

# Indian Pride

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## Community Service Improves School Performance and Self-Esteem

Studies show that kids who participate in community service have better grades and more interest in school than those who don't. During the holiday season is the perfect time to introduce helping out the community with your child. A child who participates in community service also has strong positive feelings about themselves and their place in society.

#### By volunteering, your child will:

- Be less likely to take negative risks.
- Have higher self-esteem, be more responsible and feel more connected to their community.
- Have stronger social skills.
- Be more likely to stay in school. Volunteers tend to have regular attendance and perform well.
- Learn valuable skills. These can include how to deal with different kinds of people. Or they might learn how to write a strong letter or how to organize a group. These skills will help them in school and for the rest of their life.
- Meet people, such as the heads of agencies or businesses. They can be references for your child in the future.

If your child is not sure how to go about getting involved, here are some places to get information:

- Social worker office
- Local libraries
- Community service groups

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#### December Events

12/20/19– 5 Hour Day: Dismissal around 12:30 PM 12/20/19– End of Second Quarter 12/23/19-1/3/20– Winter Break

#### January Events

1/6/20– School Resumes 1/6-1/7/20– Drama Club Cast Auditions 2:30-5:00 PM 1/17/20- 5 Hour Day: Dismissal

1/20/20– Martin Luther King Jr. Day: No School

around 12:30 PM

#### <u>February Events</u>

2/6/20– 5th Grade Band Concert 5:30 PM

2/14/20- 5 Hour Day: Dismissal around 12:30 PM

2/17/20– President's Day: No School

2/20/20– Family Learning Night 2/27/20- 5 Hour Day: Dismissal around 12:30 PM

2/28/20 – Teacher Institute Day: No School





# PRIDE ARROW WINNERS



December 16th-20th

# 5th Grade Winners

Geovany Aguilar

Ivy Genens

Bleriana Kasa

Edgar Manzo

Makynley Schneider

# 6th Grade Winners

Maria Evers

Emily Kosek

Oliver Murray



Congratulations to our staff who were nominated for "Staff Celebrations!" Fabulous job!



Mr. Doerr

Mrs. Horrigan

Mrs. Sowinski

# Illinois **5**Essentials survey

## Organizing Schools for Improvement

Minooka Intermediate School values your input about our school. In order to celebrate the successes and review our areas for improvement, we are asking that you please complete the 5Essentials Survey for parents. The survey is open until February 14th, 2020. In order to review the results, we need at least 20% of our parents to complete it.

None of the information you provide will be directly connected to you or your child. The results of the survey will eventually be shared with Mrs. Pekol and Superintendent Dr. Monn in March.

If you have children in multiple Minooka schools, you will need to complete a survey for each building.

Thank you in advance for your participation and input on the 5Essentials Survey for Minooka Intermediate School.

Link to survey: <a href="http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/">http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/</a> (Our school is in Grundy County)

There will also be a student survey that will be administered. It asks students about their experiences in school, giving school leaders critical student input to help develop school improvement plans. This survey is completely confidential. Teachers or administrators will never see individual responses to survey questions and will only receive aggregated information, such as the total percentage of students who agree homework assignments help them learn the course material. Please, check your email for a letter from MIS Administration and how to access the copy of the questions asked to students.

# MIS SPORTS PAGE!

\*Note: Sporting events are subject to change and weather cancellations. For an up to date sports schedule visit: min201.org/departments/athletics



# Upcoming Sporting Events:

### 6th Girls Volleyball

1/13/20, 4:30 PM @ Home vs. Manteno 1/14/20, 4:30 PM @ Home (MJHS) vs. Troy 1/16/20, 4:30 PM @ Morris (White Oak) 1/18/20, TBD, @ Lukancic (Lukancic Friendship Tournament)

#### Wrestling

1/4/20, 8:00 AM @ Coal City (Coal City Invitational) 1/7/20, 4:30 PM @ Reed Custer 1/11/20, 8:00 AM @ DeKalb Tournament

## Awards Night

Awards will only be given to athletes that are present at the ceremony. Girls and boys Basketball awards are on December 18th at 6:30 PM.