

Indian Pride

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Minooka Intermediate School Newsletter



Author Visit: Michael Northrop



Michael Northrop is coming to MIS on Monday, February 24th! We would love to welcome Michael with posters and signs made by the students! To promote participation there will be a contest for the most welcoming poster! To be in the contest all posters/signs will need to be turned in to Mrs. Kaney by Wednesday, February 19th.

- The winner will be awarded a \$25 Scholastic gift certificate to the spring BOGO book fair and a signed copy of Michael's book *On Thin Ice*
- Two runners up will win \$10 Scholastic gift certificates and a signed copy of *On Thin Ice*

We also need one student to introduce Michael to the entire school. If your child is outgoing, creative and would like to have the opportunity to stand before their peers and give a welcoming introduction to our guest, they need to submit their speech/introduction to Mrs. Kaney by Friday, February 14th.

- The winner will be awarded a \$50 Scholastic gift certificate to the spring BOGO book fair and a signed copy of Michael's book *On Thin Ice*
- Two runners up will win \$10 Scholastic gift certificates and a signed copy of *On Thin Ice*

ALL students who pre-order Michael's book On Thin Ice will be invited to the library immediately following the all school assembly to meet Michael and have their books autographed. (Pre-order forms were emailed out)

To get ideas and information about Michael for your introduction and/or signs or to find out more about him, please go to his website: <u>https://michaelnorthrop.net/</u>.

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<u>February Events</u>

2/7/20– 5th Grade Dance 2:30-4:00 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 5:30-7:30 PM 2/27/20- 5 Hour Day: Dismissal around 12:30 PM 2/28/20– Teacher Institute Day: No School

<u>March Events</u>

3/10/20– PTO Meeting 5:30PM 3/12/20– 6th Grade Band Concert 6 PM 3/18/20– MIS Drama Club Performance 6PM 3/19/20– Choir Concert 6PM 3/20/20– End of Quarter 3 3/20/20– 5 Hour Day: Dismissal Around 12:30 PM 3/23-3/27/20– Spring Break: No School







February 3rd-7th

5th Grade Winners

Sean Bates

Ethan Jenkins

Molly Schramm

Jeremiah Tatum

Tiarra Thompson

6th Grade Winners

Julian Arteaga

Kameron Cole

Kendall Kozak



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

Mrs. Reid



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We are looking for community members to present to our school during this year's Career Day on the mornings of **April 24th (6th Grade)** and **May 1st (5th Grade)**. We will be having two separate career days for fifth and sixth grades. Please feel free to sign up for one date or both dates. If you would be willing to spend some time talking with our students about your career, we would love to have you. We are looking to include as many different professions as we can.

Presenting to our students would entail:

- Giving no more than five, 25 minute sessions to our 5th or 6th grade students
- Sharing your career path and training or education necessary
- Stressing the importance of perseverance and effort to attain goals
- Connecting topics or students studied in school to the skills needed in a variety of occupations in the real world
- Including an appropriate interactive/hands-on activity

Please go to this link to sign up: https://forms.gle/K93nrDuSJnifEX9VA

Additionally, after signing up, we will pair you with an Intermediate level teacher that is willing to help plan your presentation to fit our students' needs. If you know of anyone who would enjoy this opportunity as well, please share the link with them or contact your student's teacher with his/her information. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Monica Totaro at mtotaro@min201.org or Mrs. Jacqueline Harig at jharig@min201.org



On Sale February 18th-21st for \$1. Proceeds help fund our free Jurassic Park Themed Family Learning Night on February 20th from 5:30-7:30PM.



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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: http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/ (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.



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



Upcoming Sporting Events:

6th Girls Volleyball

2/8/20, 9:00 AM @ Saratoga (Saratoga Tournament, A Team)

Wrestling

2/8/20, TBD @ Lukancic (Dale Keith Tournament) 2/15/20, TBD IVC Tournament 2/29/20, TBD Regionals

Upcoming Sports Tryouts

Track and field

2/24/20, 3:00 PM, Final online registration and physicals are due! 3/2/20, 2:45-4:15 PM Tryouts/first practice

Soccer

3/19/20, 3:00 PM, Final online registration and physicals are due! 3/30, 3/31/20, 4:30-6:30 PM, Tryouts

Awards Night

Awards will only be given to athletes that are present at the ceremony. March 18th at 6:30 PM at MJHS 6th Grade Girls Volleyball awards.

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