



MORSE ELEMENTARY

MUSTANG MINUTE

JUNE 10, 2019

JUNE/ SUMMER

June 11th- We “donut” what we’d do without our volunteers donut and coffee break

8:30AM- Morse Media Center

1/2 day of school!

June 12th- Honors Assembly K-2 9:30AM/ 3-5-10:45-12:00PM HALF day of school! / 5th grade CLAP OUT 12:45PM

June 13th- 5th Grade Promotion 10AM/ HALF Day/ LAST day of school!

June 19th- Morse Summer Nights Week ONE!
6-7:30PM FAMILY game night!

June 26th- Morse Summer Nights Week TWO!
6-7:30PM STEM Activity- Design your own solar oven!

July 3rd- NO MORSE SUMMER NIGHTS! Happy Independence Day!

July 10th- Morse Summer Nights Week THREE!
6-7:30PM - WATER fun Night!

July 17th- Morse Summer Nights Week FOUR!
6-7:30PM BIKE Night!

July 24th-Morse Summer Nights Week Five! Cool off and be creative night- Enjoy some water fun, AND some nature inspired crafts!

July 31st- Morse Summer Nights Week Six! Family Field Day with Mr. Couretas.

August 7th- Morse Summer Nights Week Seven!
Garage Sale and SWAP!

Dear Morse Elementary Families -
The Mustang Minute is meant to be a “fast read” for families full of important information about school wide happenings. Please take a minute to read each week!

IT’S ALMOST HERE!

MORSE SUMMER NIGHTS is our one of a kind community outreach program that is offered every Wednesday all summer long! This is a FREE and fun family event that ALL are invited to attend each Wednesday all summer long!

Morse Summer Nights begins on WEDNESDAY JUNE 19th from 6-7:30PM and will continue all summer long! At each event, we will open our “Morse Reads” library for free books to borrow every week! We’ll also again have a FREE fresh and non perishable food (including bread and milk) food pantry open each week. Last, we’ll have a fun family activity each week like water fun, inventors evening and more! We hope you’ll plan to spend Wednesday night’s with us all summer long!

Last- weekS thoughts.. The MOST important thing that families can do to support their students this summer is to ensure that ALL students either read independently or have books read to them for at least 20 minutes EVERY day! To encourage this- Morse has created our own YouTube channel where our staff (and other “celebrities”) will read books TO your kids! Check it out and subscribe to enjoy US READING all summer long!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQBpRKQsZ1y-LcqpIqWJazg>

Fondly-
Mrs. Zendler and the Morse Team

Morse PTO Golf Outing is Friday June 28th. PLEASE consider sponsoring a hole or GOLFING with us! NO golf skills required!

IMPORTANT

SUMMER TECHNOLOGY NEWS

FALL 2019

It's NEVER too soon to start planning for NEXT school year! Here are some IMPORTANT dates for FALL 2019 at Morse!

Monday August 19th- 5-6:30PM NEW parent Orientation 5-6:30PM

August 21st- 5-6PM Teacher meet and greet/ supply drop off

August 27th- FIRST day of school! HALF day (AM only)

August 28th- FULL day of school!

August 30th/ September 2nd- NO School Labor Day

September 3rd- Back to School

The 2019 Troy Summer Sports Camps

Registration is now open— basketball, volleyball, soccer, football, tennis, baseball, softball, golf, track, wrestling, rugby, girls LAX, dance, extreme recess, cheerleading, and synchronized swimming are all being offered this year.

These camps are all local, coached by experienced coaches, focus on fundamentals and fun, and are a great way to keep your child(ren) active and engaged this summer. Check out the [link](#) (pages 24-27 of the Troy Recreation Summer Catalog) for more information on the various sports camp offerings.

Summer is a HOT time for technology issues (pun intended!) It's important that parents establish and maintain family guidelines around technology use. Here are some reminders of what we learned at our 3,4,5 technology training this fall..

No use of devices during meal time. TALK, no screens.

Devices charge each night in a common space (kitchen, family room, etc.) and stay out of bedrooms.

Parents should regularly review the content of their children's devices. Parents should know their children's passwords, review their text messages and their browsing history. This isn't a privacy issue – it's a safety issue.

Model the technology behavior you would like your children to have. Talk about your technology decisions with your children so they learn how to be safe online.

Monitor your children's viewing content in YouTube. This is the most common space where children are exposed to inappropriate content.

Remember that iPads and wifi provided by the District contain filters and other safeguards for students but that your home devices may not. Still, no filtering software is guaranteed and frequent adult monitoring is the best way to keep children safe online. Many parents make the mistake thinking that they don't need to monitor their children's device usage.

Try replacing screen time with:

- Acting. Instead of watching a show, encourage your child to create one! She can choose a story line and act it out with friends or stuffed animals.
- Classic games. Fill a box with traditional summer toys, such as sidewalk chalk, balls, bubble solution and water sprayers. When the weather is nice, your child can take the box outside for hours of fun.
- Scavenger hunts. Give educational instructions, such as, "Let's find an oak tree leaf." "Pick three daisies." Or, "Find three things that are round." Remember, you can have a scavenger hunt anywhere, even in a store or a vacation spot.
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