



Minooka Primary Center

November 2018 Newsletter

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!

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. If you have bus transportation questions please call 815-467-5133.



We are still working on filling our Good Character Bucket focusing on Being Respectful, Responsible, Safe, and Kind while we arrive at school, dismiss from school, in the hallways, and of course in the classrooms. We intend on earning our second prize which will be a visit from Dot the Story Teller on December 14th, 2018 during the school day. We will also earn our special snack day as a result of our November 6th Election Day cookie choice. A permission slip will come home so parents can approve the children eating the winning cookie! We will fill our Character Bucket with paper book cut outs earned by being "caught" showing good character, making good choices, and being good friends. Please talk to your children about filling their personal invisible bucket daily and doing so well that they fill the invisible buckets of the adults around them as well.

November Newsletter will include: Election Day details, Veteran's Day event details, Parent Teacher Conference dates, and calendar details.



News from the Nurse

Hearing and Vision Screenings are Coming Up!

Nurse Erin will be conducting hearing and vision screenings on all of our students at Minooka Primary Center on **Nov 5-9**. It is **very important that your student attends** those days so he/she can be tested.

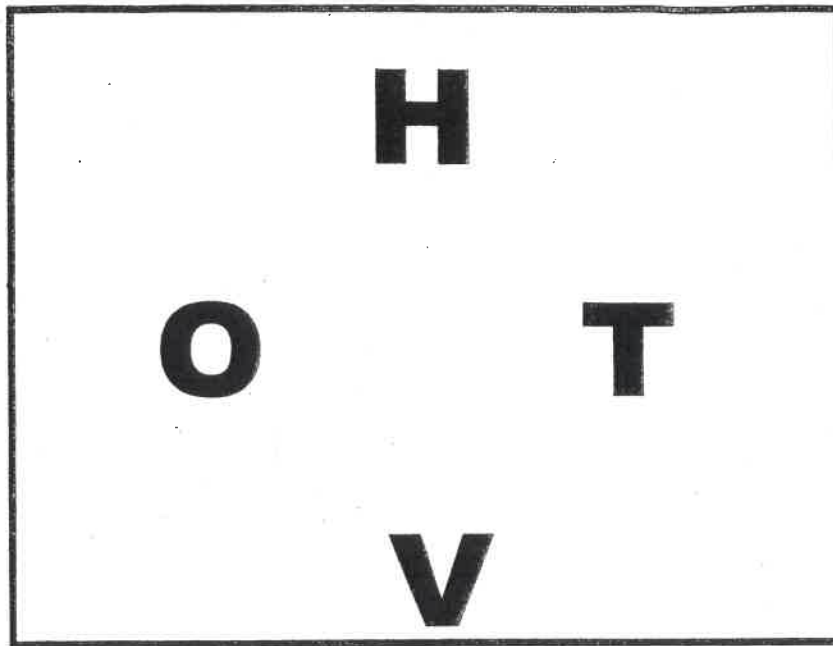
Hearing and vision screenings are an important part of our school program. Hearing or vision problems can occur at any age, and often our young students do not realize and/or can not express that they are having difficulties. Early detection of hearing or vision loss is essential so problems can be corrected and remediated before they get worse. Hearing is important for speech and language development, social skills, and learning acquisition. Young students are rapidly learning so much about the world around them and much of that information comes through the eyes. Children's eyes experience their greatest development- and vulnerability- during the first six years of life.

Please use this vision screening readiness game to prepare your child for the screening so we may be more effective in our screening process. We will be using the HOTV screening tool. A verbal response is not required, nor must the children know the HOTV letters. They simply will be conditioned to "match" the four symbols they see inside the machine by pointing to the response card.

A vision screening is not a substitute for a complete eye and vision examination by an eye doctor. If your child has had an audiogram or eye exam in the last 12 months, please send in a copy to school, and your child will not need to be screened. **Please let your teacher or Nurse Erin know if you have any hearing or vision concerns with your child.**



VISION SCREENING READINESS GAME



Directions – Cut or tear the H – O – T – V strip at the bottom of the page. Fold the strip so that the child only sees one letter at a time. Place the H/O /T /V picture in front of the child. Show one letter on the tear strip to the child and ask them to point to the same letter on the above square. Repeat with each letter one at a time and ask them to point to the matching letter in the square. The letter need not be called by name. Play the game for five minutes the first time and repeat several times for shorter periods before the vision screening.

H O T V

To be placed in any of our programs parents must sign up for an Early Learning Screening 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	MORRIS GRADE SCHOOL
MARCH 9, 2019 (Saturday)	8:00 – 12:00	JONES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

REGISTER ONLINE AT: GRUNDYSPECIALED.ORG



Operation Care Package 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This year Minooka Primary Center is participating in Operation Care Package! Operation Care Package sends items to our troops overseas. We are helping the children understand who are Veterans are and this service project is a great way for the students to show they care. Below please find a list of food, drinks, personal needs, special wants, entertainment, and holiday items that can be donated. Once we have collected all of the items, we will be dropping them off at a donation center to be sent overseas. Please donate what you can. We can also accept monetary donations via check or money order made payable to Operation Care Package. We will collect through the month of November. Send items to school labeled Operation Care Package donations. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 815-467-3167 x 7128 or by email at mmurray@min201.org

<i>Food</i>	<i>Drinks</i>	<i>Special Wants</i>
Beef Sticks	Coffee (Ground, any size-singles to large cans or bags)	Bath Towels
Boxed Cereal	Gatorade	Batteries
Canned Chicken	Hot Chocolate	Flashlights
Canned Fruit	Hot Cider Packets	Hand & Foot Warmers
Canned Hearty Soup	Kool-aid Singles	Hand Held Mini Fans
Canned Tuna	Pre-Sweetened Powdered Kool-aid	Headlamps
Cheese (Non-Refrigerated)		Hot Plates
Chocolate Candy	<i>Personal Needs</i>	Jogging Pants
Cup-A-Soup	72" Boot Laces	Pillow Cases
Dinty Moore	Anti-Bacterial Liquid Soap	Small Coffee Grinder
Dried Fruit	Anti-fungal Cream	Small Personal/Desk Fans
Easy Mac & Cheese	Deodorant	Travel Size Pillows
Fruit Snacks	Flip Flops	Twin Sheet Sets
Hard Candy	Floss	Wash Cloths
Instant Oatmeal	Foot Powder	Zip Lock Bags (All Sizes)
Jelly (No Glass Please)	Gel Insoles	
Jerky	Gloves	<i>Entertainment</i>
Microwave Popcorn	Lip Balm	Board Games
Nuts	Long Envelopes	Card Games
Peanut Butter	Mosquito Repellant	CDs
Pre-Packaged Cookies	Multi-Vitamins	DVDs
Protein Bars	Nail Clippers	Football Magazines

Ravioli	Odor Eaters	Football Napkins
Salsa (No Glass Please)	Pads of Paper	Football Sports Banners
Slim Jims	Safety Glasses	Football Sports Flags
Small Boxes of Crackers	Shave Cream	Footballs
Small Canned Ham	Shave Towels	Guitars
Stew	Small Size Conditioner	Hacky Sacks
Summer Sausage	Small Size Mouthwash	Hand Held Games
Sunflower Seeds	Small Size Shampoos	Harmonicas
Top Ramon	Sun Glasses	Inspirational Books
Tortilla Chips	Sunblock	Laptops (New/Used/Refurbished)
Trail Mix	Tide Travel Size Liquid Detergent (1 Load)	Mystery Books
<i>Holiday</i>	Toothbrushes	Nerf Balls
Cards/Letters of Support	Toothpaste	Plastic Football Bowls for Chips
Hand Made Kids Pictures/Letters	Tylenol	Puzzle Books
Handmade or Mini-Ornaments	Under Armour Wear T-Shirts Sm-XL	Sports Books
Homemade/Bought Stockings (mini or regular sized)	Wet-Wipes	Sports Magazines
New or Handmade Blanket Throws	White/Black Crew/Work Socks	Sports Related Items
Small 18-22 inch Artificial Christmas Trees		Thriller Books
Small un-wrapped gifts		Western Books
		X-Box & PS2 Games



Election Day @ Minooka Primary Center

In an effort to help our young student population to understand the process of voting on Election Day we will set up a voting polling station in our gym on November 6th, 2018. Students will vote on a cookie preference. The winning cookie will be served on the second Character Reward Day. A permission slip will come home identifying the winning cookie prior to the December 14th Dot the Story Teller Character Reward Day. Please answer any questions your child may have about an election using the cookie images on this page to explain what they will do for their Minooka Primary Center Election Day experience.

Which cookie will you vote for?





VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY



Please join us as we honor our Heroes

FOR: Veteran's Day

WHEN: November 12th, 2018

WHO: All Minooka Primary Center Families

HONORING: Service men and women from our area and from our MPC Families!

WHERE: At the Minooka Primary Center Gym

TIME: 10:00 a.m. (AM session) and 2:00 p.m. (PM session)

A.M. and P.M. families are invited to attend their session's assembly time, along with any Veterans that you might know. We will be honoring our service persons with a song and a token of our esteem. If you know of any Veterans that would be interested in being a part of our assembly, please fill out the below section and return it to your classroom teacher. We also ask that each attending Veteran email a picture from their time of service to Ms. Miller. If you can scan the picture and send it to tmiller@min201.org that would be ideal! Our students are learning about the way our military men and women protect our country. Please give us the chance to honor our brave heroes and help teach our young students the value of being a good citizen.

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Attending Veteran: _____

Military Branch: _____

Service Years: _____

Circle Assembly Time You Will Attend: 10:00 a.m. OR 2:00 p.m.

MPC Student: _____ **MPC Teacher:** _____

Please remember to email a picture to tmiller@min201.org



National Young Reader's Week

November 12th-November 16th

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My name is Melinda DiLorenzo and I am an Early Childhood teacher at Minooka Primary Center. Nichole Hamilton, a fellow Early Childhood teacher, and I are in charge of putting together our National Education Week Mystery Reader program this year. We are looking for volunteers to come into our schools the week of November 14th through the 18th, to help foster a love of reading to our youngsters. Much of the focus of the week is also to engage our community in our love of education and all the great works being put out by our students.

We are hoping for at least 10 volunteers to read a short story to groups of our 3-5 year olds that are currently enrolled in our Early Childhood, Preschool, and STARS classes, while enjoying our learning atmosphere. Nichole and I, as well as our principal and staff here at Minooka Primary Center, would like to invite you inside our world of teaching and learning. We feel this experience would benefit our children by exposing them to familiar faces that make up our great community. We also feel that by having you, the community member, visit our rooms you can gain a better sense of the constant learning that happens every day here at MPC. Time slots have been pre-selected and listed below. Reading times should only last approximately 15-20 minutes. We have given an hour window to accommodate your busy schedule.

DATES	AM SESSION	PM SESSION
Monday, Nov. 12 th	10:00 am to 11:00 am	2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 13 th		
Wednesday, Nov. 14 th		
Thursday, Nov. 15 th		
Friday, Nov. 16 th		

You are welcome to bring your own short story or one can be provided for you. Please contact myself at mdilorenzo@min201.org or Mrs. Hamilton at nhamilton@min201.org if you are interested in reading to a class. Be sure to include which session is best for you, and also if there is a specific time within the hour that you might need. We hope that you will consider being involved with this great educational event.

Sincerely,

Melinda DiLorenzo and Nichole Hamilton

Early Childhood Teachers, Minooka Primary Center

November 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

1. November 1st and 2nd-Final 2 days of our Fall Book Fair. Parent can send in money with the students or visit the book fair from 11:30-12:30 and again from 3:40-4:30.
2. November 5th-9th, Hearing and Vision Screenings during the school day.
3. Friday, November 9th, District 201 5 Hour Day, MPC PM students attend from 8:45-11:25 a.m.
4. Monday, November 12th, Veteran's Day Assemblies @ 10:00 a.m. and again @ 2:00 p.m. All welcome.
5. November 12th-November 16th, National Young Reader's Week, see page 8
6. November 19th Parent Teacher Conferences 12:00-8:00 p.m. No Student Attendance Day
7. November 20th Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. No Student Attendance Day
8. November 21st-November 23rd, Thanksgiving Break
9. November 27th, Hearing and Vision Rescreenings during the school day.

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 815-4673167 to add your email address.

