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Candice L. Husson, Superintendent

April 2025 Irish Times

ELA State Testing

April 8-9

School Board Meeting

Thursday, April 10, at 6:30 pm

Spring Recess

No School

April 14-18

Superintendent's Coffee Hour

April 22 at 9:30 am

Early Dismissal for Elementary

April 25 at 11:30 am

Math State Testing

April 29-30

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A Note from Mrs. Husson:

Despite some snowy weather and a few days of colder temps, I think spring is on its way! We are looking forward to warmer weather, allowing us to extend our classrooms outside and the anticipated start of spring sports!

Student Activities/Irish Pride Week

Spring sports have started. Varsity baseball and softball started on March 17th, and modified began March 24th. Games will be starting in April. Tennis began practice on March 17th and their matches will begin in April as well! Keep an eye on the school website or Facebook page for game schedules! Our Youth and Government students along with Mrs. Bethanie Natalie attended the Annual State Conference the weekend of March 21st.

Irish Pride Week—One of my favorite weeks of the year! Students and staff celebrated with themed days of favorite character day, comfy day, class theme, and green and white day! Activities included nitro ball, an Adirondack Experience presentation, school volunteer projects, community in the classroom, and trips to the Fun Spot! Such a fun week here at MCS.

Calendar Update

The elementary teachers will be participating in some professional development as they are working towards finding a new ELA curriculum. Due to this work, the elementary students will be dismissed at 11:30am on Monday, March 31 and Friday, April 25.

Each year when we build the calendar we plan for snow days while still making sure to have our 180 days required by the state. If we do not use those snow days I can “give them back.” One will be given back on May 23rd, which gives us a four day weekend for Memorial Day! If you have any questions please contact the school office.

Important Dates to Remember:

April 8-9	ELA State Testing
April 10	Board of Education Meeting
April 14-April 18	Spring Break
April 22	Coffee Hour @ 9:30am
April 25	Elementary Dismissed at 11:30am
April 29 & 30	Math State Testing
May 2	Honors Awards and Breakfast



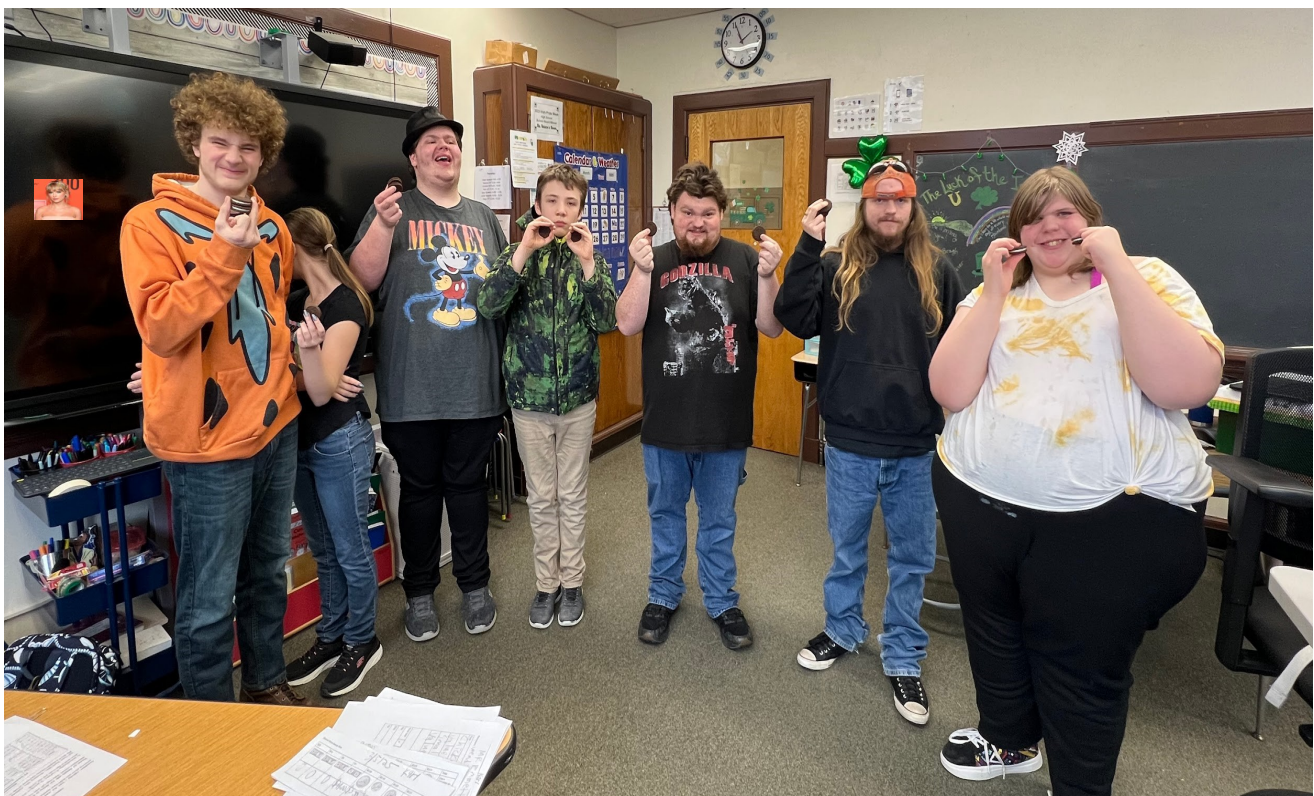
Ramblings from Ms. Rascoe's Class!

If you ever need a laugh, smile or a great conversation, stop by our classroom, you won't regret it. Our students bring so much joy to every single school day. We all look forward to each new adventure and story. We have been working hard in all academics.

Our class has started a Coffee Cart where we take and make coffee orders and hand deliver them to our teachers and staff around the school. Once a week, the students make a delicious dessert to sell. The students are learning valuable life skills through communication and money skills. Look out soon for a presentation with more valuable information regarding our Coffee Cart soon, created by my students.

We have also moved the Minerva School Store up to our classroom. Come check it out! We're open on Wednesday from 11:00 to 11:30 and 1:45 to 2:25. We have a lot of new Minerva Irish inspired items and many different little toys and sensory objects. Look out soon for a presentation with more valuable information regarding our school store soon, created by my students.

Our favorite classroom tradition is eating Double and Mega Stuffed Oreos during our science/social studies time. If you put two Oreos together, you get a Rascoe Special... try it out!



STEM News

This year we offered a STEM class as part of the math and science curriculum. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. This course looks at a lot of the latest technologies and how they utilize both math and science that provides the frameworks that make these technologies work. So far, we have covered units on GPS/GIS technologies where we collect data using GPS units and then integrate that information onto interactive maps. Some other units covered have been coding and electricity and circuits. Currently, we are finishing up a unit on 3-D modeling using an engineering program called OnShape. We plan on doing additional units on robotics, forensics, and alternative energy systems. This is a great course that provides hands-on practical applications of math, science, and technology.



Mapping the Nature Trail



Welcome to Second Grade!



The 2nd grade students planted and grew microgreens in the classroom

In ELA, students learned how to write an informative/explanatory paragraph. They also learned how to write a letter. They learned that stories have a structure and wrote sequences of events. They all worked so hard and have shown amazing growth and perseverance.

In Science, we learned about many different topics. We also have had a local food educator from Cornell Cooperative Extension Essex County come into our classroom monthly. She coordinates Agriculture in the Classroom lessons, a national initiative to engage kids in local food, nutrition, and agriculture. As part of the program, she conducts monthly classroom visits to facilitate short, hands-on learning activities with students. These activities, designed to match 2nd grade curricular standards, usually focus on seasonal, local foods that students get to taste test. This past month we planted microgreens and have been eating peas, radishes and sunflowers weekly in the classroom. It's cool to eat them and see them regrow immediately.

In Math, students worked so hard learning addition and subtraction grouping strategies. They learned how to decompose ones to add and subtract. They also learned how to add and subtract two-digit numbers. Our new Math curriculum has a spiral review built in and it's so amazing to see them retaining knowledge from prior lessons. They are rocking their Math skills!

In Social Studies, we have been learning all about our Government. The kids have learned all about the three branches of government. They can tell you that the Judicial branch is for courts and judges, the Legislative branch is where laws are made and the Executive branch is led by the President. They unanimously agree that Theodore Roosevelt was their favorite president. We did a whole unit on him and they were fascinated to learn that he was physically present in our area, so close to our school. He rode the train in North Creek and climbed up Mount Marcy not too far from here. They will tell you all about him.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

My email address is scotta@minervasd.org.

Ms. Scott

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." - Benjamin Franklin



Parents of Incoming Pre-K Students and
New Incoming Kindergarten Students

There will be an in-person meeting at Minerva Central School on

Thursday, April 24 at 6:00 pm

to review the Pre-K/Kindergarten screening process and
complete necessary paperwork.

Our annual screening assessment will take place at Minerva Central School on

Thursday, May 15 from 8:30 am - 11:00 am.

If you have any questions, please contact:
Mrs. Ashley Ordway, Pre-K/K Teacher
Minerva Central School
loomisa@minervasd.org



A stroke happens when the blood supply to your brain is cut off, resulting in temporary or permanent damage to your brain cells. A person can recover from a stroke, especially when it is spotted and treated quickly; however, some stroke patients suffer from one or more disabilities as a result of the stroke or in the worst case scenario, death. Thanks to recent medical advances, stroke treatment and survival rates have improved greatly.



American Stroke Association
A division of the American Heart Association

Together to End Stroke®

F.A.S.T. is how we come together to end stroke®

Learn the stroke warning signs

F.A.S.T.

Face
Drooping

Arm
Weakness

Speech
Difficulty

Time to
Call 911

Every 40 seconds, someone in the U.S. has a stroke.

It could happen on your street, in your workplace, at a store where you shop — anywhere. Your readiness to spot the stroke warning signs and call 911 could save a life or make the difference between a full recovery and long-term disability. That's why it's so important to learn the stroke warning signs and urge everyone you know to do the same.

The faster stroke is treated, the more likely the patient is to recover.

In fact, stroke patients who are treated with the clot-busting drug IV r-tPA Alteplase within 90 minutes of their first symptoms were almost three times more likely to recover with little or no disability.

In some cases, a procedure to remove the clot causing the stroke is also recommended. Ninety-one percent of stroke patients who were treated with a stent retriever within 150 minutes of first symptoms recovered with little or no disability.

The thing to remember is that stroke is largely treatable. It's a matter of getting the right treatment, right away.

**HCA Healthcare®
FOUNDATION**

The HCA Healthcare Foundation is a national supporter of Together to End Stroke.

Stroke.org

MINERVA CENTRAL SCHOOL

**MAY 3,
2025**

AUCTION

**PREVIEW 5PM
AUCTION 6PM**



**HOT DOGS, MICHIGANS, BAKED
GOODS, CHIPS AND DRINKS FOR SALE**

Roy Ross - Auctioneer

**GIFT CERTIFICATES, NEW ITEMS,
USED ITEMS, UNUSUAL ITEMS**

Drop off Donated Items on May 3, 2025 at MCS

**CLASS OF 2027
MOLLY RASCOE**

**MRASCOE@MINERVASD.ORG
518-251-2000**



**Minerva
Central
School
Class of 2027**

Candles for Sale

Pure Soy Candles (9 ounce jar) - \$12 each

CANDLE SCENTS

ALOE GREEN CLOVER - APPLE CINNAMON
BALSAM & CEDAR - CAMPFIRE
CINNAMON & CLOVE - EUCALYPTUS & MINT
HAPPY MEMORIES - LILAC & VIOLETS
MACINTOSH APPLE - OCEAN MIST
RASPBERRY MOJITO - SAGE & CITRUS
TROPICAL VACATION - SUGAR COOKIE
VANILLA SUGAR

Class Advisor Molly Rascoe
mrascoe@minervasd.org /
(518) 251 - 2000

Oscar's Smoke House Fundraiser

Cheese, bacon, jerky, pork chops, cheese spreads, breakfast items, bacon, bratwurst.

Did we mention cheese and bacon?

Please see Ms. Christian (achristian@minervasd.org) or a member of the class of 2026

Orders due by Tuesday, April 3rd and delivered on April 11th

Your support is greatly appreciated

Gift Box **A**: Oscars Staples Box **\$23**
 Contains: 1lb Hickory Smoked Bacon
 1 8oz Jar More Than Mustard

Gift Box **B**: Two Favorites Box **\$38**
 Contains: 6pk Smoked Pork Chops 3/4inch
 1lb Hickory Smoked Bacon

Gift Box **C**: Tour of Oscars Box **\$35**
 Contains: (2) 7oz cheese spreads (port wine & bacon cheddar)
 1 lb Hickory Smoked Bacon
 1 12 oz Summer Sausage
 1 8oz Jar More Than Mustard

Gift Box **D**: Cheese Sampler Box **\$32**
 Contains: 8 oz Wedge Hickory Smoked Bleu
 8oz 3 Year aged Cheddar Bar
 8oz Smoked Mozzarella Bar
 1 7oz Horseradish Cheddar Spread

Gift Box **E**: Oscars Favorites **\$42**
 Contains: (2) 2pk Smoked Pork Chops 3/4inch
 1lb Hickory Smoked Bacon 1
 8oz Jar More Than Mustard 1
 8oz 3 year aged cheddar bar



Gift Box **F**: Small Variety Box **\$48**
 Contains: 2-3lb Petite Boneless Ham
 1/2 lb Canadian Bacon
 1 8oz Jar More Than Mustard
 1lb chunk 7 Year aged Cheddar

Gift Box **G**: Oscars Charcuterie Box **\$56**
 Contains: 12oz Summer Sausage
 8oz Jar More Than Mustard
 7oz Bac/Horse cheddar Spread
 8oz 3 year cheddar bar
 8oz pepperoni stick
 8oz wedge smoked gouda cheese
 4oz wedge smoked bleu cheese

Gift Box **H**: Breakfast Favorites Box **\$40**
 Contains: 1 Pint NY Maple Syrup
 2lb Buttermilk Pancake Mix
 1lb Hickory Smoked Bacon
 1lb Lightly smoked sausage links

Gift Box **I**: Bacon Lovers Sampler **\$36**
 Contains: 1lb Applewood Bacon
 1lb Hickory Bacon
 1/2 lb Canadian Bacon
 1/2 lb Irish Style Bacon

Gift Box **J**: Holiday Favorites Box **\$60**
 Contains: 1 lb 3yr Counter Cheddar
 1 lb Hickory Smoked Bacon
 6-7 lb 1/2 Bone-In Ham

Gift Box **K**: Beef Jerky Lovers **\$32**
 Contains: 1/4lb Pack Teriyaki
 1/4lb Pack Regular
 1/4lb Jerrys Style
 1/4lb Hot

Gift Box **L**: German Sausage Variety **\$44**
 Contains: 4pcs smoked bratwurst
 4pcs veal bockwurst
 4pcs kielbasa links
 4pcs knockwurst



Thank you for supporting the MCS Class of 2026!



Minerva PTO Membership Form

PLEASE PRINT

Parent /Guardian Name(s) _____ Date _____

Teacher/Grandparent/Community Volunteer _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Email Address (es) _ _____

Contact preference: (1-4) Email ___ Cell Phone ___ Text ___ Facebook _____

Student(s) Name _____ Student(s) Grade _____

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Student(s) Name _____ Student(s) Grade _____

Just keep me informed _____ or I'm interested in helping with _____

I would like to make a donation of _____ Make checks payable to Minerva PTO.

Please join our Minerva PTO!

What we have been up to:

- Concession stands for basketball
- Sponsor Irish Pride Week door decorating contest and provide pizza parties to the winning classes
- Received donations from T.C. Murphy to raffle off 2 teal poly resin ADK chairs and a fire pit
- Sapling fundraiser; purchase by April 23rd, 2025

<https://nextgentreesusa.com/order>

School Code: NY3601782



If you are willing to help run concession stands during softball and baseball season, please let us know!

Follow Minerva PTO on Facebook!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 8th at 5pm in the MCS Library

Minerva Youth Commission Permission Slip for
Sky Zone Trampoline Park



Saturday, April 26th, 2025

I _____ give permission for my child/ren

_____ to attend the MYC trip to Sky Zone in Queensbury on Saturday, April 26th, 2025. All participants will be required to ride the bus unless riding with a parent who is staying for the duration of the event.

The bus will leave MCS parking lot at 2:30pm sharp and return at approximately 7-7:15pm.

Snacks are available at Sky Zone to purchase. A water bottle is suggested to stay hydrated. Jumping time is 4-6pm and we need to arrive at Sky Zone by 3:30pm to allow time to process the group's arrival. All participants must have a waiver completed online by parent or guardian by April 25th – no exceptions. <https://waiver.haveablast.roller.app/skyzonequeensbury/>

Anyone whose waiver is not on file with Sky Zone will NOT be allowed to jump.

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone# _____

*** This should be a name & number that can be reached between 2:30-7:15pm on the day of the event.

Minerva Youth and MCS Students Pre-K-12 (Children 6 and under must jump in specified area)

\$15 per Child _____

Chaperones and non-residents that would like to attend with our group
(Only need to purchase if you want to jump)

\$28 per Person _____

Each ticket price includes the required socks to jump.

**** **Please return permission slips by Friday, April 11th, 2025.** They have asked for a count on adults attending along with adults participating.

My child is attending and will be riding the bus.

I am driving my child and will be participating & have completed a waiver. Participating parent's name & date of birth _____

I am driving my child & will remain on site during the event but will not be participating.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date



Looking for ways to give back to your community?

Please consider joining the Minerva Service Organization.

The MSO provides support in a variety of ways to members of the Minerva community.

Some of our service projects include:

- Goodwill assistance to people in need
- Back to school sneakers and supplies to MCS students
- Minerva Backpack Program
- Minerva Food Pantry
- Minerva Youth Commission
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Additionally, The MSO hosts the annual Spring Garden Workshop, the Harvest Soup and Pie Sale and delivers welcome baskets to new community members.

Past projects include:

- The Minerva Bicentennial Quilt
- The Minerva Veterans Memorial
- The Memorial Adirondack chairs at Courtney Park and Donnelly Beach.

The work we do is extremely important and very gratifying, but to continue our efforts, we need new members. Please consider joining. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, April 28 at 7:00 pm at the Minerva Community Center.

**Come and find out more, bring a friend!
We hope to see you there.**

It's About Thyme Farm
Easter Basket Giveaway

Saturday, April 19, 2025

12:00 - 2:00 pm



This event will be held at
Minerva Beach
as a drive through.

Please remain in your cars,
post age and gender of your child
in the window.

11th
Annual



Minerva Service Organization

Minerva Spring Garden Workshop

10 am to 2 pm, Saturday, April 5

Minerva Community Center

Hydroponics for Home Gardeners
Winter/Spring Sowing
New Lawn Alternatives
ADK Soils

Master Gardeners to Answer Your Questions

Book/Magazine/Tool/Pot/Plant Freecycling Table

Garden Crafts Custom Cards Fabulous Garden Raffle

Free Yummy Buffet Lunch

Admission: \$20 per person

RSVP by April 2 to 518-251-2929 or MinervaServiceOrganization@gmail.com

April 2025

Events Calendar

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2	3	4 Spirit Day	5
6	7	8 Grades 3-8 ELA Testing	9	10 Board and Budget Meeting 6:00 pm	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Good Friday	19
No School—Spring Recess						
20 Easter	21	22 Superintendent's Coffee Hour 9:30 am	23	24	25 Report Cards	26
27	28	29 Grades 3-8 Math Testing	30		2 Date change: Honors Breakfast will be held May 2nd	

April 2025

Breakfast Lunch Menu

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 French toast stick and syrup Mozzarella sticks, chicken wings and corn	2 Waffles and bacon Sloppy Joes, fries and orange peppers	3 Fruit parfait Beef fajita, rice, peppers, onions and black beans	4 Cinnamon rolls Veggie or Cheese pizza and cucumbers	5
6	7 Ham and cheese omelets and toast Chicken nuggets, tater tots and cauliflower	8 Chocolate chip pancakes and sausage Corndog, nachos and cheese and broccoli	9 Bacon, egg and cheese on a croissant Ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, celery and hummus	10 Danish and cheese stick Turkey and cheese sub with lettuce, tomato and onions	11 Bagels and cream cheese Cheese pizza and carrots	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Good Friday	19
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> No School—Spring Recess </div>						
20 Easter	21 Cheesy eggs and English muffin Beef tacos with lettuce, tomato and onions	22 Danish and yogurt Chicken fajita, rice, peppers, onions and black beans	23 Blueberry pancakes and bacon Lasagna, corn and garlic bread	24 Fruit parfait Grilled ham and cheese sandwich, beef barley soup and corn	25 Sausage, eggs and cheese on an English muffin Pepperoni or cheese pizza and carrots	26
27	28 French toast and sausage Hamburger, fries and green beans	29 Bacon, egg and cheese on a bagel Grilled cheese, tomato soup and broccoli	30 Cinnamon rolls and yogurt Ziti, corn and pretzel breadstick			

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