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Mintie's Message

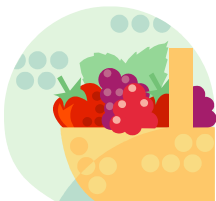
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Message from Principal Olga.....

Look inside for the names of the 76 students redesignated at Mintie White this past year !

Thanks to all the parents helping with our Fall Festival on October 28th !!!



Welcome to a wonderful new year at Mintie White! Our students have been eating lunch and breakfast in our new cafeteria.

Our year began with the sad passing of our Reading First Coach Patty Ballard. The staff will be planting a tree in her honor to provide shade to classes facing the front of the school. LaNette Maioriello has been hired to take her place. We welcome two new second grade teachers, Carrie Berke and Bryn Del Mano, and a new first grade teacher Kyrie Neil. They all bring wonderful things to your

students !

We had a very successful parent meeting in September and are planning our Fall Festival which will take place on the 28th of October. Many parents have committed to helping but we are still looking for more to volunteer on this day. Fundraising is a big focus for all as we need to raise funds for Outdoor School, a stage and a new playground.

Thanks for being so involved with your child's education.

Principal , Olga

Attendance and Tardies Effect Student Achievement

We have been very disappointed in the amount of tardies and absences that we have had at our school since the beginning of the year. Please be sure that your student arrives at school by 7:50 every morning. The bell rings at 7:58 and they are considered tardy if they arrive after the 8:00 bell. Breakfast is served at 7:30 am.

When your child is late he or she misses Daily Language Practice , Writing, or Reading. It throws your child off balance in the classroom and then they need to make up the academics during recess or lunch in Detention. Please consider the reasons why your children are arriving late and help us to help them become high achievers.

Steps for Peace

- Stop
- Cool Off
- Ignore
- Walk Away
- Get Help

Remember:

Kindergarten
Students are
Served lunch at
10:45 only. Don't
be late

Students Eat In Their Own Cafeteria

If you haven't seen our new cafeteria, you should stop by. Your children have been eating breakfast and lunch in there since August. We are lucky to have China (cafeteria supervisor) helping to ensure that all of your children receive a healthy lunch and that food is not taken out of the cafeteria.

China also has to follow the State Guidelines in regards to the food that she serves to your children. Here are some rules that we all have to follow in our new cafeteria:

- Students and parents are NOT allowed to take food out of the building.
- Parents are supposed to stay out when children are eating.
- Parents are not to ask children to take out food for their brothers or sisters.
- If students should take out food and they get sick from it we would be liable.

Safety First ! Ice Cream Vendors cause accidents !

There are some concerns regarding the pedestrian / traffic hazards due to Ice Cream Vendors conducting business along school sites. Accident potential is increased when students fail to follow precautions. Smaller children are difficult to see behind vehicles. Drivers are not always yielding and exceed the posted speed limit. Drivers need to be extra careful while passing vendors and groups of children.

The district has met with the City of Watsonville last Friday, 6-Oct, to discuss ways of reducing the potential for accidents.

Steps taken:

Safety Education We will be reviewing the concepts with students during safety assemblies and some guidelines for both students and parents.

Signage – The City of Watsonville will provided signs prohibiting vendors from parking adjacent the

school sites. This will be a trial run to see if it is effective. The signs are to be posted in about three weeks. This is only for Mintie White and EA Hall Notices to Vendors – will be sent to inform them of the restrictions around the school site (for both vehicle and push-cart vendors). Vendor vehicles will be inspected for proper signage prior to business permit renewals and applications.

Enforcement – Traffic Officers will patrol the areas and enforce the above parking restriction and speed limit.

It is very important that you tell your children not to buy ice cream from the vendors. Many times the ice cream is expired. They sell inappropriate items to your students that can get them in trouble at school, such as toy guns and candy.

*“Alone we can do so
little; together we
can do so much !”
Helen Keller*

Discipline Procedures and Yard Duty

Mintie White has a good discipline system and a school Equity and Discipline Cluster. The members are: Mrs. Wyman, Mr Cyzyzk, Miss Olga, Ms. Torres and Roberta Tapiz. This Committee ensures that the school staff understands the rules at school and that all students are treated with respect. Mintie White has an Anti-Bullying Policy, follow the Lifeskills Program, and teachers teach the KidPower Curriculum. If your child misbehaves they are given a discipline slip, which must be signed and returned to the office.

We have four yard duty monitors, Roberta , Edgar, Alicia, and Antonia. They are out with our students at recesses, and before school . They help with lunch duty and make sure that no strangers comes on campus .

Students are placed in Detention in the library when they are given a discipline slip, or if they are tardy three or more times. They are benched by individual teachers when they do not return or complete their homework or if they cannot play nicely on the yard. It is very important that homework gets done daily and that parents support us with it being returned to school.

We reward our students during the LIFESKILL Assemblies four times a year and also on Fridays in a school wide drawing for intermediate and primary. Be on the look out for the day when your child will be honored at a LIFESKILL Assembly !

Marbles

Only 10 at School

- ✓ No Steelies
- ✓ No Boulders
- ✓ No Keepies
- ✓ No Breaking Marbles
- ✓ No Trading



After School Program Help Our Students !

We are very lucky to have Claudia Burke directing the After School Program. Our program serves 120 students in grades 3-5 who are below reading level. They attend a Homework Club, Excel Reader, Science Classes, Computer Classes and Phonics Classes. We will be serving second graders in January.

It is very crucial that parents know importance of why your children attend the After School Program every day, and how they are enrolled. Children that have attended this program have made great gains on their State Tests in their reading and writing progress.

If your student cannot behave in the afterschool program, parents will be

called and they will be sent home or at times will not be invited back. It is important for parents to know that it is a great privilege to be in the After School Program.

After School Program starts at 2:45 and ends at 5:00 o'clock. Please pick your child up on time, If you are more than 30 minutes late we will have to take your child down to the Police Station .

It is not fair to the teachers or your child to have to wait for you to come and get your children. Sometimes, parents get to school at 6:00 o'clock at night. This is much too late. Some students don't have emergency numbers that work. Please update your child's emergency cards.

Activity Day

November 17

Remember:

Come to School On Time or you won't be able to attend !

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Who I am Makes a

Difference . Together

We Can Do

It !

Computer Lab Coming to Mintie White

Thanks to a Block Grant and One Time monies from the State, we are going to be able to have a computer lab at Mintie White. It will be housed in the Library. Mr. G and Mr. Young and Miss Olga have been designing the lab and ordering the necessary equipment, computers and furniture. Students will be able to go into the computer lab and work on their Math and Reading.

We hope to have the Computer Lab up and running by the end of November.

We are very lucky to have Jose Anaya at Mintie White. He is our very own Technology Assistant. He is helping fix all our computers and will be training the teachers on how to use some of the new programs that we will be purchasing.

76 Students are Are Redesignated into English

The following students have worked very hard to learn English and have finally made the grade ! Congratulations to all of the parents and teachers who have helped their students learn English, do their homework and come to school on time ! Thanks Ms. Torres for all your hard work in monitoring students' progress !

Yvette Aguirre, Daniel Albarran, Brandon Arellano, Eliseo Ayala, Gabriela Barocio, Adriana Batres, Juan Cardenas, Adolfo Campos, Guadalupe Castro, Adriana Diaz-Alba, Beatriz Duarte, Nancy Espinoza, Erlinda Felix, Emily Garcia, Jasmine Garcia, Adan Gavilan, Alejandra Gonzalez, Andrea Gonzalez, Moises Gonzalez, Jerry Gutierrez, Kimberly Gutierrez, Lourdes Hurtado, Jacqueline Loeza, Morelia Lopez, Carina Lozano-Muro, Dalia Madrigal, Obdulia Mendoza, Ignacio Merendon, Gabriela Meza, Jeanna Meza, Israel Miramontes, Conan Orozco, Abraham Ortiz, Mayra Ortiz, Jorge Pimentel, Gustavo Ramirez, Itzel Raya, Leslie Rocha, Luz Rocha, Maricela Rocha, Erik Torres-Raya, Damina Ruiz, Marco, Valencia, Alejandro Vazquez, Itzel Veronica, Cruz Vigil-Rocha, Renato Villanueva, Alejandra Zamora, Margarita Zavala, Moises Brito, Alma Diaz- Magaña, Mayra Perez Torres

Fall Festival to Take Place on October 28th

Please plan on joining us and helping us raise funds for Outdoor School. We need parent volunteers. Ask your child's teacher how you can help ! Remember, without your help we cannot do it !

Parent Meetings for October and November:

School Site Council/ Home and School: 10/19, 11/ 8 at 6:00 pm

LIF/ ELAC : 10/27, 11/17 at 6:00 pm