

Mina Family News

OCTOBER 2022

FROM YOUR ADMIN TEAM

WOW-We can't believe it is already October. October seems to be the hardest month in the fall, so we are calling it "ROCK"tober! You will see on the calendar some fun activities for students and staff to help make it through this very busy month.

Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled in October. Please make every effort to attend these meetings in person. It is a great opportunity for you and your child's teacher to come together to make a plan for a successful school year. Often face-to-face meeting are much more productive and impactful then a text or phone call. We are working on effective communication as a staff and need your help to make that happen.

Starting on the 17th, parents are able to come and eat lunch with their student. In the past we were able to make a separate table for you and your child to sit at and visit for lunch. However, do to the extreme growth, we are having to ask parents to sit at the end of their child's table. Not ideal for quiet lunch, but gives you an opportunity to listen to the student's conversation and meet your child's classmates. You will need to check in at the office with your Photo ID and then a staff member will take you over the café. Please adhere to the lunch time. Students will need to be dismissed with their class to make sure that students are not missing instruction time with their class. No parents will be allowed to walk back to class with their student, so please make sure you say your quick good byes in the café.

Please be on the look out for information about Fall Fest. It is on the calendar for October 27th from 5-7pm. This is Mina's big fundraiser for field trips. There will be wrist bands and tickets on sale before and the day of the event. Each grade level will be ask to donate things to bring to make this an event everyone will want to attend.

Finally, just wanted to take a minute and say a huge thank you for being your child's first advocate and helping them through the first couple months of school. We are working on teaching students independence, responsibility, and problem solving, so that they will be began to find their voice to speak up. Don't hesitate to reach out and let us know if you need anything, have any concerns, or questions. Just remember if you call during the day, we have a 24 hour call return policy and we will get back to you as soon as can.

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FROM YOUR MINA COUNSELOR'S

W.A.T.C.H Dogs Program

Dads of Great Students

W.A.T.C.H Dogs is a national program created to get more Dads involved at school. You do not have to be a Dad to participate in this program: dad, step-dads, uncles, grandfathers, any positive male role model! In this program, you will volunteer at school, preferably 7a.m. -3p.m., but if your schedule does not allow you to be here all day we will take you whenever you can be here.

1. Complete the VRS from (volunteer form) on the BISD website. (REQUIRED)

Once approved, you can come volunteer your time at Mina!

2. Your picture with your child(ren) will be taken and posted near the office for everyone to see.

3. During the day you will be in different classrooms (your child included) to read or assist with the lesson. You will eat lunch with your child, go to recess with them. Assist the students in and out of the cars in the a.m. and p.m., give high fives, handshakes throughout the day.

Your Amazing Mina Counselor Team,
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RED RIBBON WEEK AT MINA

October 24 - 28, 2022

- **Monday, Oct. 24:** Wear Red because Mina is Red-y to be drug and bully free.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 25:** Wear team shirts. Mina teams up against drugs and bullies.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 26:** Wear socks. Mina socks it to drugs and bullies.
- **Thursday, Oct. 27:** Wear shirts inside out to show "No drugs inside me."
- **Friday, Oct. 28:** Wear spirit shirts and caps. Mina puts a cap on drugs.

Monday - Friday: The BHS Student Council will have high school students greeting Mina car riders and welcoming students at each main entry door.

Thursday: The BHS Student Council will host a pep rally for K - 4 at 1:30 pm in the Cafe.

Friday: The BHS Student Council will have high school students in all lunches visiting with students to explain why they are kind and do not do drugs.

FROM COMMUNITY EDUCATION:

MAD SCIENCE STEM-ULATING SCIENCE - [CLICK HERE for Flyer](#)

Join Mad Science for an amazing session with a new topic each week! STEM-ulating Science will include the following topics:

- All About Animals
- Energy Burst
- Life in the Sea
- Mix it Up
- Moving Motion
- Radical Robots

Exploration will continue at home with a take-home project in each class.

Join the fun and become a "Mad Scientist"!

WHERE : Mina Elementary Music Room

WHEN : (Tuesdays) 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/8, 11/15

TIME : 3:15pm - 4:15pm

COST : \$115

The session is 6 weeks

REGISTER at: <https://bisdtx.ce.eleyo.com>

FROM COMMUNITY IN SCHOOLS:

Bullying Prevention 101 for Parents

[CLICK HERE](#) for handout.

[October-Making Safe Choices](#)

[Parent Bullying Prevention 101 Flyer](#)

SUPPORTING KIDS AT HOME

[Click here for info on Easy Ways to Support your child at Home!](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[October Calendar](#)

[Mindful Month Calendar](#)

2022-23 MINA PTA

Mina PTA Events for the Calendar:

October 9: Community Gardens Pumpkin Patch Partner: 10am-4pm. mention Mina

October 11: World's Finest Fundraiser ends

October 14: ALL money due for World's Finest Fundraiser

October 14: 4th grade Donuts With Grown-Ups

October 18: Schlotzsky's Dinner Night Out: 4pm-10pm, mention Mina

- **October 9th:** Visit the pumpkin patch at **Community Gardens 10am-4pm** for face painting, train rides and more! Mention Mina and 10% of the proceeds will be donated back to the school!
- **October 11th:** PTA's Fall Fundraiser with World's Finest Chocolate-There's still time to get your box of chocolates before this day!! **October 11th is the last day of our fundraiser** for our school, all money for boxes signed out will be **due no later than October 14th!** Just a reminder, we do not accept any boxes of chocolates back. Your cooperation with this helps us reach our goal of selling \$60,000 worth of chocolates and the school to receive a part of the proceeds! Stay tuned in the month to come for winners to be announced of the fun prizes, drawings for the Nintendo Switch and Lap Top, and which class sold the most for the pizza party!!! Your participation and help with this has been greatly appreciated!
- **October 18th:** Have dinner night out at **Schlotzsky's 4pm-10pm** so that a percentage of the proceeds will be donated back to Mina! Mention Mina Elementary when you place your order!
- The PTA wants to Thank all of the parent volunteers for Grandparent's Day, the Book Fair and Open House!! Your time and dedication to Mina is what helps these things succeed. Stay tuned for other ways to help out with PTA at Mina!

PTA wants to offer our sincerest THANK YOU for helping make our campus GREAT!!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

~Please call 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 call the office 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.




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