

October 26, 2016

Dear Minot Consolidated School Parents,

Thank you all for supporting the great work that the staff at MCS does every day with your children. The flip to that is also true - we want to support the habits and dispositions that you are working to develop in your children at home. It makes a huge difference in the attitude and comfort of children when school and home work together. I believe that communication is one of the most critical skills in moving forward together— where we listen to each other, learn about each other and work with each other to build our team in the best interest of your children. Progress is made and children are most successful when we put our heads and knowledge together to accomplish common goals.

There are a few reminders and information that I want to share with you.

- **Math** – The new EveryDay Math 4 (EM4) program has a number of new components aimed at developing mathematical knowledge. The goal is to build a strong math foundation so that students are better able to understand and use numbers in real life application. Mathematical knowledge and skills that extend far beyond basic calculation skills are necessary for children to be successful in today’s world.
- **Front Lot Traffic Flow** – The traffic flow in the front lot is getting safer. Traffic is flowing in one direction and students are being dropped off in the designated spot reducing the amount of pedestrian traffic. Thank you for your help with this.
- **Core Professional Practices** – Teachers use a number of professional practices to ensure that students understand and show proficiency in core standards. Professional Learning Goals (goals that teachers set for themselves) are developed each year to ensure that each teacher is evolving and growing. Student Learning Goals (goals for each student) are developed each year to ensure that students are continually progressing toward proficiency. Reflecting on student learning, the effectiveness of the instruction and concerns and issues are constantly used to plan further instruction.
- Halloween is an exciting time for many children and this year it falls on Monday. Because one of my jobs is to preserve our valuable 6 hours of teaching time, **please do not have students wear their costumes** to school on Monday. The Community Club is sponsoring a “Trunk or Treat” event here at School Monday Oct. 31st from 6:00– 7:00PM.

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Respectfully,

Kim Spencer
Principal

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*Oct. 24-28 – Book Fair

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*Nov. 6 – Tri-Town 5K run

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*Nov. 10 – Student Led Conferences – 11:00-7:00

*Nov. 11 – Veteran's Day – No School

*Nov. 15 – Benefit Spaghetti Dinner for Mr. Miller – MCS Custodian

*Nov. 16 – 5th and 6th grade Band Concert – 6:00

*Nov. 17 – Author Chris VanDusen visits MCS – Sponsored by the Community Club

*Nov. 18 – End of Trimester 1

*Nov. 18 – Mustang Pride Assembly – 2:15

*Nov. 21 – Picture RE-take Day

*Nov. 23-25 – No School – Thanksgiving Holiday

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