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Candice L. Husson, Superintendent

November 2024 Irish Times

Picture Day

Tuesday, November 5th

Veterans' Day

No School

November 11th

Superintendent's Coffee Hour

November 19 at 9:30 am

School Board Meeting

Thursday, November 14, at 6:30pm

Thanksgiving Recess

No School

November 27th - 29th

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A Note from Mrs. Husson:

Athletics

Our soccer and cross country teams had a great fall season! Sectionals began at the end of October. Please see the school Facebook page for updates! Soccer Fest was a hit again this year, adding a fun run and some combined elementary games. Basketball will be starting for modified and varsity on Monday November 18th. Varsity Nordic skiing will start Monday, November 13th and modified Nordic skiing will start Monday, November 20th. Sign-ups are available outside Coach Morano's office.

Merger

Throughout the merger process I have committed to keeping the community informed and I am sure that you have heard by now the outcome of the vote on September 23rd. Our board of education made the unanimous decision to not move forward with the merger process. It is important to recognize that the decision that was made was for the best interest of our students and our school community as a whole. The feasibility study provided valuable insights to our district and its strengths as well as areas that we need to continue to focus on. I commend both boards for initiating this discussion and engaging the community in contemplating the future of our schools. I appreciate the community's participation in this process as well. As we always have, let's continue as we move forward to keep our students the center of our positive changes and decisions at MCS. As we continue to work with our JCS neighbors to support our merged athletic teams and begin to work on collaborative ways to provide opportunities for our students. Let's continue to stay positive and open minded. Regardless of each person's own opinion, we need to continue to do what we have always done to make our school small but special.

Important Dates to Remember:

Nov. 5th	School Pictures
Nov. 5th	Election Day Dinner @ Minerva Community Center
Nov. 8th	Emergency Release Drill @ 2:15pm
Nov. 11th	No School- Veterans Day Observation
	Circus @ 6:00pm
Nov. 14th	November BOE Meeting @ 6:30pm
Nov. 18th	Winter Sports Practices Start
Nov. 19th	Honors Ceremony and Breakfast @ 8:30am
	Superintendent Coffee Hour @ 9:30am
Nov. 27th-Nov. 29th	Thanksgiving Break

A very happy Thanksgiving to all our MCS students, staff, faculty, parents, and community from the Husson family!!



Miss Fuller's Fantastic First Grade

The first graders came into this year smiling and ready to take on first grade. I am so proud with how hard they have been working these first few months of school. In ELA we have been reading two favorites, *Stellaluna* and *Frog and Toad*. Students have been learning how to determine the main story elements for both of the stories. Our math class has been focused on addition and subtraction strategies. Students have been working on mastering their fact fluency with our holey cards. I am so impressed with how fast they have been able to get with this!

In social studies, we have been learning about our community and the different rules and laws we need to follow. We also began our government unit. One focus was voting. We held our own mini vote on our favorite pets. We sent home ballots to families and they got to choose between a dog, horse, or cat. Dog won by a landslide!!! We also learned about different government services and invited Officer Hunter to come in and talk about his job and how he helps to keep us and everyone safe.

Our science curriculum starts the year off with learning about animals. We have been learning how animals can camouflage to protect themselves. Students got to camouflage their own moths to hide around the classroom.

We were so excited to show them off at Open House!

I am looking forward to watching this fantastic group continue to grow this year!



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 learned how to write a narrative using sequencing words. They also learned how to identify pronouns and can identify base words and add suffixes to them. They know all about past, present, and future tense verbs and how to make irregular past tense verbs. They are all working so hard.

In science class, studies how caterpillars turn into butterflies. We learned that all monarch butterflies migrate to Mexico! We also have learned about animal biodiversity and habitats. Did you know that different frogs make different sounds? We listened to the different sounds or “calls” of different frogs and identified them based on what we heard. It was so fun!

In social studies, we are learning about communities and how to work together. Additionally, we are also working on reinforcing and building character traits each month. September was responsibility and October we are working on 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 just finished module 2 and we learned all about even and odd numbers. We also learned how to make an array and how to write the addition equation that goes with it.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. My email address is scotta@minervasd.org.

Ms. Scott



Fall Fun in Fifth Grade!

Fifth grade has been off to a fantastic start this school year! In science, we've been learning about ecosystems and how to keep them healthy. We had the opportunity to walk the school's nature trail to identify local producers, consumers, and decomposers. The class has almost completed our first reading unit where we read a very engaging book titled *Night of the Spadefoot Toads*, focusing on plot, theme, character development, and setting. Students are also working on a narrative writing unit which focuses on telling a detailed short story that includes conflict, resolution, and dialogue. In math, the class has been working to develop a deeper understanding of place value, as well as multiplication and division of whole numbers. Finally, in social studies, we have been learning about and practicing the inquiry process and how to research a topic for valid information that supports a claim. We've also had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Ferrone, who worked with the class on a technology project that brought student drawings into 3-D using a program on iPads. Overall, since the beginning of the school year, the class has worked hard to develop a strong classroom community where we maintain a growth mindset and respect, encourage, and support one another. We're looking forward to a fun and busy year ahead!



6th Grade Gab

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Welcome back! The 6th grade has been non-stop. We have been busy treasuring history, learning why matter matters (weight and mass are NOT the same), getting better acquainted with verb tenses, exploring integers, and traveling the globe. We have already completed many readings, math modules, beginning of year tests, science labs, and our first social studies magazine. The 6th grade has led the way with introducing the 5th graders to the morning announcement protocol, they have proven to be experts! Ask your child what they have been doing or something that has really stuck out to them. This group is always up for a fun activity and can make you laugh even without trying. Sixth grade is helping prepare them to transition to high school. This means learning that the amount of freedom we have is directly related to being responsible. Students have the opportunity each morning to work on homework. All students are working on the balance between extracurricular activities and schoolwork. Please remind your students with colder weather approaching some layers are necessary. I want to thank you all in advance for supporting these young minds and your support for



INTERNATIONAL FOODS

With Ms. Riley



Mexican Street Corn



Focaccia Bread



Crepes Day!



Native
American
Fry Bread



Ms. Riley has her students exploring various cultures and their corresponding cuisines. Throughout the week, the students focus on an important ingredient, allowing them to dive deep into its significance and usage in different culinary traditions. So far, they have explored corn and wheat from around the world.



Athletic Announcements



Thank you for all the support you have shown our athletic programs. Your support is key to keeping these programs running and to getting more students involved. The soccer and cross country seasons were a huge success. While the cross country team is still going, others are turning their eyes towards basketball and Nordic skiing. If your student athlete has not had a physical in the last year please get one scheduled for them. Please make sure that ALL paperwork is being returned promptly. Coaches, ADs, and School nurses need this information to keep our athletes safe. As basketball and Nordic approach keep in mind that this is a season of constant changes due to the weather. When changes happen we will do our BEST to get word out. Please take the time to have a discussion with your athlete about being a good teammate and what that means and requires. I also want to take a moment to address sportsmanship when it comes to our spectators. We ask that the spectators: let the coaches coach, let the players be play, let the officials officiate, and let the spectators be positive. This means cheering in a way that is supportive and doesn't put anyone down. We want to create a positive environment for all involved. Below is the Section VII policy.

Section VII Spectator Sportsmanship Policy NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Regulation: Any negative, inappropriate, derogatory comments or actions that brings direct attention to a supervisor or school administrator by a spectator or group of spectators are required to be addressed by the host school, Sectional, or NYSPHSAA representative in the following non-sequential order depending on the comments or behavior: • First warning – Directing the spectator or group of spectators to refrain from any negative comments or actions. • Second warning – A personal discussion with the spectators or group of spectators on the above NYSPHSAA expectations and reminding the spectators or group of spectators of the next step, removal of the game or event, will be utilized if the behavior continues. • Removal from contest – The spectator or group of spectators will be directed to leave the facility for the remainder of the game or event. If spectators or group of spectators refuse to leave the game or event, play will be stopped until they vacate the premise. * Districts or officials have the right to bypass the steps above based on the severity of the situation.

Penalty for being removed from a game or event: Any spectator removed from a game or event will have a minimum penalty of completing the following 2 courses on NFHSlearn.com – Positive Parenting within School Programs & The Parent Seat and a one game suspension before they are allowed to attend any interscholastic event, home or away. Once the courses are completed the spectator will provide the certificates of completion to the athletic department office. Failure to comply will result in an additional suspension. Schools are required to communicate with the offending spectator on the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Spectator Expectations. Depending on the severity of the behavior/comments or future disqualifications by the offending spectator, NYSPHSAA and Section VII may get directly involved in the situation. Note: A school may take additional actions above and beyond the prescribed penalties. Recommendation to Section VII districts: The Section VII Athletic Council is recommending that a designated administrator, game chaperone, security or site supervisor be present at each event. If no such person is present, the responsibility lies with the head coach as a district employee.

Mrs. Ordway– Athletic Director



CRAZY 8'S IS A RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL AFTER-SCHOOL MATH CLUB FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K-6, DESIGNED TO SPARK EXCITEMENT ABOUT APPLYING MATHEMATICAL SKILLS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM. OUR GOAL IS TO CULTIVATE A LOVE FOR MATH AND DEMONSTRATE THAT MATH IS PRESENT IN EVERYDAY LIFE, WHILE ALSO ENHANCING STUDENTS' PROBLEM SOLVING AND TEAMWORK SKILLS. EACH CRAZY 8'S SESSION INCLUDES A TAKE-HOME EXTENSION ACTIVITY AND MATERIALS, ALLOWING STUDENTS TO CONTINUE EXPLORING THE MATH SKILLS THEY ENGAGED WITH DURING THE CLUB, ALONG WITH THEIR FAMILIES.

SO FAR, STUDENTS HAVE EXPLORED NUMBER SENSE, NUMERICAL FLUENCY, AND GEOMETRY AWARENESS.



SESSION 2 WILL BEGIN IN JANUARY!



CRAZY 8'S IS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH FUNDING FROM THE COMMUNITY FUND FOR GORE MOUNTAIN REGION (CFGMR)!



Let's Eat

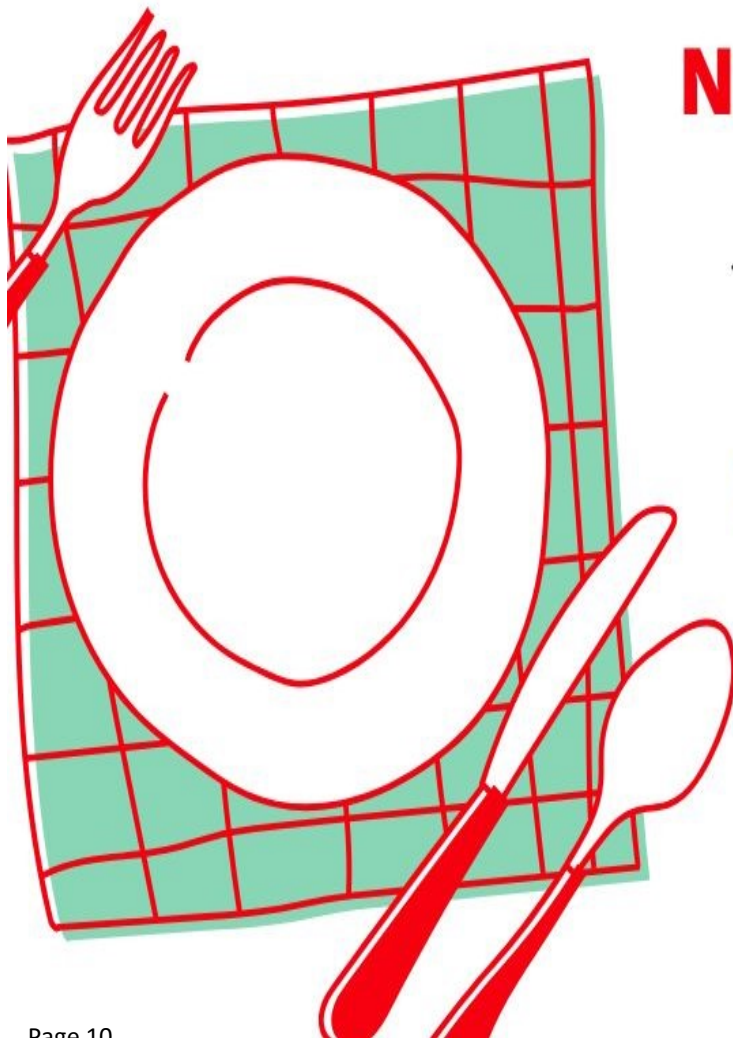
MINERVA CLASS OF 2028 FUNDRAISER

Election Day Chicken & BISCUIT Dinner

November 5, 2024
4:30 - 7pm

**Minerva
Community
Center**

ADULTS \$12.00
KIDS & SENIORS \$10.00
5 AND UNDER EAT FREE





Student Council News

From Ms. Smith & Ms. Rascoe

Spirit Day & Freebie Friday: *Friday, November 1st*
Wear your Green & White AND get your Spirit Surprise



SCHOOL PICTURE DAY
Tues. Nov. 5th

Next Meeting - November 15th @ 2:00 (Activity Period) in the Music Room

FALL APPAREL FUNDRAISER - Check out www.hallwear.com
Open Now

November Fun Activities:

- *Celebrate The Day of the Dead (Tell a fun fact to Mr. Stockman)*
- *Try warm or cold Apple Cider!*
- *Learn about Election Day!*
- *Write a letter to a Veteran*
- *What are you Thankful for?*
- *Paint a Turkey Hand*
- *Make a table centerpiece with your family*
- *Create your Thanksgiving Day Menu!*



Things to do during A Week:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Watch Monday Night Football or The Voice	Look for the changing colorful leaves	Write a Thank You Note for a friend	Bake an Apple or Pumpkin Pie	Go to the Movies!

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CENTRAL SCHOOL Fighting Irish

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Minerva Fundraiser. Please allow 3 weeks for order to be ready after the store closes. Pick up will be at the school. Minerva contact is Kate Smith. Any questions, contact Carmen at sales@hallwear.com or 518-745-0819. These are customized and/or personalized items and cannot be returned. Thank you!





★ ALL NEW 2024 EXTRAVAGANZA ★



KIDS
12 & Younger
FREE
With Adult!

CLIP AND SAVE THIS FREE VALUABLE CHILDS COUPON • COME EARLY FOR BEST SEATS

BILLY MARTIN'S

COLE
ALL STAR

CIRCUS

MON - NOV 11
OLMSTEDVILLE
 MINERVA CENTRAL SCHOOL GYM
SHOWTIME: 6:00 PM

THIS COUPON ADMITS ONE CHILD 12 YEARS OR YOUNGER WITH PAID ADULT.
LIMIT 2 FREE CHILDREN PER ADULT - SUBJECT TO SEATING AVAILABILITY

ADULTS \$15 ADVANCE OR \$20 AT THE DOOR

Buy Now At School Offices and **SAVE!**
 Visit Us At: billymartincircus.com

MINERVA YOUTH COMMISSION UPCOMING EVENTS



Adirondack Stampede Rodeo –
November 2nd

Santa's Workshop –
December 18th and 19th



Ski program applications have been sent home
and are due back by Friday, November 8th, 2024
We will hold the punch card drawing for the \$50
gift card at the Minerva Christmas Bazaar!

Remember to have your punch cards punched
for every event!

Attend 5 or more events in 2024 and be
entered to win a \$50 gift card!

Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every
month on the top floor

of the Town Hall at 7 pm, all are welcome!

We are always looking for new members!

Happy
THANKSGIVING



We want to start a PTO!!

**Do you want to help
support our students?**

**Sign up on the
PTO interest list!**

Did you know? THE PTO CAN:

Host school events

Fundraise

Raise money for upgrades the school needs

Introduce programs

Provide teacher support

**There will be a table at Open House with a sign-up sheet
and one in the Main Office. If we have enough interest,
we will hold a meeting to form the PTO!**



Thanksgiving Bake Sale Fundraiser



Benefitting the Class of 2027

Place orders beginning November 1st and ending November 15th

Orders can be picked up at Minerva Central School on November 25th and 26th

Item	#	Cost	Total
Pumpkin Pie		@\$15.00	
Apple Pie		@\$15.00	
Banana Bread		@\$10.00	
Chocolate Fudge		@\$12.00	
Peanut Butter Fudge		@\$12.00	
Pumpkin Roll w/nuts		@\$15.00	
Pumpkin Roll *no nuts		@\$15.00	
Rolls		@\$10.00/ dozen	
TOTAL			Paid cash or check#

Name _____ Phone _____

To place order an order, please fill out the above form and return to school, or
call Ms. Rascoe @518-251-2000, or email mrascoc@minervasd.org

The Class of 2027 thanks you for all of your support!

It's About Thyme Farm

So much fun to pick pumpkins, apples and enjoy a hayride!

Thank you for a wonderful time!



58TH ANNUAL MINERVA COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
HOSTED BY THE MINERVA SLEEPING GIANTS



A GNOME CHRISTMAS

Minerva Central School Gymnasium
Friday, December 6th
4:00-7:30

Dinner from 4:00-7:00 pm
Local Organizations
Local Vendors
Visit from Santa
Door Prizes
Raffles
Performance by the
North Country Singers 4:30pm

Any vendors interested in having a table please contact
Carol Frazier 518-251-2537 or Edna Bowers 518-532-9236





Johnsburg Library Programs

November 2024 Town of Johnsburg Library Programs and Events

Title	Place	Date	Time	Ages	Description
Preschool Story Hour	TOJL	Fri, 11/01/2024	10-11 am	-	Story Hour is cancelled - see you next week!
TOJL Board Meeting	TOJL	Wed, 11/06/2024	5-6 pm	Public	Monthly Library Board Meeting
Preschool Story Hour	TOJL	Fri, 11/08/2024	10-11 am	3-5	Preschool Story Hour - Books and building with blocks this week. Bring your imagination!
Book Club	TOJL	Thu, 11/14/2024	5-7 pm	19+	A book discussion on "Braiding Sweetgrass" by will take place in our reading room. Please bring a dish to pass.
Preschool Story Hour	TOJL	Fri, 11/15/2024	10-11 am	3-5	It's birthday week for Ms Wendy! Let's have a big birthday bash for all of us!
Game Night	TOJL	Sat, 11/16/2024	5-7 pm	All Ages	The second Saturday of every month starting at 5 pm we will be playing games in our library reading room. All ages are welcome.
Sound Bath Meditation	TOJL	Thu, 11/21/2024	5:30-6:45 pm	10+	A guided meditation with soothing sounds of crystal singing bowls, chimes, ocean drums, and Tibetan bowls will bring you to a place of love and refocus your personal power! Bring your yoga mat, pillows, and blankets. Fee: \$15 cash. Facilitator: Robin Jay, Holy Fire Kartuna Reiki Master Teacher, Certified Sound Healer.
Preschool Story Hour	TOJL	Fri, 11/22/2024	10-11 am	3-5	Preschool Story Hour - How exciting to share what we're thankful for as we craft turkey headbands!
Trivia Night	TOJL	Sat, 11/23/2024	5-7 pm	All Ages	The fourth Saturday of every month starting at 5 pm we will be testing your knowledge with trivia in our library reading room. All ages are welcome.
Thanksgiving	TOJL	Thu, 11/28/2024	Closed	-	
Black Friday	TOJL	Fri, 11/29/2024	Closed	-	

November 2024

Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Spirit Day	2 CASMA at Schroon Lake Minerva Youth Commission Rodeo Trip
3	4	5 Picture Day  Election Day Dinner at the Community Center 4:30-7 pm	6 Quiz Bowl	7	8 End of Marking Period Early Release Drill 2:15 pm	9
10	11 Circus 6 pm  <div>Veterans' Day No School</div>	12	13	14 Board Meeting 6:30 pm	15 Report Cards	16
17	18	19 7 - 12 Honors Breakfast 8:30 Superintendent's Coffee Hour 9:30 am	20 Quiz Bowl	21	22	23
24	25 <div>Bake sale items ready for pickup</div>	26	27	28	29	30 <div>No School—Thanksgiving Recess</div>

November 2024

Breakfast / Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Alternate breakfast every day: cereal and toast or oatmeal</p> <p>Alternate lunch every day: PB, PBJ or cheese sandwich, PB and fluff only on Tuesday / Thursdays</p>	<p>A variety of fruit will be available daily for breakfast and lunch</p> <p>Fresh fruit and vegetable program snacks provided for grades K-6 on Mondays & Fridays</p>				<p>1 Pancakes w/syrup</p> <p>Cheese pizza and green beans</p>	2
3	<p>4 Cheese omelets and toast</p> <p>Grilled cheese, tomato soup and carrots</p>	<p>5 Danish and yogurt</p> <p>Meatballs, brown rice and cauliflower</p>	<p>6 Bagels and cream cheese</p> <p>Chicken and cheese quesadilla, black beans, lettuce, tomatoes and onions</p>	<p>7 Fruit parfaits</p> <p>Fish fillet, tartar sauce and cucumber slices</p>	<p>8 Waffles and sausage</p> <p>Pepperoni or cheese pizza and peas</p>	9
10	<p>11</p> <div>Veterans' Day No School</div>	<p>12 Donuts and yogurt</p> <p>Ham and cheese subs, lettuce, tomatoes and onions</p>	<p>13 Sausage, egg and cheese on a biscuit</p> <p>Chicken nuggets, fries and corn</p>	<p>14 Cheese, chocolate, blueberry or banana muffin</p> <p>Taco with cheese, lettuce, tomatoes and onions</p>	<p>15 Chocolate chip pancakes and syrup</p> <p>Sausage or cheese pizza, celery and hummus</p>	16
17	<p>18 Sausage, egg and cheese on English muffin</p> <p>Goulash, bread sticks and carrots</p>	<p>19 Danish and yogurt</p> <p>Grilled hotdogs and baked beans</p>	<p>20 Waffles and sausage</p> <p>Hamburger, sweet potato fries, lettuce, tomato and onion</p>	<p>21 Bagels and cream cheese</p> <p>Roasted turkey, mashed potato, gravy, roll, cranberry sauce and peas</p>	<p>22 Cheesy eggs and toast</p> <p>Cheese pizza and green beans</p>	23
24	<p>25 Fruit parfaits</p> <p>Sloppy Joes, tatter tots and corn</p>	<p>26 Cinnamon rolls and yogurt</p> <p>Turkey sandwich, chicken noodle soup, lettuce, tomatoes and onions</p>	27	28	29	30
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