



Rattler Round-up

Minden Elementary School



December – January

2018

From the Principal

I would like to begin by thanking our PTO for sponsoring a hugely successful Turkey Bingo Night. We gave away turkeys and many prizes, but more importantly a great time was had by all in the full house. It is always so much fun interacting with everyone in such a happy and lively atmosphere. The next family event sponsored by our PTO will be the Family Movie Night. As has come to be a tradition we have shown a Christmas movie in December serving hot chocolate and cookies. Please join us on December 14th at 6:00 PM for a relaxing family night out.

Congratulations to our Student Council for their efforts in organizing and running a very successful Holiday Food Drive. With their efforts we collected approximately 1,000 items, great job. I'm always proud to see our families give to the community to make everyone's holiday season that much more joyous.

With the winter weather upon us please make sure your child is dressed properly before heading to the bus stop. They may have an extended wait due to road conditions and we certainly want them as comfortable as possible. In addition, I mentioned in last month's newsletter that the district has a late start protocol for those days that start badly but have a positive forecast. The protocol can be found on the district's website, www.dcsd.k12.nv.us. Also, I am a big proponent of getting students outside for recess if at all possible, and having the proper attire assures they enjoy their recess time. One final thing on this subject, please label clothing so we can return it to students, I'm always amazed at how much clothing builds up in our lost and found.

Finally, I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and festive Thanksgiving! It is always good to celebrate those things we are truly thankful for, like our children. While they may bring us some trials and tribulations, they also bring us great joy and happiness throughout the year. On the subject of being thankful, I would like to thank each and every one of you who supported your child's learning by attending their parent teacher conference. As has been said in this section on numerous occasions, it is critical to work collaboratively together in order to provide the best possible educational experience for our students.

From the entire MES staff, Happy Holidays!

Mr. Stoll



December 7th

Project Santa Gifts Due

December 11th

Art Show 5:30-7:00

December 14th

PTO Movie Night

December 18th

PTO Meeting
6:00-7:00

December 21st

Talent Show for 4th
and 5th graders
9:15-10:15

Dec. 24th- Jan. 7th

Winter Break

Students are back from winter break

on
Tues. Jan. 8th

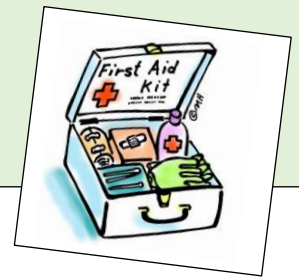
January 16th

Late Start

January 21st

Martin Luther King
No School

From the Health Office



To the Parents and Students of Minden Elementary:

Cold and Influenza season is officially here in full force. We have had a few confirmed Influenza cases here at the school. It is important to start taking measures to prevent the Flu at school and at home. If your student has a fever, is experiencing chest pain, excess fatigue, a headache, and body/muscle aches, then please follow the Douglas County School District Health Services policy to make sure that your child is well enough to come to or return to school. Attached you will find the DCSD Health Services Guidelines that explains if/when your child needs to stay home and when they can return. Also, if a child is seen by a doctor, please return with a doctor's note or have a doctor's note faxed to the school at (775) 782-5551. This will help me to identify trends and illnesses in the school, and it will help the front office with attendance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call my office or email me. Thank you for your cooperation in helping make Minden Elementary healthy and safe!

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Health Tips of the Month:

Influenza season is here, but it is not too late to get your Flu Shot with your physician or pediatrician. Also, do not forget to stress the importance of hand hygiene in preventing contagious diseases! Reminders at the school and at home will help to keep students aware of handwashing and good hygiene, and will help to keep them healthy. Maintaining a healthy eating habits along with exercise can also help to prevent illness!

Additionally, with our season off to a rainy and snowy start, please do not hesitate to send your child to school with an extra pair of clothing in his/her backpack. If their clothing gets too wet at school and they need a change of clothes, then they are limited to what I have available in the nurse's office.

Welcome to MES Counseling!

Congratulations to Mrs. Spires 4th Grade Class, Mrs. Neilander's 1st Grade Class and our Kindergarten Classes, Mrs. Koontz, Mrs. Koster and Mrs. Carter for earning the PBIS compliment award! These classes have been recognized because they demonstrate expected behaviors. Keep up the Good Work!



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Daily School Schedule

Grades K-5
8:50 – 3:10

AM Recess
K-3 10:30-10:45
4th & 5th 10:45-11:00

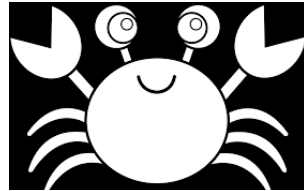
Lunch
K-1st 11:50-12:35
2nd & 3rd 12:00-12:45
4th & 5th 12:15-1:00

PM Recess
K-3rd 1:45-2:00



Please update any personal information through your parent portal. If you need assistance with your parent portal please call the office 782-5510.

M.E.S. FALL ART SHOW



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Tuesday, December 11th

5:30—7:00

Featuring:

K-5 Artwork Art Basket Raffle
Refreshments Hands-On Art Projects
Scavenger Hunt Live Music

Please come & join us