

Minto-Clifford Public School

June 2017 Newsletter

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This will be our final newsletter for the 2016 – 2017 school year.

Just a reminder that the last day of school is Thursday, June 29th! Have a safe and restful summer!

Message from the Principal

I would like to extend a warm farewell to all the students, staff and parents of Minto-Clifford PS. I have had the privilege to be the school Principal here for the past 6 years. It has been such a wonderful experience to get to know so many of you and work with your children. Minto-Clifford is such an awesome school with such supportive families. I want to thank everyone for the support you have given me and the generosity that you always show when needed in any of the school events. I will miss so many of you, but know that you will enjoy your time with the new Principal. Have a great summer!

Mrs. Grose



We would like to wish Mrs. Grose well as she will be the new principal at Maryborough Public School in Moorefield for September. We wish her all the best at her new school and will definitely miss her!

A warm welcome goes out to some new staff for September at Minto-Clifford. Mrs. Rivest and Mrs. Werth will be joining our teaching staff. Our new principal, Mrs. Kuchma is coming to us from Maryborough Public School. Please extend a warm welcome when you have the opportunity to meet our new staff members in the fall.

Outdoor Classroom Grand Opening

On Thursday, June 1st at 2:30, please join us as we officially open our amazing new outdoor classroom. Thank you to our School Council and all of the Minto-Clifford community for fundraising to make this project a reality. This will also be Canada Day in June...so wear your red and white! We plan to have an aerial picture of the students in the formation of 150 taken as well.

Annual Spring Fling

We hope to see many families and alumni at the Spring Fling on Thursday, June 8th. Events and the BBQ will run between 6 and 8 PM. Drinks will be \$1, Hot Dogs \$2 and Hamburgers \$3. Plus, there will be baked goods for sale!

Other Special Activities:

Basket Raffle

Cake Walk

Nascar Racing Car

Fire Engine

Smoke House

PA Day on June 9th

Just a reminder that Friday, June 9th is a PA Day and there will be no school for students.

Grade 8 Graduation

We will be celebrating our Grade 8 Graduation on Wednesday, June 28th at 6:30 p.m. Students should be here by 6:00.



Final Report Cards

Final Report Cards will be distributed on Monday, June 26th. We ask for your cooperation in completing and returning Page 3 by Wednesday, June 28th as this document is stored in the student's OSR (Ontario Student Record).

A Special Thank you...

The Minto-Clifford community would like to extend a special thank you to our 'Award Winning' Nutrition Program volunteers, Stacey Jennings and Holly Matthews. All of our students benefit so much from your dedication and commitment. With your hard work, students are starting their days on the right foot with a 'fuelled' brain. Thank you again!



Milk Cards

The last day for milk cards to be sold will be Thursday, June 8th. These can be purchased with SchoolCash Online as well.

<https://ugdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

Healthy Schools Committee - Walking is good for everyone

Why walk to school? Most of us are very aware that childhood obesity is rising fast in children between the ages of 2 and 15. Children need at least an hour of physical activity per day, and walking to school is a great way to get some of that exercise.



Tentative Classes for the 2017 – 2018 School Year

At this time, our tentative classroom organization is as follows:

<i>KA – Mrs. McMullen/Mrs. Doney</i> <i>KB – Mrs. Waechter/TBA</i> <i>KC – Mrs. Domm/Mrs. Hibberd</i> <i>KD-- Mrs. Burgess/TBA</i> <i>1 – Mrs. McLaughlin</i> <i>1 -- Mrs. McCulloch</i> <i>1/2 – Mrs. Lytle</i> <i>2 – Mr. Wood</i> <i>2/3 - Mrs. Dewar</i> <i>3 – Mrs. Williams</i>	<i>3/4 - Mrs. Newman</i> <i>4/5 – Mrs. McTiernan/TBA</i> <i>5-- Mrs. Rivest</i> <i>5/6 -- Mrs. Garrard</i> <i>6 – Mrs. White-Troyer</i> <i>7/8 – Mrs. Clark</i> <i>7/8 – Mr. Novikow</i> <i>7/8 – Mr. Brunet</i> <i>SPE 1 – Mrs. Dafoe</i>
<i>Jnr French – Mdm. Everson</i> <i>Int. French – Mdm. Stevenson</i> <i>Resource Teachers – Mrs. Sloan, Mrs. Meulensteen</i> <i>Library – Mrs. Ferguson</i> <i>Music – Mrs. Meulensteen</i> <i>Planning Teachers – Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Tessel, Mrs. Werth</i>	

We are not able to tell you who will be in each class until September 5, 2017, the first day of school. As in previous years, parent requests for teachers/class placements will not be taken.

Weather permitting, we will meet as a school community on the hard top areas where your child/ren will be (i.e., Kdgn., Primary, Junior or Intermediate). Grade signs will be posted the morning of September 5 and teachers will have their class lists.

Please remember that our school organization for the 2017 – 2018 school year will not be finalized until after the second week of September when final enrolment is submitted to the board office.

Summer Reading

Summer is quickly approaching and while your school library might not be open during summer break, your student can access our digital collection 24/7! Help your child keep their reading skills strong this summer with eBooks and audiobooks from Overdrive accessible through UG2GO.

Students can login to Overdrive using their Windows network login. Digital books can be enjoyed on a computer, tablet, smartphone or eReader device. Read right in the internet browser or download using the free OverDrive app. At the end of the lending period, titles automatically expire so there are never any late fees. Our digital collection can be accessed anywhere in the world, as long as there is an internet connection.

Visit our digital collection at <https://www.ugdsb.on.ca/ug2go> and make sure your student starts summer vacation off right! Look for the Overdrive button under the Read section of UG2GO.



Creating Independent (Math) Problem Solvers

I was working in two different classrooms in two very different schools and noticed that the children approached solving problems in math differently. When children were given a problem in one classroom, their hands would immediately go up in the air with cries of, “I don’t get it,” or “I need help,” or “What do I do first?”. In the other classroom, when children were given a math problem, instead of asking for help right away, they would give it a try.

I was curious about the different student approaches to solving a math problem and I wanted to know how these students solved other problems. So I asked each group of children, “When you want to play with a friend, what do you do?” Here’s what they said:

School A	School B
“My mom calls her mom.” “My mom calls and sets up a play date.” “My dad texts her mom to see if we can play.” “I ask my mom if she can drive me to his house.”	“I go knock on his door and ask if he can play.” “I call her on the phone and then walk over to her house.” “Lots of kids meet at the park after school. I go there and play with my friends.” “I ride my bike to her house. If she’s not home, I go see if someone else can play.”

Which school had children who asked for help with the math problem right away? Which children tried the math problem on their own first?

To be successful in math, children need to be able to solve problems. When children are provided with opportunities to solve their own problems in life, they are more willing to tackle math problems on their own. Think about some of the “problems” children may experience every day:

Deciding what to wear

Taking what they need to school for the day (e.g., lunch, homework, shoes)

Finding friends at recess

Choosing what to do after school

Being hungry and needing a snack

If parents and teachers solve these problems for children, we take away the chance for children to develop problem solving skills and the belief that they can do things on their own. We cannot expect a child who has everything done for them in life to be an independent problem solver in math.

By stepping back and providing children with the opportunity to solve their own little problems, like what to wear or how to get together with a friend, we prepare them for tackling bigger problems later on, like the ones they get in math class!

Megan Haessler, Curriculum Leader



June

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
May 28	29	30 Gr 3 EQAO	31 Gr 3 EQAO 	June 1 Gr 3 EQAO Canada Day...Wear Red & White 2:30 Grand Opening of Outdoor Classroom	2 	3
4	5 Book Fair Int. Track & Field at Vic. Cross	6 Book Fair	7 Book Fair  Bully Buster Day Jr Track & Field meet (Vic Cross)	8 Book Fair Spring Fling 6-8	9 PA DAY No school for students	10
11	12	13	14 	15 Grade 6s to Camp thru to 16th	16  Band to Canada's Wonderland	17
18	19	20 1:40 Gr. 8 Showcase in gym	21	22 Crazy Sock Day	23	24
25	26 Term 2 Reports go Home Int. Baseball Tournament	27 Jr. 3-Pitch Tournament	28 Grade 8 Grad 6:30	29 Pride Assembly 9:20 Last Day of 2016-2017 Schoolyear!	30 PA DAY	July 1 