

# CONSTELLATIONS

MORNING STAR PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER

## Behind The Scenes!



September already?! It has been a busy couple of weeks at Morning Star filled with a whirlwind of activities. Most of you know that teachers and staff get to work well before students arrive at school. Some of that work is clearly evident in the clearly communicated instructional materials on the walls, the thoughtfully organized student learning spaces, and the organized and efficient transition at drop-off and pick-up. Here are a few things our staff is working on that might not be so evident:

- 3rd-5th grade teachers learning a new curriculum, Wonders, anchored in the science of reading
- The staff coming together (see picture) to reconnect and define what it means to be a Professional Learning Community (PLC).
- Our specialists and interventionists hammering away at schedules and collaborating with classroom teachers to ensure that all means all at Morning Star

Finally, please make sure to check out our new monthly section "Humans of Morning Star" to get to know a little bit more about a couple of our team members.

It's going to be a great month!

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## LOOKING FORWARD

- **9/15 Open House**  
5:30-6:30
- **9/16 Student Pictures**
- **9/22 Gifted And Talented Parent Information Meeting in Morning Star Library**
- **9/22 Bus Evacuation Drills**
- **9/26 PIR Day (No School for Students)**
- **9/30 FUN RUN!**
- **[Ongoing: Personal Safety Videos](#)**







# WEB AND APP RESOURCES

*New and Improved Resources for You!*

## DISTRICT WEBSITE

It is still a work in progress but it is WAY more user friendly already. It is a good place to start if you have questions

## MORNING STAR WEBSITE

New and Improving! I am the one trying to do it and I have absolutely no background in web design! But I'm going to learn because I want you to have easy access to everything you need to know. I have already figured out how to make events live (it only took me an hour). I'll let you know as it is updated and new sections go live.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

We have an instagram @morning\_star\_bz and twitter @morning\_star\_bz account. I'll be running those with the occasional guest content creators. Follow us! (Facebook coming soon)

**FINALLY, IF YOU  
HAVEN'T ALREADY --->**

**PLEASE CLICK HERE TO  
LET US KNOW YOUR  
ABILITY TO ATTEND  
AM/PM SCHOOL EVENTS!**









# PAC Update

**Come join us! All are welcome!**

PAC will be meeting in the Morning Star Library the following Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

October 26

December 7

February 22

April 19

May 17

## **Project Connect**

Come greet students as they arrive to school, a be friendly face on the playground at lunch recess, or wave good-bye as they leave school each day! Shifts range from 15-60 minutes with a commitment of 1 shift to as many as you'd like! Email [msparentsac@gmail.com](mailto:msparentsac@gmail.com) for more information.

## **FUN RUN**

We're looking for volunteers for the day of the event (Friday, Sept. 30) as well as help with administrative tasks leading up to the event! Watch for a Sign-Up Genius via email for opportunities to be involved.

## **THRIVE**

Do you have snow boots and/or snow pants that are still in good condition, but are just too small?

Please consider donating them to Thrive! Thrive will make sure they are put to good use! Questions? Contact Julie Kleine, Morning Star Thrive Liaison at [julie.kleine@bsd7.org](mailto:julie.kleine@bsd7.org)



# HUMANS OF MORNING STAR

Francine Cuchine- Executive Secretary



## My Why:

I continue to enjoy all the students and parents over the years and having the opportunity of seeing the next generation.

## About Miss Francine:

I am starting my 27th year at Morning Star. I moved here from Seattle in 1995 and my twin boys entered Morning Star as third graders. A few months later I began my career at Morning Star. I was a crossing guard and noon supervisor, then assistant secretary, and have been the executive secretary for over 23 years. I cherish the relationship I have made with staff over these many years. My great grandfathers and before have been President of Nicaragua and my cousin was the first woman President. Did you know that Mr. Gary and I are married! It's so funny to see kids' reactions when they find out.

Wendy McCullough-1st Grade



## My Why:

Every child deserves to be loved, appreciated, and reach his/her potential academically, socially, and emotionally. I take children where they are and help them move forward in a positive and safe learning environment.

## About Mrs. McCullough:

This is my 31st year teaching first or second grade at Morning Star. I moved into the school as soon as it was finished being built. Classroom 113 has truly become my "home away from home." I treasure the relationships I have formed over the years with students, families, and colleagues. Watching a student discover and learn new things for the first time or at a deeper level can still bring tears to my eyes. I have become known as the teacher who pulls out loose teeth. Until Covid hit, I would have a swarm of kiddos around me at recess asking if I would check their wobbly teeth. Now who could ask for more than that in a profession?!