergarten):

- Students age 5 years by Sept 1
- IL school physical (certificate of child health exam) with documentation of immunizations (including boosters of DTaP, Polio, MMR, and Varicella or exemption form) dated within 12 months prior to first day of school
- IL vision exam completed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist
- IL dental exam completed by a licensed dentist
- Registration paperwork including yearly health history form

**We recommend that parents turn in new school physicals to the office as soon as possible.** Sometimes there are errors or omission on the physicals or incomplete immunizations which need to be corrected and could delay the start of school. In addition please complete the registration process as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly for classes. Please do not wait until orientation day to turn in paperwork if at all possible. All health forms can be found on the district website [www.min201.org](http://www.min201.org) under School Health Services.

Any students with food allergies, asthma, diabetes, or seizures must have an updated action plan on file each year. Any medications to be given at school must have a new completed medication order form from the medical provider along with a parent permission form. These forms are also on our district website under School Health Services. Please call Nurse Erin at 815-467-3167 Ext. 7003 if you have any questions regarding school health requirements.



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April 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In January 2013, the State of Illinois adopted Erin's Law. This law is a state-mandated, age-appropriate sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention education program for students in Pre-K through 12th grade.

Erin's Law requires that public schools teach children to recognize child sexual abuse, equip them with skills to reduce their vulnerability, and encourage them to report the abuse.

Minooka CCSD 201 will be providing a developmentally appropriate educational program for our K-8th grade students. For more information about the program please see [www.min201.org](http://www.min201.org).

Minooka Preschool will be conducting age-appropriate lessons to teach students to distinguish between safe and unsafe touches, define the term private parts, identifying trusted adults who can help in situations involving personal safety, and what to do when someone tries to touch you in a way you don't think is right.

For questions concerning Erin's Law please contact your building administration.

Kind regards,

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Minooka CCSD 201  
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Fax: 815-467-3125

**Page 5-Erin's Law Opt Out Letters can be found at [https://www.min201.org/?page\\_id=11467](https://www.min201.org/?page_id=11467)**

An alternative activity will be provided for your child if you send in an opt out letter to your classroom teacher.

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## Kindergarten Readiness Tips & Parent Workshop Information

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For more information about getting your child ready for kindergarten please feel free to join the MPC School Improvement Team as we hold a "Going to Kindergarten-What Can I Expect?" questions and answers parent workshop on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. and again at 2:30 p.m. We will be in the Conference Room at MPC and once the workshop is over you are free to sign out your child.



1. Talk positively about Kindergarten and school. Your child will pick up on your feelings about school.

2. Read aloud to your child every day. Together, discuss the title, author, illustrator, names of characters, the illustrations, what happened in the story, retell the story from beginning, middle and end and make story connections.

- a. Pay attention to signs. Road signs are a great way for children to experience the usefulness of print. Try to read signs aloud: "Stop, S-T-O-P. That red sign tells me to stop the car."
- b. Attend library story times. Your child can experience being with other children while he/she practices paying attention to a book reading.
2. Assemble an art supply box, including scissors, glue, markers, crayons, paints, pencils, and paper to encourage writing and drawing. Together explore with these materials.
  - a. Set up a play office. Children love to collect and use old office supplies. Help your child set up a place where he or she can "work" at pretend writing.
  - b. Practice using scissors. Provide playdough snakes and straws to cut into little pieces or cut out coupons.
  - c. Trace lines, shapes, and objects.
  - d. Have your child practice writing his/her first name and then his/her last name.  
Correct example: Sam Hiser      Incorrect example: SaM HISeR
  - e. Make lists together! Make and use shopping and things-to-do lists. Let your child hold the list and use a pencil to mark off items as you shop or work.
  - f. Help your child make greeting cards, thank-you notes or get-well cards. He or she will see that you can express feelings through writing.
  - g. Draw pictures with details.
3. Help your child follow simple instructions, like: "Please get your coat and meet me by the front door."
4. Practice counting with your child: people on the bus, stairs, socks, windows, toys, etc.
5. Make patterns: (AB Pattern) 1, 2, 1, 2; (ABB Pattern) red, blue, blue, red, blue, blue; (ABC Pattern) circle, square, triangle, circle, square, triangle
6. Identify numbers, shapes, and colors.
  - a. Go on a walk and look for shapes and colors in the environment.
  - b. Play the *I Spy* game by looking for colored objects or shapes in your home.
  - c. Play "Bingo" with colors, numbers, or shapes
  - d. Sort items by color, size, and shape (ie. cereal, buttons, Legos, or skittles).

## Kindergarten Readiness Tips Continued...

### Make Letter Flashcards

- Start slow...Practice showing your child the flashcards for the letters in his/her name. Gradually introduce a few letters at a time.
- Make additional copies of the flashcards and play a game of "Memory".
- Show your child each letter card (in a random order). Practice identifying the names of letters.
- Find the letter shown in the newspaper, books, magazines, etc.
- Match uppercase letters to lowercase letters.
- If your child can identify the letters of the alphabet, have your child put the letters in alphabetical order.
- Have your child practice the letter sound when shown each letter.
- You can provide a letter sound and your child can find the letter flashcard that makes that sound.
- Name things that begin with the letter shown; find them in your house or in a magazine.
- Practice making "CVC" words together. "CVC" simply means consonant, vowel, and consonant words such as hat, men, sit, fox and bug.

### Make Number Flashcards 0-20

- Start slow...Practice showing your child the flashcards for numbers 0-5. Once your child has accomplished the numbers 0-5, try to identify numbers 6-10, 11-15, and then 16-20.
- Make additional copies of the flashcards and play a game of "Memory".
- Have your child practice putting the number cards in order.
- Practice identifying the numbers out of order.
- Show your child two numbers and ask: Which number is more? Which number is less?
- Use a piece of cereal, candy, or simple objects to represent each number.
- Show your child a number. Have them draw objects to represent the number. For example, if you show them the number two, they should draw two apples, two trees, two cars, etc.

### Numeral Counting Chart

It does help children to touch each number when children are "rote" counting. Please use a number chart to help your child practice counting, that way they see the correct number shape as they count on.

It is very important for your child to become independent especially with self-help skills. Daily, the children will be changing shoes for PE. If your child can not tie, please practice this over the summer or provide Velcro gym shoes. Your child will also go outside for daily recess, weather permitting. Students will need to independently dress themselves appropriately for the weather (coats, hats, gloves, snow pants, and boots). Have your child practice these self-help skills over the summer.

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# May & June 2019 Important Dates

## Please Follow the ABC Countdown-Page 2

1. May 6<sup>th</sup>-May 10<sup>th</sup>, Teaching/Staff Appreciation Week
2. Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, Half Day @ MPC AM in Session Only, NO PM Session
3. Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Erin's Law Book Reading @ MPC, see Page 5
4. Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM Parent Workshop "Going to Kindergarten. What Can I Expect? "
5. Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, No Student Attendance, Memorial Day
6. Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, Bridge Celebration Day- Mark your calendars see page 3
7. Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, Last Day of School for MPC Students

Detailed Crossing the Bridge Invitations will come home separately. In an effort to keep siblings in different classes together times may vary.

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 PowerSchool please call 815-467-3167 to add your email address.

This summer continue to find time to expose your children to new experiences that will positively influence their speech, social skills, fine and gross motor skills, and their early academic skills. Summer is also a great time for parents to work on teaching their child to independently buckle into their car seat. As always keep reading daily to your child!

Have a great summer break!

