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Candice L. Husson, Superintendent

February 2026 Irish Times

Parent Teacher Conferences**Students excused at 11:30am**

Tuesday, February 3rd 12-4 pm

Wednesday, February 4th 12-4 pm

Board and Budget Meeting

Thursday, February 12 at 6 pm

Sledding

Friday, February 13

Please dress for the fun

Mid-Winter Recess

No School

February 16-20th

Superintendent's Coffee Hour

Tuesday, February 24 at 9:30 am

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A Note from Mrs. Husson:

After a nice two week break for the winter holidays, our staff and students returned refreshed and ready to take on the second half of the school year! Our students have been busy with benchmark testing, basketball games and Nordic races, afterschool activities like cooking club and art club, and taking Regents exams!

Athletics

Basketball and Nordic hit the ground running after Christmas break! We only have a few weeks left of the seasons. Please see the MCS website for full schedules. Spring sports sign ups are hanging up outside of Coach Morano's office!

Budget Workshops

We have begun our budget workshops for this year. The workshops are open to the public for anyone interested in being part of the budget development process. Our next one will be Thursday, February 12th @ 6:00 pm followed by our regular monthly board meeting.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd from 12pm-4pm and Wednesday, February 4th from 12pm -4pm. Students will be dismissed at 11:30am both days. Elementary students will eat lunch before leaving and 7-12th grade students will be provided a bagged lunch. Parents of elementary students should contact their child's teacher to schedule a time. Parents of middle or high school students should contact Mrs. Green to schedule.

Important Dates to Remember:

Feb. 3rd Students Dismissed @ 11:30am- Parent-Teacher Conferences 12-4pm

Feb. 4th Students Dismissed @ 11:30am- Parent-Teacher Conferences 12-4pm

Feb. 6th Honor Awards/Breakfast @ 8:00am

Feb. 12th Budget Workshop/BOE Meeting 6:00pm

Feb. 13th Sledding at Minerva Beach
Elementary AM
Secondary PM

Feb. 16th-20th Mid- Winter Break- NO School

Feb. 24th Coffee Hour @ 9:30am

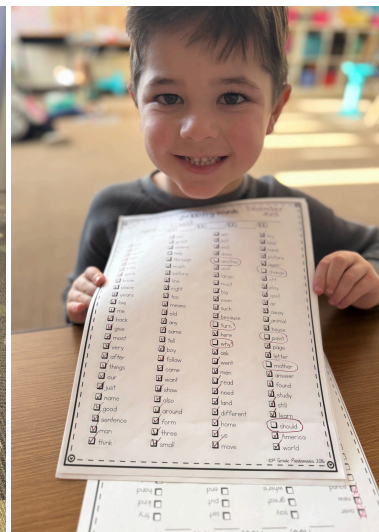
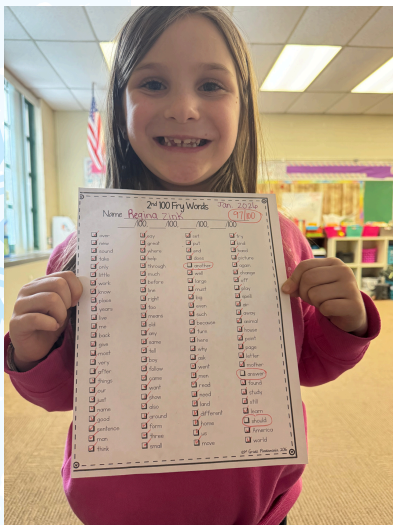


Fabulous First Grade

The first graders have been working so hard this year to continue expanding their skills! They returned from break refreshed, motivated, and ready to take on new challenges. We have talked as a class about how our curriculum is becoming more challenging, and the students have shown great confidence and determination.

In ELA, students have been expanding their sight word knowledge, and many have already mastered their first grade sight words—what an exciting accomplishment! They are also growing in their independence with sentence writing and are becoming more confident in putting their thoughts on paper. We have been participating in reader's theater activities, and students have taken on a variety of roles. It has been wonderful to see how excited and engaged they are when reading!

In math, we are focusing on developing a stronger understanding of word problems. Students are practicing how to determine which operation to use in order to solve each problem. We have also begun working on counting all the way up to 120, and students are showing great progress with this new goal. I am so proud of the hard work and effort the first graders bring to school each day.



Special Education Process

Step 1
Referral for Special
Education Services

A student suspected of having a disability
is referred to the Committee for an initial
evaluation.

Step 2
Initial Evaluation

The Committee arranges for an evaluation of
the student's abilities and needs.

Step 3
Eligibility Determination

Based on evaluation results, the Committee
decides if the student is eligible to receive
special education programs and services.

Step 4
IEP Development
and Implementation

If the student is eligible to receive special
education services, the Committee develops
and implements an appropriate IEP to meet
the needs of the student.

Step 5
Annual Review

The student's IEP is reviewed and, if needed,
revised by the Committee at least once a year.

Step 6
Reevaluation

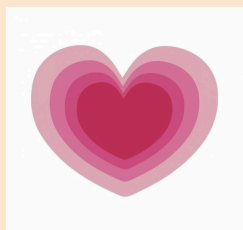
A reevaluation is conducted at least once every
three years to review the student's need for special
education programs and services and to revise the
IEP, as appropriate.

Source: <https://www.nysed.gov/special-education/parent-resources>

Special Education in New York State for Preschool and School-Age Students with Disabilities, A Parent's
Guide - Attachment 1 p. 28 (2025)

Have a Happy Valentine's Day and enjoy the winter break!!

Ms. Drake



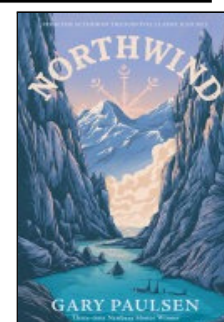
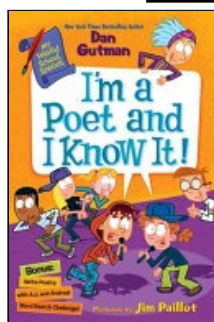
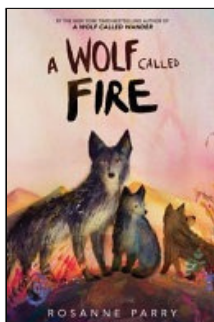
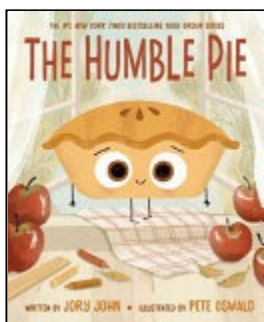
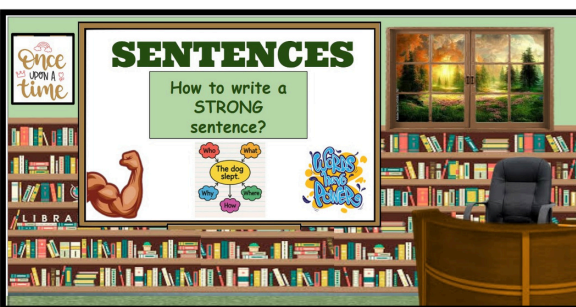
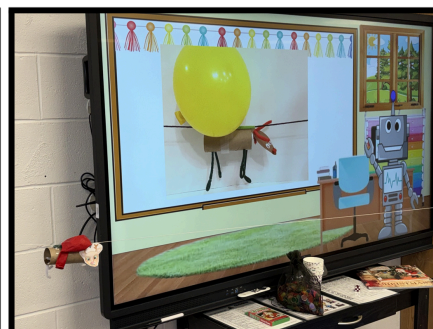
MINERVA SCHOOL DISTRICT

LIBRARY CLASS WITH MRS. BOSAN

2025-2026 Winter

Things we learned about.....

Fun Happenings in the Library



STEM: Our students will be "tinkering" with items to discover & problem solve all things life & library!

Upcoming events for the Class of 2029



MCS Class of 2029 Bottle Drive

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

We would love to have them!

Please email smithk@minervasd.org

or call 518-932-4736 to schedule a pick-up.

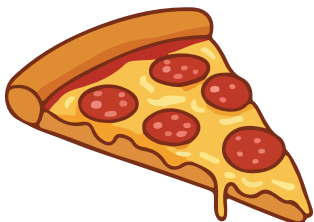
Bottles can also be dropped off at Minerva Central School

SAVE THE DATE

SUPERBOWL PIZZA AND WINGS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

MORE INFO TO COME



Cinco de Mayo

Tuesday, May 5th

Mexican Food Takeout

@Minerva Central School

4pm-7pm



COFFEE AND CANDLE SALES

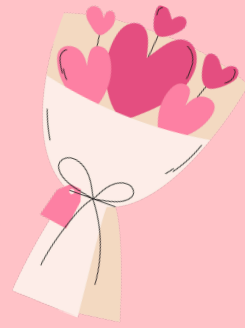
COMING SOON!!



THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE CLASS OF 2029!

FEBRUARY

Minerva PTO



WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO!

Santa's Workshop was a huge success! We are so grateful for all the volunteers and donations that helped make this special event possible for our students.

Over Christmas break, we were happy to help the sophomore class by running a concession stand.

In January, Cooking Club kicked things off by making pancakes! We've had an amazing turnout from our elementary students. In February, we'll be making appetizers. With elementary basketball starting up, we're offering two days for grades 4-12 so everyone who wants to participate has the opportunity.

At our January meeting, we also approved to purchase new shirts for the Girls Varsity and Modified Basketball teams for their Coaches vs. Cancer game on 2/4/26!

Our Back to the 80's Dance is coming up on February 7th! We are looking for volunteers to help with setup and teardown, as well as snack donations. Our goal is to host a fun, inclusive dance for our school community and their families. There will be no admission fee, and food will be provided at no cost. We will also have glow sticks available for purchase if anyone would like extras.

If you have decorations we could borrow—such as black lights, disco lights, or glow-themed décor—please let us know on our Facebook page or email us at minervapto25@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support—we couldn't do this without you!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Cooking Club
 - Grades 4-12, - 2/2/26 & 2/5/26
 - Grades Pre-k-3 - 2/9/26
- PTO Meeting 2/2/26 @ 5:30, MCS Library
- PTO Family Dance 2/7/26 5-8 pm



BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE MCS PTO

BACK 80's *To the* Dance



FREE ENTRY

SNACKS
DRINKS
AWARDS

FEBRUARY 7, 2026

MCS GYMNASIUM

5PM-8PM

**GLOW DANCE PARTY
LOCAL DJ
ALL AGES WELCOME
DRESSING UP IS
ENCOURAGED**

•GLOW ACCESSORIES
AVAILABLE TO
PURCHASE

•80'S INSPIRED PHOTO OP.
•BEST DRESSED AWARD!!
•COME JOIN THE FUN

The background of the entire page is decorated with various pink carnations. Some are in full bloom, while others are still in bud. They are scattered across the page, with a higher concentration on the left side.

HAPPY *Valentine's* DAY

\$2 Carnation

\$2 Candy

Candy Choice: Ring Pop, Candy Bracelet

Order Deadline: February 11

Delivery Date: February 13

Email, Call or Order from a Class Member!

**Complete an Order Form and return with
payment to Ms. Rascoe.**

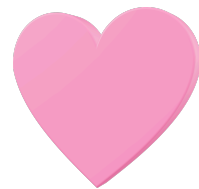
Class of 2027

Class Advisor: Molly Rascoe

518-251-2000 / ₉ mrascoc@minervasd.org



Valentine's Day Carnations and Candy for Sale



If you would like to surprise your student, friend, parent and/or teacher for Valentine's Day, then consider purchasing some carnations and/or to send them during school.

Order forms and payment are due on: Wednesday, February 11th.

Flowers and candy will be delivered on Friday, February 13th.

Carnation is \$2.00

Candy is \$2.00

(Circle your candy choice of either Ring Pop and/or Candy Bracelet)

Return the form and payment to a Class of 2027 Member or Class Advisor (Ms. Rascoe)

Ms. Molly Rascoe (mrascOE@minervasd.org / (518) 251 - 2000)

Thank you! - Class of 2027

To:
Grade:
From:



of Carnations (\$2 Each):

Candy Choices (\$2 Each): (Ring Pop or Bracelet)

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American Red Cross

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.™

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Save the date:
Minerva Central School
March 30th
1:00-5:00 pm
In the gym

For questions, please contact:
Lynn Green at 518-251-2000

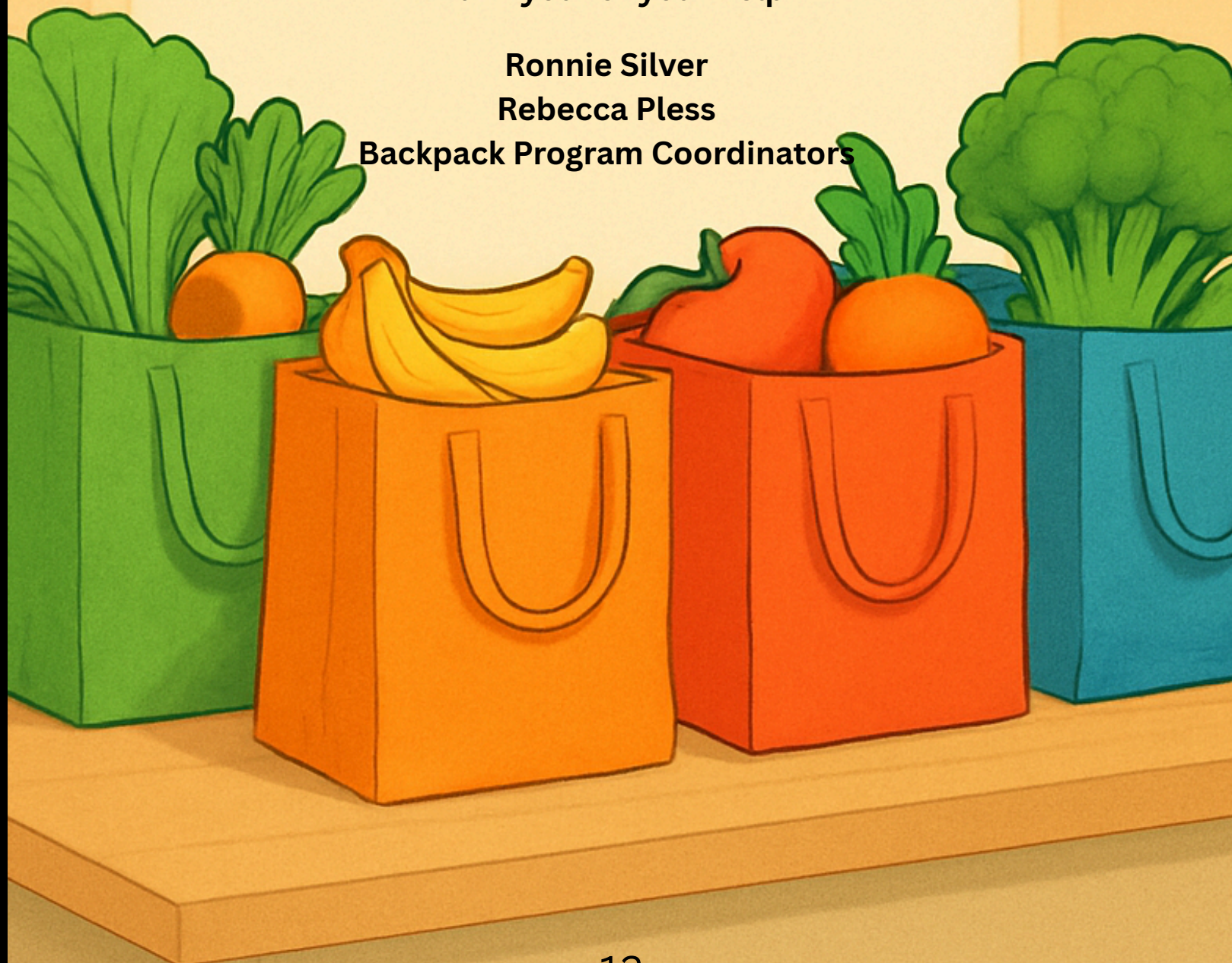
THE BACKPACK PROGRAM NEEDS

REUSABLE GROCERY BAGS

We all have reusable grocery bags we do not use. The Backpack Program is in need of more bags. We are currently serving 36 students and sometimes our students do not return the bags. If you have any bags, you would like to donate, please bring the bags to the nurse's office. If your family participates in the Backpack Program, please make sure your child/children return the bags to school.

Thank you for your help.

**Ronnie Silver
Rebecca Pless
Backpack Program Coordinators**



MINERVA SERVICE ORGANIZATION NEEDS YOU

Since 1999, the Minerva Service Organization (MSO) has worked to support local families and strengthen our community through helpful, creative and meaningful programs. We are looking to add some younger members with fresh ideas. Anyone 18 or older is welcome to join. Membership is five dollars a year, and you can still volunteer even if you cannot attend meetings.

Our yearly fundraising efforts include:

- Garden Workshop
- Irish Day
- Pie and Soup Sale
- Holiday Bazaar Cookie Walk

Your support helps us fund programs such as:

- Assistance to grieving families if a post-funeral gathering is held at the Community Center
- PINS (people in need of support)
- Goodwill baskets for ill citizens
- Heating and fuel fund
- Assistance for fire victims
- Welcome baskets for new residents
- Minerva Youth Program
- Gore Mountain Youth Ski Program
- Minerva Backpack Program
- Sleeping Giants Senior Program
- Sponsor the Defensive Driving Class
- Minerva Central School Halloween Party
- Sneakers and School Supplies Program
- Secret Santa
- MCS Yearbook
- Minerva Community Scholarship Fund
- Pant, Pedal, Paddle on Minerva Day Weekend
- Minerva Food Pantry
- Bicentennial Committee
- Purchase of the generator at Town Hall

**Be a part of a group that will continue this work to make
Minerva a unique and welcoming community.**

For more information, please contact one of the following members:

Theresa Galusha – Tagrcg@frontiernet.net

Joy Healy – joy@veren.com

Kate Smith – smithk@minervasd.org

Ronnie Silver – ronnie.silver4@gmail.com

FEBRUARY 2026

Events Calendar

S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
1 This Month's Character Trait is Kindness	2	3 Students Dismissed at 11:30 for Parent/Teacher Conferences 12-4 pm	4 Students Dismissed at 11:30 for Parent/Teacher Conferences 12-4 pm	5	6 Spirit Day Honors Breakfast	7 Back to the 80"s Dance 5-8 pm
8	9	10	11	12 Budget Meeting 6:00 pm Board Meeting to Follow	13 Sledding Day Please Bring Warm Clothing	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<h2 style="text-align: center;">No School - Winter Recess</h2>						
22	23	24 Superintendent's Coffee Hour 9:30 am	25	26	27	28

FEBRUARY 2026

Breakfast/Lunch Menu

S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
1	2 French toast sticks and syrup Chicken patty, sweet potato fries, corn, chocolate chip cookie	3 Breakfast potato bowl w/bacon, egg and cheese Pineapple teriyaki chicken, fried rice, dumplings, roasted broccoli, carrots and hummus	4 Bacon, egg and cheese on a biscuit Potato and cheddar perogies, kielbasa, peas and carrots, and grape tomatoes	5 Pancakes and syrup Rotini with meat sauce, garlic bread, green beans and cucumber coins	6 Danish, yogurt w/granola Cheese or meat lovers pizza, mixed steamed veggies, fresh veggies w/ hummus, cinnamon applesauce	7
8	9 Sausage, egg and cheese on a croissant Popcorn chicken bites, mozzarella sticks, marinara sauce, fries, veggies and dip	10 Breakfast pizza on a bagel Tortellini alfredo with chicken, garlic bread, roasted broccoli and rainbow pepper sticks	11 Bagels w/cream cheese, peanut butter or jelly Sunrise waffle-wich (grilled cheese) sweet potato chili, fresh veggie cup	12 Chocolate chip muffin, hard boiled egg Meatball sub, cheesy garlic mashed potatoes, grape tomatoes and mini rice krispy treat	13 Cheesy eggs and English muffin Personal cheese pizza, steamed veggies, fresh veggies with hummus and blue raspberry applesauce	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
No School - Winter Recess						
22	23 Donut and yogurt Pizza crunchers, garlicky green beans, yogurt cup, celery sticks and cocoa cherry bar	24 Waffles, bacon and syrup Chicken and cheese quesadilla, salsa, sour cream, tortilla chips with bean dip and yellow corn	25 Pancakes, sausage and syrup French toast sticks, turkey sausage links or cheesy egg bite, potato wedges, apple sauce and syrup	26 Bacon, egg and cheese on a croissant Macaroni and cheese, garlic knot, roasted broccoli and grape tomatoes	27 Blueberry muffin and cheese stick Cheese or sausage pizza, steamed mixed veggies, fresh veggies with hummus, mango peach applesauce cup	28