

Mina Family Star

DECEMBER 2022



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy December Mina Families-

I absolutely LOVE the holiday season. This is the month you MUST remember to take care of you, have some fun with your family AND make some unforgettable memories. I find by adding fun activities for our campus, we automatically get an energy boost from the student's positivity, smiles, and excitement. However, I understand that with so many fun activities happening, brings some added confusion and stress. We are going to do our best to communicate everything happening on campus in multiple ways, to serve as a reminder in hopes that you can be well informed and not miss a thing.

I know there is a lot of anxiety about the changes to come with the growth. Please choose what you believe carefully. If you are unsure and want to know the most accurate information, please ask us. We are going to survive this together and take care of each other in the process. We are MINA STRONG!

I hope you and your family have a very Merry Christmas and look forward to serving as your principal in the New Year. Please remember my door is always open and I can't help you if I don't know what you need.

Your Proud Admin Team-
Emily Allen
Mina Principal

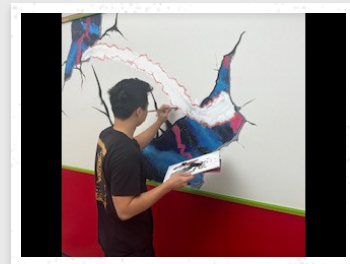
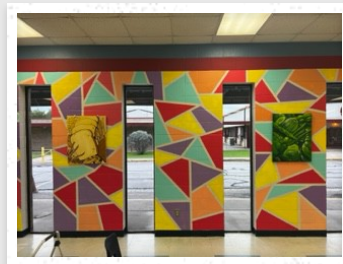
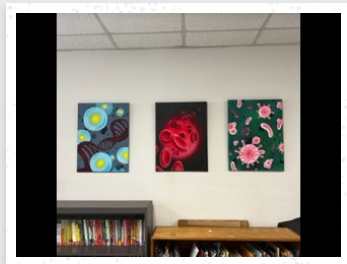
FROM OUR GIFTED AND TALENTED TEAM

GT District Showcase

When: December 13, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Where: Cedar Creek High School



OUR CLAIM TO FAME.....

Do you know who youtuber-ZACH-is? Don't feel bad if you don't, because I didn't either. Not until, I was contacted by 'his people' and wanted to film a video here at Mina.

They did some research about our town and realized that Mina was the oldest elementary and thought it could use some 'sprucing' up. I met with the team and heard their ideas, then made it happen over Thanksgiving break. We don't know when he will publish the video, but you can bet we will have a viewing party and let everyone know that Mina is YouTube famous, thanks to ZHC!

The paintings are great and it has been fun watching the kids get so excited about knowing he was on their campus. Stay tuned for more information!

YOU WON'T HAVE TO STAND IN A LONG LINE (LIKE LAST YEARS MESS) FOR CHRISTMAS PARTIES THIS YEAR, IF YOU.....

We are preparing for our class Christmas parties; and asking that you fill out the form [here](#) if you are planning on attending **AND** have been raptured(HAVE HAD your ID scanned for a sticker) in the system this school year. This is our fast pass to get you into your child's Christmas party as quickly as we can.

If you have NOT been raptured (HAVEN'T had your ID scanned for a sticker) this school year, please feel free to stop by the front office to get in the system prior to December 16th and avoid the line. The office hours are 7:30am - 3:00pm. Then you are welcome to fill out the form [here](#) to get your fast pass to your child's Christmas party as well.

Party times will be sent by your child's teacher at a later date.

We are asking that visitors are limited to 2 per students. Students will not be able to attend their siblings party. Parents can go from class to another, as they wish once they have a 'raptor sticker' on where they can be identified to be approved on campus.

You will also be able to sign your child out for the holidays through your classroom teacher, after 9am, and not have to come into the office. We are hoping with these minor adjustments, things will run smoothly and you will be able to enjoy your time on our campus.

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[December Calendar for Students and Families](#)

FROM MRS. FIEBRICH, LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST

Mina is dedicated to helping every student learn to read and enjoy reading. In an effort to improve reading comprehension, and monitor independent reading progress, Mina uses a program called Accelerated Reader.

We are in our 8th year using it here.

[Accelerated Reader](#) is a computer program that helps teachers and librarians manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at his own level and reads it at his own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer. (Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read.) Accelerated Reader gives children, teachers, and librarians feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help your child set goals and direct ongoing reading practice. You can view more information at the link below. If you have any questions please reach out to me at cfiebrich@bisdtx.org.

https://www.renaissance.com/2016/09/09/parents-guide-renaissance-accelerated-reader-360/?_ga=2.169730978.248063130.1669847011-884050058.1634572324

2022-23 MINA PTA

As always, PTA wants to thank the amazing families of Mina for all their time, help and donations that helps make our events a success!

Mina PTA Events for the Calendar:

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 fill out the form online 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 report/report card online through Skyward. If you need help with access, just let us know.



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