

Minot Forest School's Newsletter

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Please email Mrs. Seamans for any needed meeting Zoom links

Dear Families:



Welcome February. If your child is sick and will be absent, please remember to call Minot Forest in the morning to report his/her absence. Each day, our automated phone system will call the home of each absent child whose parent/guardian has not reported their child's absence for their Cohort day. Upon your child's return, please send in a note to explain the absence. Please remember that students need to be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine (Tylenol/Advil) in order to return. Absences without doctor's notes are unexcused. Once a child is absent for 7 days, a letter will be sent home. This letter is required by law, regardless of the type of absence (excused/unexcused) or notes on file and is helpful to families to keep track of the number of days absent. If you sent in a note/doctor's note for previous absences, they are kept on file. If your child is well enough to work remotely, please let the secretary know when you call as we can code their attendance in a different way.



Minot Forest Dismissal Time: Minot buses arrive for dismissal in front of the Middle School for our dismissal that begins from 12:28-12:45. This is an active time for our buses rolling in, loading students, and leaving. If you arrive at this time, you will have to park across the street in the main parking lot and walk over to the school. By law, no vehicle can pass a school bus with red flashing lights, including the front oval.

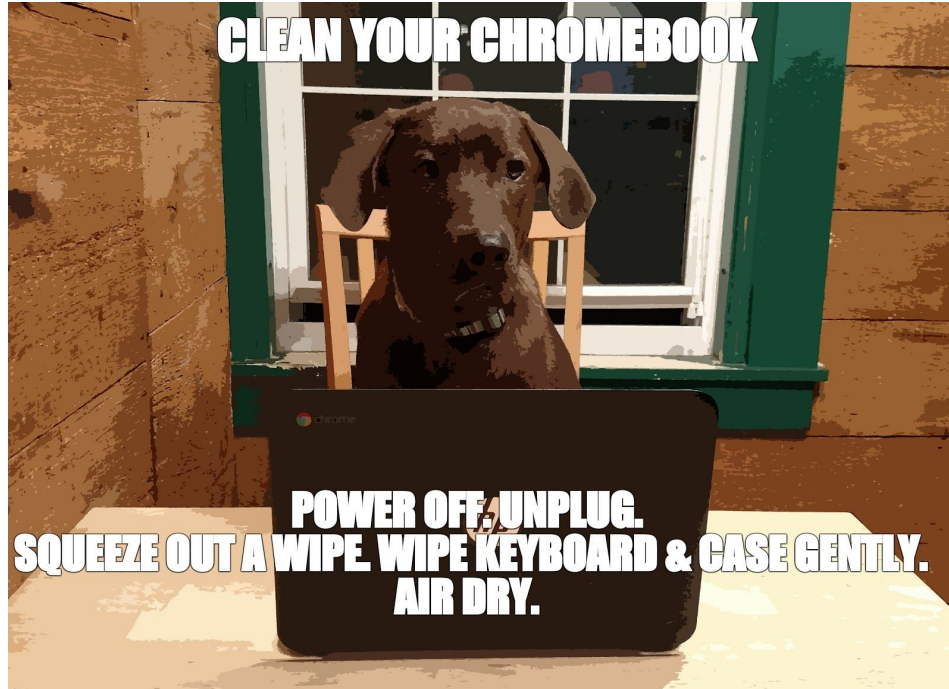
PTA: The next PTA meeting will be February 9 at 6:30 PM by Zoom. Email Warehampta@gmail.com for the Zoom link if you wish to attend.



Valentine's Day: To keep with our safety protocols and not sharing materials, we will not be passing out Valentine's as we have done in the past. Instead, we will let students create digital cards that they can send to their classmates. We have been so careful with sanitizing and keeping our students safe and I don't want to take any unnecessary chances. Let's hope this is the last time we have to put our special traditions on hold and can resume a normal schedule for the next school year.



Chromebooks: Chromebooks will be disabled during vacation. Please remember to charge them on Sunday, February 21 so your child will be ready for their school session on Monday. Also, this is a great time to carefully clean them.



Calendar of Events

American Heart Month, American History Month, Black History Month and Children's Dental Health Month

<https://www.kidsacademy.mobi/storytime/celebrating-black-history-month/>

Random Acts of Kindness Week: February 14-19

<https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/#:~:text=Random%20Acts%20of%20Kindness%20Week%20is%20February%202014%2D20%2C%202021&text=We%20are%20upholding%20this%20annual.receiving%20or%20even%20witnessing%20kindness>

- 2/2 Groundhog Day
- 2/8 Minot Forest School Building Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM via Zoom
- 2/9 Wareham PTA Meeting, 6:30 PM via Zoom
- 2/9 Policy Review Committee Meeting, 5:00 PM via Zoom
- 2/14 Happy Valentine's Day
- 2/17 Random Acts of Kindness Day
- 2/15-2/19 Vacation Week, No School
- 2/26 The Energized Guyz special presentation for students via Zoom
- 3/1 100th day of school for grades 3-4 (subject to change with any canceled school days)

Sincerely,

Joan M. Seamans
Principal

Robin Murphy
Assistant Principal

Teri DeFilippo
Dean of Students