

Welcome

MINETTO ELEMENTARY FALL NEWSLETTER



Dear Minnetto Families,

We are excited to see all of you on September 4, 2019! Our custodial staff has been very busy preparing Minnetto! The teachers have been working on creating the best learning environment for each of our students.

During the first few weeks of school, we will have plenty of staff ready to greet each student and help them find their classrooms. Please know, if a child needs help finding their way, an adult will be close by.

We understand that some of our new families might want to walk their child to the classroom on the first day of school. These parents must sign in at a main door and sign out when they leave. After the first day of school, parents may say their goodbyes before kids get on the bus, or on the main sidewalk.

As we begin our year together, our students will be learning and exploring "The Minnetto Way". Together we will all be respectful and responsible problem solvers who grow and learn together, helping us to be fully prepared and life ready!

See you all on September 4, 2019,
Mrs. Sullivan

Important Dates

09/04 - First day of school
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

Mark your
calendar!

Building Security

Minnetto is a "single point of entry" building. The main entrance is at the back of the building, off Meeker Ave. Although several front and rear doors are open in the morning for staff and student entry, all exterior doors are locked at 9:00 a.m. As part of our safety and security, OCSD is using the **RAPTOR System**. During the day, all visitors must enter the main entrance using the buzzer system into our lobby and go directly into the main office. All visitors are asked to present a photo ID with birthdate, such as a Driver's License, which will be entered into the Raptor system. Once entry is approved, Raptor will print a badge that visitors are required to wear on their outermost clothing during their visit.

Leaving School Early/Dismissal Notes

In the event you need to pick up your child early from school, please send a note to school with your child. If your child is eligible for bussing but you prefer that they walk or be picked up daily, please send a note indicating this to the teacher. All notes should include the child, parent name, teacher's names, reason for leaving, and/or the pick up time.

Minnetto Home and School Association

This parent/volunteer group was developed to assist and work in conjunction with our School. This group is open to all Minnetto Elementary parents, and the meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria. Specific information about each of our upcoming events will be sent home soon. Please check the Minnetto Home and School Facebook page for more information.



ARRIVAL and DISMISSAL

The safety of our students is the most important goal during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. With this in mind, please review the following procedures that have been put in place.

Bus Riders

Buses arrive at 8:45 AM and are dismissed at 3:35 PM. Bus riders are required to follow all bus rules and instructions by the bus driver. Questions about buses can be answered by the district transportation department at 315-341-2900. Students eating breakfast will be dismissed from the bus first and go directly to the cafeteria. In the afternoon, buses will be called as they arrive and students will be dismissed accordingly.

Morning Parent Drop Off

Students will be allowed to enter the building at 8:45 AM

The parent drop off loop is located in the back of the building at the Main Office entrance off Meeker Ave. The "loop" is for independent student drop off or pick up only (parent remains in car). If parents would like to walk their child to the building, they will need to park in the lined parking area. While waiting for the doors to open, please wait patiently and in an orderly fashion. Students are not allowed in building before 8:45 AM

Afternoon Parent Pick Up

Students will be dismissed at 3:30 PM.

Students will exit through the Main Office doors. Remember, to send a note in the morning if you plan to pick your child up from school. Parents should park in the lined parking area and walk to the sidewalk outside of the Main Entrance door to wait for their child at the main entrance. The areas blocked out in yellow lines are not for parking. These spaces are used for pedestrian traffic. Students will exit through the Main Office door and meet their parent on the sidewalk or walk to the "loop" and use the passenger side of the car. Kindergarteners will be dismissed in the Main Office vestibule area directly to a parent. After 3:00 PM it is often not possible to answer the phone as our secretary is busy with dismissal. Any change in dismissal should be communicated to the classroom teacher in writing.



Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast and lunch is served daily for those students wishing to purchase it. Each month a new menu is sent home listing daily selections. Students bringing their own lunch may purchase milk or ice cream.

The school district does not allow lunches to be charged. Students may, however, prepay lunches with the cafeteria. Students have thirty minutes for lunch.

Breakfast: Full Price - \$1.40

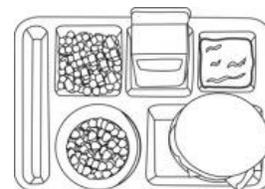
Lunch: Full Price - \$2.10

Adult Lunch - \$4.00

Reduced Meals - \$.25

Milk - \$.60

Ice Cream - \$1.00



Free and Reduced Meals are determined by your family income. Please fill out an application and return it to school lunch program immediately. Applications can be obtained on the District webpage or by calling Food Services at 315-341-2022.

Updated Contact Information

It is so important to keep the school up to date with any changing phone numbers. Without a current phone number, we will be unable to contact you or send automated messages with the latest information. If you need to, please send a note in with your child with any new or updated information.

Contacting Teachers

Teachers can be contacted via email or phone. When calling, please use 315-341-2600 and follow the prompts that are provided. You can enter your child's teacher's voicemail extension to leave a message. Calls will be returned as soon as possible. You can find extensions in the Minetto handbook.



FULLY PREPARED AND LIFE READY!

