

# MINA FAMILY STAR

FEBRUARY 2023



## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello to all our Mina Families-

Will it be warm? Will it be cold? You just never know from day to day with this crazy Texas weather! Welcome to February!

We have some fun things coming up to get us through these slow winter days. We are excited about our upcoming Literacy Night with the 2nd book fair of the year. We have the 100th day of school along with Valentine's day. Please make sure you are in communication with your child's teacher. February is filled with lots of events you don't want to miss out on.

The testing season is creeping up on us as well! Please remember you can help at home by reading with your child each day and making sure they know their math facts.

We hope this New Year has started out well for you and your family. It is hard to believe that we are already at 100th day and passed the halfway point of the school year. February is a month filled with kindness and positive energy.

Please let us know how we can help or if you have any questions or concerns! Thank you for being apart of our Mina Family!

Your Proud Principal-

Emily Allen

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

\*Valentine's Day Card Exchange-Mina is making this day all about friendships and celebrating their friends in the classroom. We are not having a party on this day, especially with being out of school so much. Please reach out to your child's teacher to see if they need anything for 'friendship snacks' and when students need to bring their valentine's to share. This is not an opportunity for parents to attend.

\* Literacy Night- March 2nd from 5-7. We will have a Title 1 meeting in the café at 4:45pm then the literacy activities will open at 5pm. Mrs. Weidemann sent home information to 1st and 3rd graders about their musical and when they need to arrive to the stage for their performances. It is great opportunity for you to get ideas to help your child fall in love with reading and activities to make and take home to practice skills needed to be a successful reader. We will also have a special guest, Mrs. Kisamore, the new Colony Oaks principal, to meet and ask questions.

## FEBRUARY 2023 MINA STUDENT CALENDAR

[CLICK HERE](#) for Feb. Student Calendar

## MEET MRS. KISAMORE

Hi Mina Families! I cannot be more excited to be given the opportunity to open our new Colony Oaks Elementary School. It's important to me that I get to know my students and families and they get to know me in return so we can work together to make the opening of Colony Oaks a success for everyone. In order to do this with our Mina families that will be moving over to Colony Oaks, I plan on attending as many Mina family events as possible this

Spring, including their Literacy Night on March 2nd where I will be in the library. I can't wait to see you there!



## LIBRARY NEWS

**WORLD READ ALOUD DAY:** Feb. 1, 2023 READ aloud to your child no matter their age.

The global effort, created by the non-profit LitWorld and sponsored by Scholastic, is celebrated annually in over 173 countries and is all about bringing people together through the shared connection of reading aloud in all of our communities.

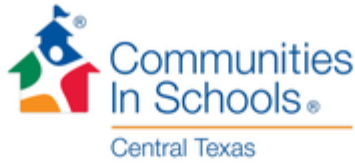
***We are hosting Main Street Theater again this year. Our performance date is Friday, Feb. 24. To help your class get ready for the day, please take a look at the study guide which is linked. There is merchandise for sale--but that is optional.***

**SPRING BOOK FAIR:** Tuesday, Feb. 28 - Friday, March 3. The theme for our Spring Book Fair is "GRAB A BOOK AND GO PLACES". Watch for eWallet information. 'Late night' March 2, from 5 to 7 PM. To volunteer contact coordinator Natoshia Bunger, [bastropminapta@gmail.com](mailto:bastropminapta@gmail.com).

**FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT** Thursday, March 2, 5-7 pm. There will be 2 music performances and oodles of fun literacy activities for your children to participate in, as well as the book fair.

**CHARACTER PARADE** to celebrate READ ACROSS AMERICA is Friday, March 3 at 7:45 am. Please try to have your child dress as a character from a book, and also have them bring the book with them during the parade. No weapons or scary costumes please.

## COMMUNITY IN SCHOOLS



## Mina Elementary is Becoming a Kind Campus!

Below are the SEL-focused programs from The Kindness Campaign that will be implemented on the Mina Elementary Campus.



### KindMusic

KindMusic™ is a beginner-friendly songwriting platform for schools, companies, and groups to help facilitate turning feelings into music – all while supporting local artists.



### Magic Mirror

The signature activation, is an interactive experience for participants to learn about self-worth and affirmation through open dialogue in front of a mirror with headphones.



### KindArt

Our KindArt program allows children to creatively express themselves, enhance cognitive and sensory skills, and support overall brain development through art.

### Please Join Us For:

- KindMusic
- Magic Mirror at Literacy Night: **March 2**
- Magic Mirror + KindArt Dates: **February 27 - March 3**



## PTA NEWS

Mina PTA would like to thank Pizza Hut this month for teaming up with us and donating a percentage back of their sales all day on Wednesday February 8th!! Be sure and grab some lunch, or dinner, in support of them and say thank you for teaming up with Mina!

We can't wait until our next donut event for 1st grade at the end of the month, Kinder and Pre-K parents don't worry! Your event is coming up soon! Thank you for being so patient.

Did you miss your shot at the MTV Mina Spirit shirt or hoodie? Here's your chance to snag one starting the 1st! Be sure to get your order in before the 17th!!!

<https://minptamtv.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Thank you to all of our amazing parent volunteers that have helped with donuts, pickles and the book fair. We sure do have amazing parents at Mina and could not do it without all of you!!

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS



~Please [click here](#) to make transportation changes **BEFORE 2pm** so that we have time to get messages to students and their teachers before we start the dismissal process.

~Students will not be released from school after 2:30pm in order not to cause confusion in our dismissal process. Admin must approve any time after 2:30pm.

~Parents must complete the online form to change transportation and not report to the teachers or students only. This is to ensure that the dismissal process is followed, and your child will get home the way you have communicated with the office.



Don't forget to ask your student to look in the lost and found in the cafe if they are missing anything!



Don't forget to send your student with a water bottle everyday! We all know how important water is to learning!



You can check your student's grades and view progress reports/report cards online through Skyward. If you need help with access, just let us know.



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