

MINETTO ELEMENTARY

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



Dear Minnetto Families,

Happy September! We have had a wonderful start to the school year. Thank you to all Minnetto families for helping students transition back to school.

Each month we will be sending a newsletter to share information about Minnetto Elementary and our community. This month please look for information about attendance, our Minnetto Way program and apparel, and playground news.

Thank you for all you do to help our awesome Minnetto community!

Mrs. Sullivan

Important Dates

09/11 - Home & School Meeting
09/23 - 09/28 - BUC Pride Week
9/30 - Picture Day!
10/03 - Open House
10/07-10/10 - Book Fair
10/24 - Family Literacy Night



Art Department News

This year students will create art portfolios. Portfolios will store all artwork for the year. Students will bring artwork home only twice this year, in January and in June. This will help in selecting and organizing work for the District Wide Art Show and other contests/events that we participate in throughout the year. We believe this change will be very positive! If you have any questions about this or any other art room activities please email Mrs. Mason at cmason@oswego.org.



New York State and the Federal "Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)" use attendance as one way to measure effectiveness and as a marker to compare schools and districts. Our school report card will include this measure and we are asking for your assistance.

You may already know that regular school attendance supports your child's educational learning by increasing the number of regular opportunities to learn and grow with new content and skills. All families whose child(ren) are absent and/or tardy beyond a 10% threshold will receive a notice. Please know that you can keep track of your child's attendance by reviewing the attendance information on the quarterly report cards.

Attendance has many other implications on student success. Here are a few:

- Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade.
- By 6th grade, chronic absence is a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.
- Research shows that missing 10% of the school, or about 18 days, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.
- **When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.**

If you are worried or need help with attendance issues, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the Principal's office. We are all here to support your family so that we all can be successful.

Playground News

The Minetto Playground was built in 1994 with help from the Minetto Community. The original playground no longer meets the “NYS Department of Health Playground Safety Standards” and had to be removed.

The Minetto Home and School Association, along with families and community members like you, have been working hard to rebuild an inclusive playground for everyone!

Our goal is to have a playground where everyone can play! An inclusive playground, for people of ALL abilities, offering handicap accessible play structures and sensory walls. As you can imagine, rebuilding this type of structure correctly is very expensive. The master plan to reach our goal involves fundraising in three phases. At the end of each phase, a portion of the new playground can be built. The final structure will be a single, inclusive and safe playground for everyone to enjoy!

The phase 1 goal is \$100,000.

Right now, we have 3 different fundraisers to add to the funds already collected. Please remember that all proceeds will go towards rebuilding the Minetto playground.

- **Great Lakes Redemption** (Oswego locations) Simply drop off your redeemable cans and bottles and tell them you would like to donate to Minetto Home and School Association.
- **Minetto Way Apparel** - visit the B&T sports link for Minetto Way apparel. All proceeds will benefit the rebuilding of our playground.
[B&T Sports Minetto Fundraiser](#)
- **gofundme.com Donation.** Share link: [Minetto Elementary playground](#)

Look for more fundraising opportunities that will happen throughout the school year!

We appreciate all of your support and all that you do for our Minetto students and families.

FULLY PREPARED AND LIFE READY!



The Minetto Way

Minetto is truly a family. We respect each other, believe in each other, trust each other and challenge each other to do our very best!

Minetto Elementary character education program is built on ideals expressed in the Minetto Pledge. Our Minetto Pledge reminds us to do our best everyday and follow the Golden Rule. “The Minetto Way” captures the spirit of what we believe and what we strive for every day.

Throughout the school year we will focus on The Minetto Way ideals of being respectful and responsible problem solvers, that work to be fully prepared and life ready!

Today our students enjoyed a “Minetto Way Celebration” with Ice Cream!

Some of our plans this year include:

- **Minetto Way Wednesdays.** To show our pride, please wear your Minetto Way Shirt or Buc Blue !
- **Monthly Focus** - each month The Minetto Way will share a specific topic or ideal to help our community learn and grow together.

The Minetto Way Apparel and Playground Fundraiser

To promote our Minetto Way Program and as a fundraiser for our Playground please consider ordering Minetto Way Apparel.

All students and staff are asked to wear Minetto Way apparel or Buc Blue on Wednesdays!

B&T Sports - [B&T Sports Minetto Way Apparel](https://minetto2019.itemorder.com/sale)
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All orders need to be placed by September 27th.

