

MINERAL POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Scoop

October 2015 🐾 Education... That's the Point.

Middle School Halloween Dance



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, November 4

Early Release, 2:00 p.m.

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Parent/Teacher conferences, 4:00-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 5

M.S. BBB game vs. Cuba City, home, 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 10

M.S. BBB game vs. Southwestern, away, 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 11

Early Release, 2:00 p.m.

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Veteran's Day program, 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 17

M.S. BBB game vs. Iowa-Grant, away, 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 18

Early Release, 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 19

M.S. BBB game vs. Lancaster, home, 4:00 p.m.

Friday, November 20

M.S. students to the Mineral Point Opera House following period 1 to see the H.S. Musical Dress rehearsal of "The Pajama Game"

Tuesday, November 24

M.S. BBB game vs. Dodgeville, away, 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 25

Early Release, 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 26

No classes for students and staff.

Friday, November 27

No classes for students and staff.

Tuesday, December 1

M.S. BBB game vs. Darlington, home, 4:00 p.m.



Meet the Teacher

MCKENZY BROWN

6th Grade Teacher

Favorite Color:

Green

Favorite TV shows:

The Walking Dead, Good Morning America, Live with Kelly and Michael, Dateline, and Full House!

Where did you attend college:

I went to UW-LaCrosse for elementary education (grades 1-8) and a minor in special education. I graduated in May of 2010.

What sports/activities did you participate in high school?

During high school I was part of Key Club and National Honor Society. I also did tutoring with an 8th grade class when I was a senior, which solidified for me that I wanted to be a teacher.

What is your favorite dessert?

Chocolate anything!

Favorite place you ever traveled?

Riviera Maya, Mexico. My husband and I were married there in December of 2012.

Where would you like to travel?

I would love to go anywhere warm and tropical! In the United States I would love to go to California, New York, and Hawaii.

Why did you become a teacher?

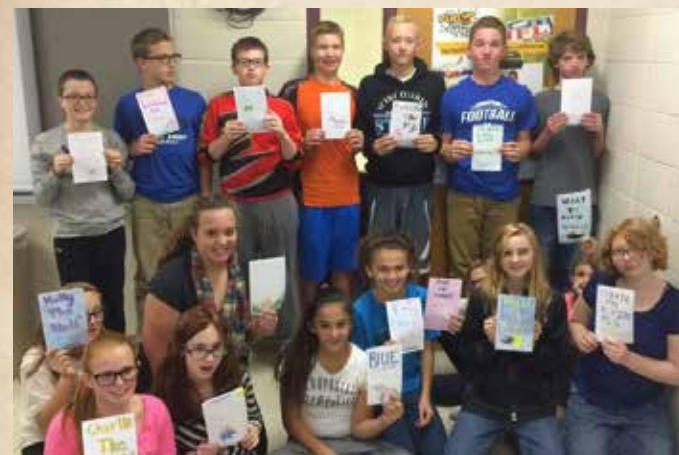
Ever since I was a young girl I always knew I wanted to be a teacher. Growing up, I was always blessed to have wonderful teachers that instilled a love for learning in me. I have a soft spot in my heart for all kids, which makes me want to help every student I have so they can grow into successful adults!

What is your birthday?

September 21, 1986 🐾

Middle School Health

The first quarter has flown by and it is time to look back at all of the great work the student's have created. This quarter in health we have focused on shaken baby syndrome, self esteem/stress, and mental/emotional health. Some of the projects that we have created this quarter include a CD cover where they were asked to include a title and six positive self esteem songs. The student's showed great creativity, artistic ability and had fun while completing the project. The student's also created a stress story which included a stressor, how the stressor was making them feel, and what they did to relieve the stress. Once again the student's showed great imagination while creating their main character for the story. They also had the opportunity to show off their writing skills while showing their understanding of how the stress affects the body and positive ways to relieve the stress. 🐾



Homecoming Celebrations

Ella Chambers

Homecoming week is a very exciting time for the kids in the elementary, middle, and high school. All week there are dress up days, a parade, and a pep rally the day before the big game. One dress up day in the middle school was Superhero Day. There were many people dressed up in costumes and superhero t-shirts. Some even dressed up as villains! People were Superman, Batman, Spiderman, Wonder Woman, Batgirl, Spidergirl, and many more. It was a super day in a super week. 🐾

From the Desk of Ms. Dahl, Middle School Principal

Help Your Child Succeed in School

When parents are involved, kids do better in school. Being involved with your child's education sounds like the right thing to do. In fact, research shows that it's valuable for a child's education and future. Researchers have been studying the effects of parent involvement on children's academic success for many years. They have reported consistently that when parents get involved in their children's education, the children earn better grades and score higher on tests.

Children with involved parents stay home from school less often and are more likely to graduate and pursue higher education. What's more, involved parents have better access to information about opportunities for students; being involved makes you a stronger advocate for your child. Research also shows that parent involvement makes a difference no matter a person's income level, cultural background, or the size of the community in which they live.

Involvement really does matter, and there are many ways for parents to be a part of things. Your involvement can be as simple as helping with Math and English homework or encouraging your child to read.

Going to parent-teacher conferences is important. Attending other school activities such as athletic events and concerts makes a difference too. Best of all, getting involved is easy.

Start your involvement by attending parent-teacher conferences at Mineral Point Middle School. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled on Wednesday, November 4 from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Conferences will be held in the gym. Parents will be able to pick up their child's report card at this time. As long as your actions show that you value education, your child is likely to respond. Please attend our first parent-teacher conferences of the 2015-2016 school year. You will be glad you did! 🐾

A Cultural Experience at American Players Theatre

On Friday, October 2nd the seventh and eighth grade students of Mineral Point Middle School traveled to Spring Green, WI to watch William Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives of Windsor" at American Players Theatre. This is a great experience for students to become educated in live theater, as well as classical literature. Many students do not have the opportunity to participate in these cultural experiences. Because "The Merry Wives of Windsor" is a comedic play with modern depictions, students were able to follow the play more easily and were able to laugh along with the characters in the play. Numerous students commented that the play was much better in real life. Due to Shakespeare's hard to understand language, the students prepared for the production in their language arts classes. A real actor came to the language arts class and had students act out the nine most important scenes from the play. This gave the students a great understanding of the characters, the plot, and how difficult it is to be an actor. Abridged versions of the play were read and analyzed to help the students understand the summary of the play as well as discussing idioms that we still use today from Shakespeare. Students also participated in a post-show discussion session with the actors from the performance. They asked questions about Shakespeare, the play, the audition process, and about the actors themselves. American Players Theatre is an outdoor production, and while it was chilly in the morning, the students and staff could not have had a better day to enjoy the play and the outdoors. 🐾

Just for fun:

Q: What runs but can't walk?

A: A faucet

Worth quoting:

"Nothing can dim the light which shines from within"

Maya Angelou

Sixth Grade Visits Bloomfield

Trapper Nafzger

On Tuesday, October 6th, the 6th grade class went on a conservation field trip to the land behind Bloomfield Manor.

At the field trip we learned many things about wildlife and prairies. We learned about different types of fish. Did you know that a Large Mouth Bass is in the Sunfish family?

We also learned about invasive species. Invasive species are species not from here.

It was a fun field trip and learning experience. 🐾

