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Candice L. Husson, Superintendent

November 2026 Irish Times

Picture Day
November 3

Early Release Drill
November 10

No School
Veterans' Day
November 11

Board Meeting
Thursday, November 12 at 6:30 pm

No School
Thanksgiving Recess
November 25-27

Superintendent's Coffee Hour
Tuesday, November 17 at 9:30 am

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A Note from Mrs. Husson:

Athletics
Our soccer and cross country teams had a great fall season! This year the girls teams were combined with North Warren as well as Johnsburg and we were able to field Girls Modified, Girls JV, and Girls Varsity teams! Both our Boys and Girls Varsity participated in sectionals this Fall. Soccerfest was a hit again this year! The weather wasn't perfect but it was still a great weekend. What a great way for our communities to celebrate our athletes and senior athletes! Basketball and Nordic will be starting for Modified and Varsity on Monday, November 16th. Sign ups are available outside Coach Morano's office.

Student of the Month
Each month the teachers choose students at different grade levels for student of the month. We look for students who have good attendance, excellent behavior, good overall school citizenship, put forth effort, and we also look for students that are exhibiting that month's character trait. We are happy to have recognized students in September and October!

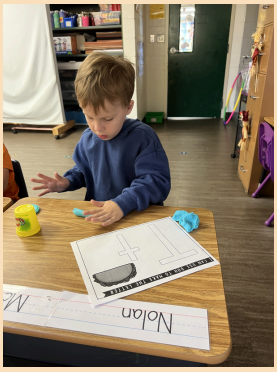
September		October	
PK-2	Idris Chaundry	PK-2	Forest Clark
3rd-6th	Gemma McNally	3rd-6th	Silas Proctor
7th-8th	Vanessa Vanderwaker	7th-8th	Rosie Clark
9th-12th	Liakai Secor	9th-12th	Parker Jenks

Minerva Spotlight!
There are so many wonderful things happening within the walls of MCS that our community doesn't always know about! We will be continuing to do a "Minerva Spotlight" each Friday on Facebook letting the community know about different things happening with our students and school community! We are excited to share all the wonderful things we do here at MCS!

Important Dates to Remember:
Nov. 3rd School Pictures
Nov. 10th Emergency Release Drill @ 2:15pm
Nov. 11th No School- Veterans Day Observation
Nov. 12th November BOE Meeting @ 6:30pm
Nov. 13th Report Cards Go Home
Nov. 16th Winter Sports Practices Start
Nov. 17th Superintendent Coffee Hour @ 9:30am
Nov. 20th Honors Ceremony and Breakfast @ 8:30am
Nov. 25th-Nov. 27th Thanksgiving Break

A Very Happy Thanksgiving to all our MCS students, staff, faculty, parents, and community from the Husson Family!!





Pre-K and Kindergarten

Our school year is off to a busy and wonderful start! We have been working hard on learning classroom routines, following directions, and becoming learners.

We have enjoyed exploring the wonders of nature! Our class successfully hatched 15 monarch butterflies, learning all about the life cycle from egg to butterfly. We also explored the life cycle of apples and pumpkins and even made homemade applesauce together!

In math, we have been practicing recognizing and writing numbers 0-5, creating patterns, identifying shapes, and sorting by shapes and colors. We have also been busy learning our letters and letter sounds through fun, hands-on activities that make learning exciting and engaging.

Along with our academic learning, we have been talking about what it means to be a responsible citizen, a kind friend, and a helpful classroom community member. We are learning the importance of making good choices, helping others, and taking responsibility for our classroom.

We are so proud of all the learning and growth that has taken place already and look forward to a year filled with discovery, exploration, and fun!

FIRST GRADE NEWS WITH MISS FULLER

First Grade Is Off to a Great Start!

Our first graders have been hard at work since the start of the school year! We have such a fun and loving group of students who are eager to learn and excited to take on new challenges.

In ELA, we have been working hard with our new curriculum. The students have enjoyed exploring new stories, especially when we got to learn all about pets! They are also excited to learn how to use our Chromebooks and are becoming more comfortable using technology in the classroom.
During math, we have been learning different strategies for addition and subtraction. The students are practicing how to choose the strategies that work best for them as they solve problems and build their math skills.

One of our biggest highlights so far has been watching our classroom butterflies! Throughout September, we observed our caterpillars as they grew and changed. Thanks to the generous help of Miss Fuller's parents, we were lucky enough to have **20 caterpillars** in our classroom! The students loved watching the amazing transformation and learning about the butterfly life cycle.

It has been a wonderful start to the school year, and I am so proud of how hard our first graders are working. They are a curious, enthusiastic group, and I cannot wait to watch them continue to grow as learners throughout the year. We have so many exciting things ahead of us!







Welcome to Second Grade!



The 2nd graders are working hard and learning so much already this year. They are adjusting nicely to the expectations and routines of the classroom.

In ELA, students worked on writing realistic fiction using sequencing words. They also learned how to identify statements, questions, exclamations and interjections. They made words plural and learned when to add an -s to the end of the word or an -es. They are all working so hard.

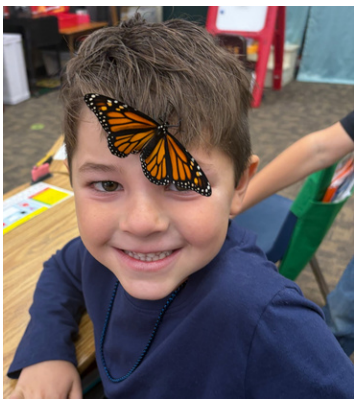
In science class, we looked at how caterpillars turn into butterflies. We learned that all monarch butterflies migrate to Mexico! Ask them what caterpillar frass is! We also learned about animal biodiversity and habitats. The students classified animals based on whether or not they have bones, how they give birth (eggs or live animals) or whether or not they have fur or feathers or scales. Science is always so fun!

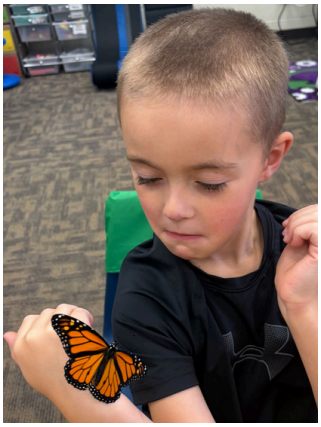
In social studies, we are learning about communities and how to work together. Additionally, we are working on reinforcing and building character traits each month. In the month of September, we focused on Responsibility and in October, we are learning about the importance of Honesty.

In math, students worked so hard in Module 1 and learned different strategies for addition and subtraction. They are now using vocabulary words such as difference, sum, addends and related facts. We finished Module 1 and worked through learning all about even and odd numbers in Module 2. We looked at how to make an array and how to write the addition equation (with equal addends) that goes with it.

We finished the quarter up with a trip to ADK Experience at Blue Mountain Lake. We focused on Adirondack fall traditions, such as making corn husk dolls and apple pressing! It was super cool to see an apple press up close and crush the apples to cider (see below).

Reach out anytime with any questions or concerns: Mrs. Scott, scotta@minervasd.org.🙂









Ms. Gaddis' 3rd Grade News!

It has been a joy learning with this amazing group of 5 students. Each day they are growing in their learning, both academically and socially! There have been some fun things we have been doing in the 3rd-grade classroom!

In ELA we started the year with reading narrative nonfiction stories, and we are connecting that to learning about different cultures and communities around the world. We are learning how people share their culture and traditions. We have also been using realistic fiction stories as a way to learn about different cultures. We have been working very hard on writing our own personal narratives about a time that we did something that was hard. The students are currently adding details and dialogue to their writing.

In math, we have been working very hard on our multiplication practice and using various multiplication strategies to solve math facts. In this past module, we have learned how to find the area. Currently we are working on writing our multiples of numbers. Even though we haven't gotten to division, everyone is starting to see how division and multiplication are related!

Everyone has been working very hard and should be very proud of themselves for their participation throughout the day.



FIFTH GRADE NEWS

WITH MS. NUSSKERN

A GREAT START

Fifth Grade is off to a great start for the year. I have enjoyed getting to know the students. And, as one of the newest teachers at MCS, I've had a great time getting to know the other staff and the community.



We began the year learning the expectations of the classroom. This included a lesson with toothpaste as we talked about the impact of our words and how difficult it is to take them back once they are out.

READING

Reading for the year started with narrative non-fiction and exploring the question of "How does experiencing nature change the way you think about it?" We read about historical figures who spent time in nature, including Teddy Roosevelt. This was a great way to continue learning about him after seeing the play "An Adirondack Adventure: Theodore Roosevelt's Ride to the Presidency" at the Tannery Pond Community Center in September.

WRITING

In writing we've been learning how to write an argumentative essay. We've talked about how this is a skill that can help us fight for the things that are important to us. We'll practice by writing about land preservation.

MATH

In math we've started working on multiplying and dividing multi-digit numbers - we are persevering! Our first topics in science are the properties of matter and chemical reactions. And, we're studying the regions of the Western Hemisphere in social studies.

Fifth grade is a big year for learning many new and complex topics! I'm excited to see how this class will grow in their knowledge, skills and curiosity!

LESSONS FROM THE PAST: MINERVA'S EARLY SCHOOLS

One Room - Many Stories

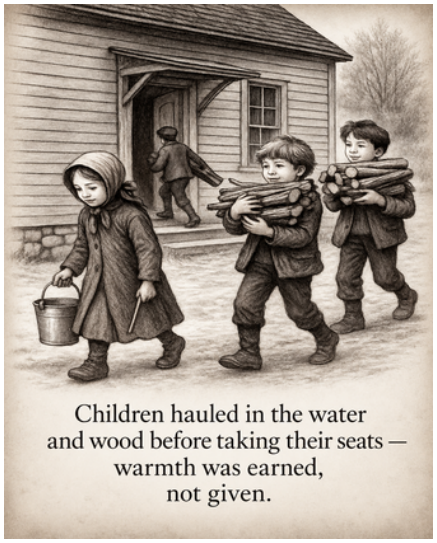
The Alfred White School 1818 - 1854

Imagine going to school in Minerva more than 200 years ago. No school buses, no computers, and no big school building with a gymnasium, cafeteria, and library. Instead, children of different ages learned together in a single room.

In 1818, a man named Alfred White donated land and lumber to build a school near his home on Irishtown Road. Minerva had become its own town just one year earlier, in 1817, and families were still working to build a community in what was largely wilderness.



The school became known as the Alfred White School. Alfred's own children attended, along with other children living in the area. We believe the building may also have been used for Baptist church services. In those early days, a single building could serve several purposes.



School was quite different from what we know today. In 1853, the Alfred White School was open for only three months. Children in rural communities often helped their families with farm work and other chores, which could make attending school throughout the year difficult.

In 1854, a new District 1 schoolhouse was built in Olmstedville, bringing an end to the original Alfred White School. That second school served children until 1936, when the Olmstedville Union School opened.

Nobody knows exactly what happened to the first schoolhouse. The building is long gone, but old records and memories passed down through local families have helped us identify where it once stood.

More than 200 years later, the school that began with Alfred White's gift is still part of Minerva's story. And every student attending Minerva Central School today is part of the history that followed.

What would you miss most if you had to attend school in 1818?
Drop your answers in Ms. Stone's mailbox for inclusion in the next newsletter

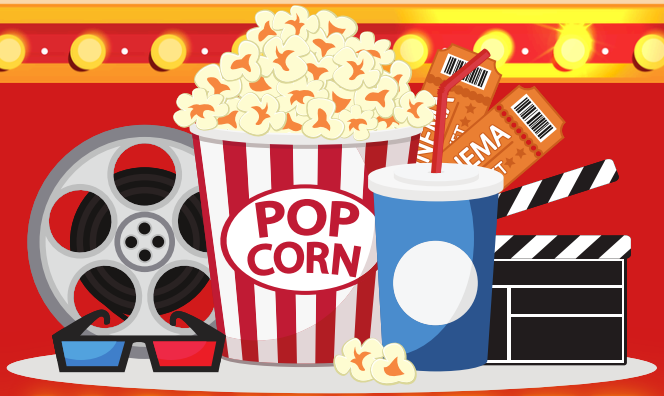
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Learn More About Minerva School History

MCS CLASS OF 2029 PRESENTS

DINNER AND A MOVIE NIGHT!



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2026

5PM-8PM MCS CAFETERIA

PARENTS ENJOY A DATE NIGHT

WHILE YOUR CHILDREN ENJOY A MOVIE

$10.00 DINNER AND POPCORN INCLUDED

ADDITIONAL SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

ADDITONAL DATES: 12/11, 1/8, AND 2/5

PLEASE RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

STUDENT NAME_____

GRADE_____

FOOD ALLERGIES_____

CONTACT NAME AND NUMBER_____

Election Day Dinner



FUNDRAISER

Dinner includes chicken & gravy, biscuits, vegetable, cranberry sauce, dessert & beverage



TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 3
MINERVA COMMUNITY CENTER

SERVING FROM 4:30 PM UNTIL 7 PM
(OR UNTIL WE RUN OUT)

All proceeds support the MCS Freshman Class of 2030 for their senior trip

TICKETS
ADULT $14
SENIOR $12
CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER $8

WE WILL HAVE SOME GLUTEN FREE MEALS AVAILABLE!

MINERVA CLASS OF 2028 FUNDRAISER

THANKSGIVING BAKE SALE

PLACE ORDER BEGINNING OCTOBER 31ST
AND ENDING NOVEMBER 14TH

	ITEM	#	COST	TOTAL		
	PUMPKIN PIE		$12			
	DUTCH APPLE PIE		$12			
	BANANA BREAD		$8			
	CHOCOLATE FUDGE		$12			
	PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE		$12			
	PUMPKIN ROLL NO NUTS		$12			
	PUMPKIN ROLL WITH NUTS		$12			
	ROLLS		$8			
	TOTAL				PAID CASH OR CHECK #	
	NAME_____			PHONE_____		

TO PLACE AN ORDER, PLEASE FILL OUT THE ABOVE FORM AND RETURN TO MINERVA SCHOOL, OR E-MAIL ACHRISTIAN@MINERVASD.ORG

THE CLASS OF 2028 THANKS YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT!

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR **FUNDRAISER!**



Kitchen Must-Haves, Scrumptious Food Mixes, Cookbooks & So Much More!

Organization: **MCS CLASS OF 2030**

Sale End Date: **Catalog Sales 12/4/26 & Online Sales 5/18/27**

Contact: **Paityn, Harmony, Parker, Charlie, Luke, Mrs. Gosselin & Mrs. West**

2 WAYS TO SHOP
CATALOG & ONLINE

RADA CUTLERY

TO ORDER ONLINE, VISIT **RadaFundraising.com**

The Class of 2029

Winter Wonderland Sale- wrapping paper, great gifts and more!

Be on the look out for a student or order online!

smy.sale/@mcsclasso63873



The Class of 2029 Bottle Drive

Do you have returnable cans or bottles that you would like to donate?

We would love to have them!
Drop off location
Minerva Central School
OR
email smithk@minervasd.org
or text 518-932-4736
to schedule a pick-up time

Collecting September until June

Thank you for your support !

MINERVA PTO

CONCESSIONS

We have been busy providing concessions to all of the modified and varsity home games at MCS this soccer season! We also jumped over to JCS during Soccerfest to show support for all of our soccer teams and sell popcorn and candy. Our candy for Soccerfest was generously donated by Laurie Smith and Marsha's Family Restaurant!

BIRTHDAY BOOK CART

After smoothing out a few initial kinks, we successfully hosted our first official Birthday Book Cart for students in Pre-K through 6th grade! To kick things off, students with birthdays in August, September, and October chose a free book and received a special bookmark and pencil. Moving forward, students will get to celebrate their birthday month by picking out a brand new book to keep!

PTO ENRICHMENT

For the 2nd year in a row, the Minerva PTO received a grant from the Adirondack Community Foundation! This year the funds will be used to enhance the enrichment opportunities for our students in a variety of areas. Activities such as: Drama/improve, singing, painting, photography, gardening, sewing/knitting, and jewelry making. Grant funds will be used to get materials for our students to use. Enrichment opportunities will be offered at various levels throughout the year and taught by school and community members with specialized experience. More to come soon!

HALLOWEEN PARTY

This year the PTO hosted the annual Halloween Party! We would like to thank everyone that donated and helped make this possible!

COOKING CLUB

Pre-K - 3rd grade - 11/2/26, pumpkin cheesecake cups & pumpkin protein balls

4-6th grade - 11/17/26, caramel apples & pumpkin smoothies

Grades 7-12 are more than welcome to attend either date and participate or volunteer!

Diamond Jubilee

Celebrating 60 years

Minerva Community Holiday Bazaar

Minerva Central School Gymnasium

Friday December 4th, 2026

4:00-7:30

HOSTED BY
THE MINERVA SERVICE ORGANIZATION

DINNER SERVED FROM 4:00-7:00
LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS
LOCAL VENDORS
VISIT FROM SANTA
DOOR PRIZES
RAFFLES
PERFORMANCE BY THE NORTH COUNTRY SINGERS

IF INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VENDOR PLEASE CONTACT KATE SMITH @518-932-4736





Minerva Youth Commission Ski Program

It's that time! Registration forms are now available for MCS students in grade 3-12 who are interested in participating in the Minerva Youth Commission Saturday ski/snowboard program.

The dates for the 2027 program are January 9, January 23, January 30, February 6, February 20 and February 27. The fee to participate is $150 per child, $100 if you have a season pass to Gore.

Fill out and return the application to **Katy Smith at MCS with payment or the Town Hall**. Please be sure it is completely filled out and signed by parent/guardian. Checks should be made payable to the Town of Minerva. Applications are due back by **Friday, November 6, 2026**. * Your child will not be enrolled in the program without full payment. *

Parents of skiers in grade 3-6, or parents of new skiers/snowboarders **MUST BE PRESENT** or arrange for another parent to supervise their child. In addition, if your child does not advance with the rest of his or her group, you must continue to provide an individual ski/snowboard chaperone.

Again this year, there will be an instructor in training for ages 13-18 who are already in levels 4-5 for students interested in a potential path working at Gore in their future. This advanced class will be available during lesson time.

It is important that kids come prepared for program. They should bring a lunch and snacks, warm clothing, helmet, hat, mittens/gloves and; a scarf. A spare pair of dry gloves/mittens is highly recommended. **Please contact Katy Smith to have your child/children fitted for equipment at the school.**

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Stacie McNally at the Town Hall 518-251-2869 or finance@townofminervany.gov

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2026 – 2027

Gore Regional School Program Registration

Please PRINT legibly

Parent information:

Last name_____First name _____Parent DOB _____

Mailing address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

****Email address (must provide email)**_____

Parent Signature_____ date _____

Participant(s) Name & info:

1. Last name _____ First name _____ DOB _____

If you have a 2026-2027 season pass, we will add your program pass onto that pass. Do you have a 26-27 season pass? Yes_____No_____. If you do not have a 26-27 season pass, your child(ren) will receive a new program pass this season.

circle one: SKI or Snowboard (weekend program)

circle ability level: 1st time novice intermediate advanced

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NOVEMBER 2026
Events Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 This month's character trait is gratitude	2 Cooking Club	3 Picture Day 	4 Quiz Bowl	5	6 Spirit Day Dinner and a Movie5-8 pm	7
8	9	10 Early Release Drill	11 No School Veterans' Day	12 Board Meeting 6:30 pm	13 Report Cards	14 CASMA @ Schroon Lake 2:00 pm
15	16 Winter Sports Begin	17 Superintendent's Coffee Hour 9:30 am Cooking Club	18 Quiz Bowl	19	20 Honor Breakfast	21
22	23	24	25 ← Thanksgiving Recess	26 Thanksgiving Day	27 →	28
29	30					

NOVEMBER 2026
Breakfast/Lunch Menu

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Scrambled eggs and toast Meatball sub, augratin potatoes, roasted broccoli and chocolate chip cookie	3 Poptarts and cheese stick Ultimate nachos, salsa, sour cream, guacamole, olives, jalapenos, yellow corn & Tex Mex beans, and mango peach applesauce	4 Donuts and yogurt Boneless chicken wings & mozzarella sticks, crinkle fries, marinara sauce cup, veggie cup and side salad	5 Ham, egg and cheese on a croissant Popcorn chicken, dinner roll, sweet yellow corn, fresh veggies w/hummus	6 Waffles and syrup Cheese pizza, steamed yellow corn, fresh veggies w/hummus, cinnamon apple sauce cup	7
8	9 Danish and hard boiled eggs Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, ranch/cheesy potaotes, yellow corn and honey/maple glazed carrots	10 Pancakes w/ syrup and ham Soft tacos, beef, cheese, lettuce, salsa, sour cream, cilantro lime/yellow rice and veggie pinto beans	11 No School Veterans' Day	12 Bagels w/ cream cheese or jelly Cherry blossom chicken, fried rice, broccoli, cucumbers and fortune cookie	13 Parfait with berries, yogurt and granola French cheese pizza, peas and carrots, fresh veggies w/hummus, and blue raspberry apple sauce	14
15	16 Poptarts and yogurt Cheesy breadsticks w/maranara, steamed broccoli, rainbow pepper sticks, and mini rice crispy treat	17 Bacon, egg and cheese on a bagel Popcorn chicken and waffle, emoji fries, cucumber slices, orange juice and syrup	18 Donuts and boiled egg Toasted ham and cheese croissant, tomato soup, assorted yogurt w/ granola and NYS string cheese	19 Scrambled eggs and toast Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, green beans, craisins, and apple crisp	20 Pancake bar, assorted fruits, toppings and syrup Cheese or sausage pizza, pizza green beans, fresh veggies w/hummus, mango peach applesauce cup	21
22	23 Bagels with cream cheese or jelly Crispy chicken tenders w/ sauces, pesto parmesan pasta, yellow corn and grape tomatoes	24 Waffles, sausage and syrup Loaded nachos, beef, Tex Mex black beans, chili roasted sweet potatoes, salsa cup, sour cream and NY grape slushie	25 ← Thanksgiving Recess	26	27 →	28
29	30 Chocolate chip muffins and cheese stick Cheeseburger, sweet potato wedges, rainbow pepper sticks and winter berry salad					

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