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Tuesday May 20 at 7:00 pm

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Budget Hearing**
Tuesday, May 20 at 6:00 pm

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A Note from Mrs. Husson

Spring Concert/Art Show

Our annual Spring Concert and Art Show is May 20th. The concert will start at 7:00 pm. We hope to see you for an evening of great musical entertainment and the chance to see some of the wonderful work our students have been doing in art class this year. Thank you to Ms. Smith and Mr. Corcoran for supporting and inspiring your students!

2025-2026 School Budget

The Board of Education adopted the proposed 2025-2026 budget in the amount of \$6,365,854 at its April 10th meeting, resulting in a spending increase over the current year's budget of \$193,819 or 3.14%. The proposed budget continues funding for all programs and services that are included in the current year's budget with the addition of making our School Resource Officer full time. The proposed budget included a 4.32% tax levy increase, and the estimated tax rate is \$8.86 per \$1,000 of assessed value in Minerva and \$8.87 in Chester.

School Board Election

There is one person running for one open board seat in this year's school board election: Hayley Killon. She is running for , One (1) five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2025 and expiring June 30, 2030.

Board Meeting/Budget Vote

The official budget statement will be mailed Wednesday, May 7th, and the property tax report card will be in the mail Friday, May 9th. Detailed copies of the budget will be available in the business office and on the school website. Please join us for the Annual Meeting/Budget Presentation on Tuesday, May 13th at 6:00pm in the library and remember to vote on Tuesday, May 20th between 1:00 and 8:00pm in the school lobby.

Important Dates to Remember:

- May 2nd- Secondary Awards and Honors Breakfast @8:15 am
- May 6th- NYS Science Test 5th&8th Grades
- May 10th- Prom @ The Lodge in Schroon Lake 6:30pm-9:30 pm
- May 13th- Budget Hearing/Board of Education Meeting 6:00 pm
- May 15th- PreK/K Screening 8:30am-2:00pm
- May 20th-
 - Superintendent's Coffee Hour @ 9:30 am
 - Spring Concert 7pm
 - Budget Vote 1-8pm
- May 22nd- 6th Grade Shadow Day
- May 23rd- No School (Snow Day Give Back)



First Grade News

First grade continues to grow this year. I am so proud of all the progress they have made. We had a blast on our field trips to The Fun Spot and Up Yonda Farm this winter! We can't wait for the next field trip.

In our math class, we have been learning about place value. Soon we will be adding and subtracting double-digit numbers! The first graders are excited to take on this new challenge. In ELA, we have been finishing up our unit about plants. We look forward to planting and watching sunflower seeds grow after our spring break.

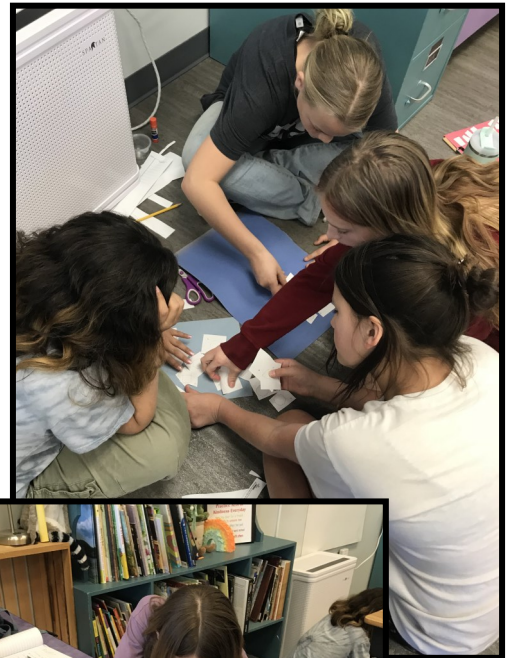
In the winter, we did a science unit about the sun and shadows. We are so excited to see the sunshine, so we can go back and finish up some experiments outside. Hopefully spring is here to stay! Before break we did a quick STEM activity where they had to build a nest for their "chick" or peep. They were very creative and successful with this experiment! They even kept trying to see if they could find alternative ways to make their chick sit in their nest!



Fifth Grade News

The fifth grade has been very busy! We've been reading science-based nonfiction and practicing how to read information in charts and data tables. The class completed the New York State ELA Test before April break and we celebrated with a class picnic and movie for lunch! We've also been learning about properties of matter, and chemical and physical changes to matter in science class. We have several fun science investigations coming up! In math, we've been reviewing all of the skills that students have learned and practiced throughout the year. Students have also been sorting different geometric shapes based on their properties. Finally, we have been enjoying the nicer weather by having some activities outside, especially with our Brave Lion program! Mrs. Ferrone, with her Brave Lion program, has been helping our students to learn about how their brains work and respond to different situations, as well as how to find calm and peace in their busy lives.

Listening to Nature with Mrs. Ferrone



Movie Picnic



Sorting Geometric Shapes

6th Grade Gab

efp elsqe esp

May already! Where has the school year gone?! The 6th grade has been a hub of activity. Anything from rates and ratios to the Ancient Greeks to courage in the face of adversity to plate tectonics, 6th graders do not stop! They survived the trials of the NYS ELA test and have had so many exciting learning opportunities. Please check in with them about “leaving people better than you found them.” We are not done yet!



Greetings from the Music Department

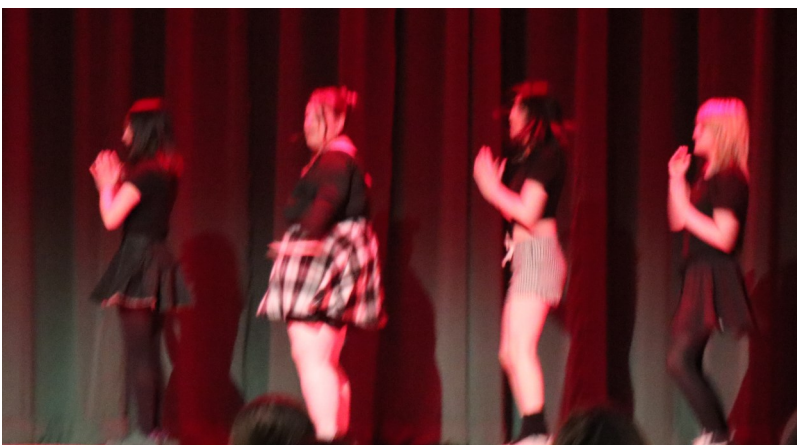
Wow! It is May already!

In the music room, after an amazing Christmas Concert and holiday break, we began a unit on Winter Holidays: Music Around The World. We explored 10 different countries and learned about all kinds of instruments and traditions.

In March, we explored Irish Music and learned a jig, a partner dance and a few Irish tunes. You may hear a couple of them at our Spring Concert!

We also prepared for the CASMA Spring Festival where several of our elementary students participated in a wonderful performance at North Warren Central School on March 1st. Minerva's Got Talent was held on March 28th and was a huge success! The students were so brave and their performances were amazing! It was a packed house and so much fun! The students and I appreciate all of the support! Special thanks to Mr. Corcoran for being the emcee, Michelle Ordway for being the stage manager, Jeremy Hitchcock for manning the curtain, and Autumn Scott for being our concession, manager extraordinaire!

Coming up on May 20th at 7pm will be our Spring Concert. The students have been working hard and it should be a great performance. We hope to see you there!



Home Communication

Dear Guardian,

Your child's 7th grade science class is starting a unit called, *How do changes in the Earth's system impact our communities and what can we do about it?* as part of the OpenSciEd middle school science curriculum. This unit builds science ideas around Earth's resources and human impact, specifically, related to why our communities are experiencing more droughts and floods.



While reading news stories and headlines, students are introduced to what's starting to become a disturbing new normal: droughts and floods across the US. As different as they are, students recognize that rising temperatures are connected somehow. As the unit progresses, students examine how small changes could lead to large disruptions to community water resources. Meanwhile, students define, investigate, and explain what could be the cause of all these temperature changes and flood and drought events.

Students work with data to examine how present-day human activities are changing the Earth, creating an imbalance in carbon between the Earth and its atmosphere. By defining the problem, students work to brainstorm and evaluate different kinds of solutions for particular communities, including their own.

Helping your child make sense of their learning:

- Encourage your child to talk more about what they are learning in class and give examples.
- Ask your child to reflect on how their individual actions might impact broader populations.
- Ask your child to share what they have learned about droughts, floods, and warming temperatures, and discuss with them how your own community might be experiencing changes.
- Encourage your child to start constructing their own local water story. For example, how has the amount of water changed in your local community? Who and what might be connected to the changing amounts of water?
- Rephrase or paraphrase what your child says as a way to clarify their ideas. Hearing their idea from someone else is a powerful reflective tool for a child.

Thanks! Mrs. Natalie

National Honor Society Community Connection

The MCS National Honor Society are leaders in academic success, as peers, and as community members. Each year the NHS strives to give back to the community through volunteer work and fundraising for a good cause. This year, the NHS conducted a pull tab drive from cans and aluminum tops. Pull tabs are accepted by the Ronald McDonald House who receive the money for their charity, assisting families with resources when they have a child who is ill. This year the NHS raised 11 pounds of pull tabs to be donated to this worthy cause. Great work MCS, the MCS community, and most importantly, members of NHS who organized this wonderful event. Congratulations to Mrs. Fabins' / Mr. Browns' 4th grade class for raising the most pull tabs.



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 2nd and 3rd, 2025 at MCS

**CLASS OF 2027
MOLLY RASCOE**

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

Cinco de Mayo

Mexican dinner - curbside or dine in

Minerva Central School Monday, May 5th, 2025 4-7 pm

Call 518-251-2000 to place an order!

Chips and Pico 5-

Corn chips, pico de gallo

Loaded Nachos 12-

Corn chips, pico de gallo, black olives, cheddar jack, sour cream

Quesadilla 12-

Flour tortilla, cheddar jack, jalapeños, black olives, pico de gallo, sour cream

Burrito 12-

Flour tortilla, chicken or pork, rice and beans, cheddar jack, topped with lettuce, pico de gallo and sour cream

Chimichanga 12-

Deep-fried flour tortilla, chicken or pork, rice and beans, cheddar jack, topped with lettuce, pico de gallo and sour cream



Class of 2027

\$5

**Glow in
the Dark
Theme**

Join us for a

DANCE PARTY

to celebrate a Great School Year!

***Elementary Students
(Pre-K to 6th Grade)***

Friday, June 6th, 2025

2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Minerva Central School Gymnasium

**More information on permission slip;
Need parent permission and permission slip
given to Ms. Rascoe in order to attend.**

Parent Pick - Up at 4:00 pm.

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

TROUT BROOK TROT

**Snacks
& Drinks
for Sale**



Scan To Register

\$15
REGISTRATION

5K RUN & WALK

START FROM MINERVA CENTRAL SCHOOL

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025
RACE: 9:00, REGISTRATION: 8:30**

SPONSORED BY MCS CLASS OF 2027

CLASS ADVISOR: MOLLY RASCOE

mrascoc@minervasd.org / (518) 251 - 2000

PARTNERS IN TRANSITION SUMMIT



New York State
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
ADULT CAREER & CONTINUING ED SERVICE



Q&A

Who is eligible to attend?

Any student with a documented disability, 14-22 in Clinton, Essex, Franklin and St. Lawrence Counties who meets program eligibility requirements. The PIT summit provides students a unique and fun way of preparing them for successful long-term employment consistent with their strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests and informed choice.

Where will I be sleeping & eating?

We will be in dorm style buildings. Most rooms have two sets of bunkbeds. Each camper will be offered 3 meals a day plus don't forget the s'mores around the fire!

What if I take medications?

Each camper's medication will be collected by camp staff and stored in a locked location.

**We are excited to offer
a free overnight camp
for students!**

**JUNE 14TH-JUNE 17TH
or
JUNE 17TH-JUNE 21ST
2025**



**For more information please complete the
interest survey that can be found using the QR
Code or at the below website:**

<https://forms.office.com/r/mVrzdDif9C>



**Or by email to:
Tonya Robinson
robinson_tonya@cves.org**

**Cindy Lindberg
lindberg_cindy@cves.org or 518-561-0100 ext 1405**



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.

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

May is a busy time of year for all graduating seniors!

Scholarship and incentive applications will be handed out in early May.

Applications are due to Mrs. Galkiewicz, completed, no later than **Friday,**

June 6th.

Parents/Guardians – please remind your graduates to complete the applications on time and in their entirety.

Remember, scholarship and incentive awards are available to ALL post education-bound graduates. There are volunteer requirements to be met within the student's 4-years of high school and an application process in the senior year. Information is given to new 9th grade students every fall and is *always* available from Mrs. Galkiewicz in the guidance office.

***If you would like to help our graduates and donate towards scholarships,
please use the form below.***

<i>Donation Form</i>

Donations of \$100 or more will be recognized the MCS Graduation Program.

Contribution is enclosed in the amount of _____

Mail to: Minerva Community Scholarship Fund, c/o Gary West – Treasurer
145 West Road, Olmstedville, NY 12857

From: Name _____
Address _____



Minerva Youth Commission's Annual Regatta Sunday, May 18th

Meet at Minerva Stream, launch next to the
Transfer Station between 9:30am-10am

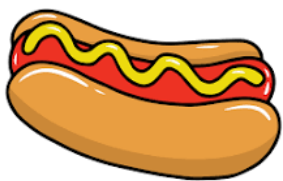
Boats leave at 10am

Boats & life vests available

**Life vests are required for all
participants**



Please arrive by 9:45 if you are borrowing a boat



**Lunch will be served during
the trip!**

**Please send in your
permission slip to participate**



2025 Minerva Regatta Permission Slip

I give my child/children _____ permission to attend the Minerva Youth Commission canoe/kayak trip on Minerva stream on Sunday, May 18th, 2025.

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone _____

I will attend with my child/children ☐

I have my own canoe/kayak ☐

I will borrow a canoe/kayak ☐

Minerva PTO



Thank you for supporting our sapling fundraiser!

We are looking for more people to attend meetings. Please let us know if there is a certain day or time that works better for you!

We are currently looking for someone to fill the position of treasurer. Please email minervapto25@gmail.com if you are interested.

We are always looking for volunteers to help run our concession stands at games, even just signing up for one is a huge help.

Please look for us selling raffle tickets for our ADK chairs and fire pit at upcoming events!

Our next meeting is Monday, May 5th at 6 pm in the MCS Library

Some of the things we will be discussing will be the set up for a cooking club, volunteering, and scholarships.



May 2025

Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Spirit Day 7-12 Awards Honors Breakfast 8:15 am	3 Annual Auction Preview 5:00 pm Auction 6:00 pm
4	5 Cinco de Mayo Dinner 4:00 -7:00 pm PTO Meeting 6:00 pm	6 Grade 5&8 Science Testing	7	8	9	10 Prom
11 Mother's Day	12	13 Board Meeting 6:00pm	14	15 PreK/K Screening 8:30 - 2:00	16	17
18 Minerva Youth Commission's Annual Regatta	19	20 Superintendent's Coffee Hour 9:30 Budget Vote 1-8pm Spring Concert/ Art Show 7pm	21	22 6th Grade Shadow Day	23 No School Snow Day Give Back	24
25	26 No School Memorial Day	27	28	29	30 National Honor Society Inductions 1:15 pm Progress Reports	31

May 2025

Breakfast/Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Bagels w/ cream cheese Cheese or sausage pizza, celery and hummus	2 Assorted muffins yogurt Chicken nuggets, tater tots and carrots	3
4	5 Sausage egg & cheese on toast Goulash, pretzel sticks and broccoli	6 French toast sticks w/syrup Egg salad, chicken noodle soup and green beans	7 Bagels w/cream cheese Loaded nachos, lettuce, tomato, onion	8 Fruit parfait Chicken quesadilla, lettuce, tomato, onion, black beans	9 Pancakes w/ bacon Pizza cheese/or pepperoni w/ black olives, corn	10
11	12 Cinnamon rolls, hard boiled egg Chicken patties, smiley fries and broccoli	13 French toast w/ syrup Corn dog, mozzarella sticks and peas	14 Donut w/yogurt Sloppy Joes, tater tots and baked beans	15 Honey bun & cheese stick Spaghetti, corn bread and salad bar	16 Ham, egg, cheese on biscuit Cheese or pepperoni pizza and carrots	17
18	19 Donuts w/yogurt Beef tacos, lettuce, tomato and onion	20 Danish & hard boiled egg Fish & chips, corn	21 Bacon, egg, cheese on croissant roll Hot dog, mac & cheese and baked beans	22 Fruit parfait Grilled ham & cheese, tomato soup, cucumbers & hummus	23 No School Snow Day Give Back	24
25	26 No School Memorial Day	27 Cinnamon rolls & cheese stick Steak quesadilla, lettuce, tomato and onion	28 Bagels w/cream cheese Chicken & cheese wrap, lettuce, tomato and onion	29 Sausage, egg & cheese on English muffin French toast & bacon and salad bar	30 Honey buns & yogurt Cheese or sausage w/black olives pizza, corn	31

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