

Prince William County Public Schools

Providing a World-Class Education

November 2 – November 30, 2009



"A School of Excellence"

MinnieNotes

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: WE ARE A SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE!! Based on last school years performance Minnieville Elementary has earned the designation as a Prince William County School of Excellence. Last week we held our annual Oscar Award Ceremony recognizing students that achieved advance scores on their Standards of Learning Assessment. These students as well as all students that passed the SOL's are the reason we are receiving this award. We have a dedicated staff and supportive parent community that contributed to our success. Mrs. Berkman and I are proud to serve this wonderful community of learners.

The month of October has come to an end and we look forward to the fall weather and the changing of the leaves during the month of November. October was full of celebrations as well as the importance of showing great character. Our student council members are demonstrating their commitment to community as they collect all the can goods you are donating for others through Operation Turkey. Thank you for supporting this past month's activities and demonstrating the importance of character and allowing your child to participate in Character Awareness Week.

DAYLIGHT SAVING

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 31, 2009. **Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.**

MCDONALD'S FAMILY NIGHT

Thank you for making our Family Night a huge success! We appreciate all the families and staff members who were able to join us for a night of "Fun and Fries." The monies raised will be used for classroom libraries. We thank you for your support!

"OPERATION TURKEY FOOD DRIVE" OCTOBER 19 – NOVEMBER 6th

Minnieville's Annual Food Drive Operation Turkey is underway. Send in non-perishable food items to help provide Thanksgiving dinner for others in our community. Requested items are: cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, canned pumpkin, bean soups, dry foods and canned vegetables.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009. If you did not get the opportunity to sign up for a conference during Back-to-School Night, please send in a note, call or email your child's teacher for an appointment. Teachers want to meet with all families regarding their child's progress in school.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Picture is scheduled for Friday, November 13th, 2009. If you wish to purchase a photo package, the package must be pre-paid. Please stop by the front office and pick up a flyer.

Parents requesting help in filling out the form can call the school between the hours of 11am -2pm

Attendance Procedures

Late arrivals and early releases are discouraged as these create disruption and make it difficult for a child to focus throughout the school day. Please use these only in case of an emergency.

The following guidelines must be honored to support our school arrival and dismissal procedures: We appreciate your support in this effort.

Is your child late to school today?

- Students arriving late to school need to be signed in by the parent/guardian

Is your child going home early or going home a different way?

- If your child is going home a different way or leaving school early for an appointment, please send a note to notify the teacher.
- Phone calls with a change in how a child is going home must be received before 3:00pm.
- Our dismissal procedures begin at 3:15pm and an answering machine will be turned on at that time. Messages from the answering machine will not be received until 4:00pm.

Are you picking up your child from school when they usually go home a different way?

- Students leaving early must be signed out by an authorized person listed on the emergency card.
- We appreciate you making all doctor appointments after school hours.

Responsible Bus Behavior Reminders

Students meeting the bus should:

- Arrive at their bus stop at least 5-10 minutes before the pick up time.
- Use the bus stop closest to home.
- Students should not be walking to a friend's house to catch the bus.
- Stand away from the road.
- Maintain proper conduct.
- Respect property of others.
- Board bus in an orderly manner.
- Wait until the bus has stopped before walking to the front door.

Students riding the bus should:

- Remember that riding the bus is a privilege.
- Obey instructions of the bus driver.
- Be seated immediately.
- Remain seated, facing forward.
- Share seats equally.
- Be courteous.
- Respect property.
- Keep all body parts inside the bus.
- Keep aisles clear.
- Maintain good conduct.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 31st-	Daylight Savings Time Begins – <i>Fall Back!</i>
November 2 nd	NO School - Teacher Workday
November 3 rd	NO School - Teacher/Parent Conference Day/Election Day
November 4 th	Cheese Cake Fund Raiser
November 10 th	Report Cards Go Home
November 11 th	NO School- Veteran's Day
November 13 th	Picture Day
November 18 th	Chick-Fil A Family Spirit Night 5:30-8:30
November 23 rd	Cheese Cake Pick Up
November 25 th	12:30 Early Dismissal - Fall Break
November 26-27 th	NO SCHOOL- Fall Break
November 30 th	Book Fair Begins