



Minooka Primary Center 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! If you have bus transportation questions please call 815-467-5133. Thank you to all of our parents following our arrival and dismissal procedures. If your child is a car rider and this is a change from your original registration paperwork please write a note to your teacher and call the MPC Office. All car rider parents, please remember that during dismissal we will ask you to pull up close to the car in front of you in order to fit as many cars in front of the building as space allows. Thank you for a great start to the school year!

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

This month we will introduce the concept of showing good character at school. Teachers will read books and talk about filling buckets with good behavior choices. Students are learning to be "Bucket Fillers". The staff is looking for students to be respectful, be responsible, be safe, and always be kind. The students will work together to fill a bucket of caring cut outs. If they work together and fill the bucket we will announce a reward prize day. The purpose of the reward is to promote working together to achieve a goal by showing good character and making good choices. Please feel free to sing our Bucket Buddy Song at home and continue to encourage good character (See page 6).

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Visit our MPC Website:

<http://mpcmiller.weebly.com/>



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

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EARLY LEARNING SCREENINGS

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

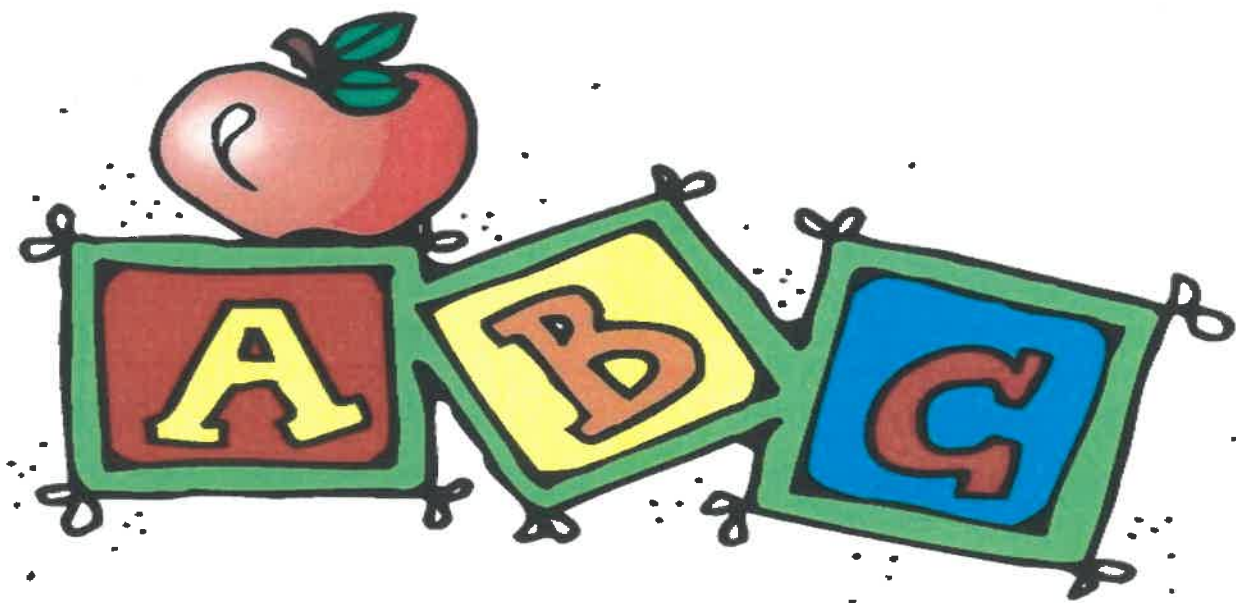
FOR 3, 4, AND 5 YEARS OLDS
IN GRUNDY COUNTY
OR ATTENDING GRUNDY COUNTY SCHOOLS

Next Screening Date:

September 15th, 2018 @ Mazon Elementary School

More screening dates will be released in the spring of 2019. Please check our school website or monthly newsletters for further updates.

**REGISTER ONLINE AT:
GRUNDYSPECIAL.ORG**





Pop Tab Collections

Ronald McDonald House Charities® of CNY collects aluminum pop tabs year-round, and the recycling of these tabs generates necessary income to allow us to continue to serve children and families in Central New York and Northern Pennsylvania.

What is a Pop Tab?

A Pop Tab is the piece of metal that opens aluminum cans. Like the can, the Pop Tab is recyclable. It is a small piece, yet a refundable piece.

Why Collect Pop Tabs?

Pop Tabs are an easy way to recycle and help others. It is a task that people of all ages can do. These small pieces are a source of charitable revenue for Ronald McDonald House Charities® of CNY.

You might be asking: **Why only Pop Tabs instead of the whole can?** Well, the tabs are made of different quality aluminum than the cans and may be more easily recycled. They are smaller and cleaner than collecting cans. They are also easier for the Charities to handle when receiving large volumes. The amount of money received is determined by the weight of aluminum collected. These pop tabs can make a big impact when collected in numbers. Money received is not credited toward any medical treatment.

Some Fun Facts

- 1 pound of aluminum is sold for approximately 60¢ (current price)
- 1,267 pop tabs make 1 pound
- 1 inch = 1 pop tab
- 1 foot = 12 pop tabs □ 1 mile = 63,360 pop tabs

Pop Tab Containers

We encourage groups to be as creative as they wish when constructing their collection containers which can be made out of buckets, milk jugs, coffee cans, cardboard boxes or any other sturdy container. To request a generic sign to use on your container, please e-mail us.

****PLEASE NOTE THAT HOMEMADE CONTAINERS WILL NOT
BE RETURNED.***

How to Turn In Pop Tabs

Minooka Primary Center is now collecting pop tabs!

Please put the pop tabs in a bag, send them to school with your child, your child will be sent to the office to put the bag in a special bin, the bin will be picked up throughout the year and brought to the Ronald McDonald House.

MPC Nurse Erin's Monthly Health Tips-September

When to Keep Your Child Home from School

You can help keep our students healthy at school by keeping your child home for at least 24 hours after they have any of the following:

- Fever of 100 degrees or higher (without the use of fever reducing medication such as Tylenol or Motrin)
- Vomiting or Diarrhea
- Rash that has not been diagnosed by a doctor
- Green drainage from the eyes or nose
- Too tired or unable to participate in activities
- Contagious illnesses (pink eye, chicken pox, strep throat, scabies, impetigo, or any others). A child on oral antibiotics or antibiotic eye drops or other medications should stay home for at least 24 hours after starting the medication. Please let the nurse know of any contagious illnesses so we can take the appropriate precautions at school.
- Head Lice. Treat with lice shampoo and manually remove any nits from hair. Student may return to school the morning after treatment. Please let the nurse know and bring the bottle of shampoo used for treatment to the nurse to check.

Orland Park Dental Services will be coming to Minooka Primary Center again this year on **February 7** to do **FREE dental exams** and cleanings for students with **signed consent forms**. Information was sent home this week. **These exams fulfill the dental exam requirement for any students who will be entering kindergarten next year.** Please sign up if you would like your child to participate.

Hearing and vision screening will be coming up this fall. Please watch for more information to come home. Screenings are an important way to detect any hearing or vision problems early on during the preschool years when children are learning at a rapid pace. If your student has had a vision exam or audiogram during the last 12 months, please send a copy to Nurse Erin and your child will not need to be screened.

To prevent injuries, please be sure to send your child to school in appropriate footwear such as gym shoes. The students play outside for recess and have gross motor activities in the gym regularly. Avoid sending your child in flip-flops, sandals, or dress shoes which could cause your child to fall and does not provide adequate protection to the feet. Thank you for your cooperation.

If your child will be absent, please call our attendance line at 815-467-3167 by 9AM for the AM session and 1PM for the PM session. Please leave your name, your child's name, your child's teacher's name and whether they are in the AM or PM session, and the reason for the absence.

To speak with the nurse, Mrs Erin Witcofski, please call 815-467-3167 X 7003.



Bucket Buddy Song

Sing to the tune of *"Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"*

Fill a bucket every day (Show hands filling an imaginary bucket) **in a bucket buddy way.** (Arms hug self)

Be respectful, responsible too. (Hold up one, then two fingers)

Always be safe in what you do. (Hold up three fingers)

Fill a bucket every day (Show hands filling bucket) **in a bucket buddy way.** (Arms hug self)



Students will sing this song weekly with the school announcements!

MPC Important Upcoming Dates

1. Friday, September 21st, 2018-District 201 5 Hour School Improvement Day. Afternoon students attend MPC from 8:45 a.m. until 11:25 a.m. There will be no morning session. STARS will also dismiss at 11:25 a.m.
2. October Reminder-MPC Student Activity Committee would like to remind you that the MPC Un-Fundraiser will be open for donations until October 19th, 2018. Please look in your child's folder for further information.

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 if you have not already done so.



Getting enough sleep

Q: My son has a hard time falling asleep at night. How can I make it easier for him?

A: Getting enough sleep—10–13 hours a night—will help your child grow, stay healthy, and do well in school.

First, have him stick to a nightly bedtime routine. Your son might take a bath, brush his teeth, and listen to a story, for instance. Repeating the routine each night helps him recognize



it's time for sleep. Also, research shows that watching TV or playing video games close to bedtime can get kids wound up and keep them from sleeping. If he uses electronics, have him turn them off at least an hour before bedtime.

Finally, encourage the rest of the family to read or do other quiet activities after he says good night. Your youngster may have an easier time going to bed—and staying there—if he doesn't feel like he's missing out on the fun. ♥