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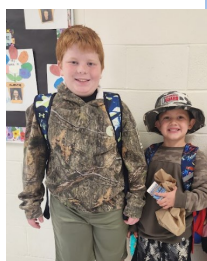
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Morgan West Spirit Week

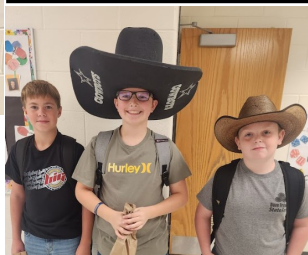
Students enjoyed participating in SPIRIT WEEK in honor of this year's Homecoming. This year's themes included: USA Day, Patterns, Wild West Wednesday, Camouflage Day, and Morgan Spirit Day. Students and staff especially enjoyed the Pep Rally with the Morgan High School Marching Band, cheerleaders, and football players. Go BLUE!

To the left: Kash Ryan and Austin Rucker can blend in on Camo Day. Below: Carter Hughes and Karsyn McFarland cheer during the Pep Rally. To the Right: Maleigha Folk shows off her purple cowboy hat during Wild West Wednesday. Below: Gunner Price in his cowboy hat.



Lillian Hann, Addilyn Kingery, Paisley Cybulski, Addi Apperson, and Isla Kirk show their Morgan Raider school spirit. Below: Jax Cordray and Cael Death support the Raiders!!

Below: Logan Pettet, Corbin Wainwright, and Blake Nichols try to decide who has the bigger hat.



Garth Bragg enjoys the Pep Rally.



#1



First row: Payleigh Best, Bristol Westfall, McKree Lindimore, Rowan Roberts, Orin VanHorn. Second row: Karter Kinnison, Emily Stevens, Hayden Inman, Ery Sidwell, Karter Maxwell, and Gabby Wolfe-Burgette.



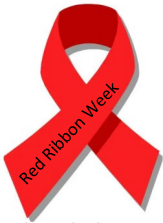
#1. During USA Day, first row: Lydia Ratliff, Adelyn Hughes, and Carleigh Wogan. Second Row: Kash Ryan, Brysen Welch, Finn Copeland, Gavin Hawkes, Zoey Smith, and Avery Knapp. #2. Harper Jones, Alaiyna Bess, Paris Copeland, Natalee Maxwell, Justin King, and Will VanHorn. Second row: Owen VanHorn, Jax Cordray, Aiden Lydelle, Emalee Toole, Braxton Riley, and Mrs. Matas.



#2

Raider Pride Day: first row: Josie Kaid, Brenjar Stoneburner, Peyton Milligan, and Maverick Wood. Second Row: Mrs. Kobelt, Brentley Starner, Ella Bodi, Kasen King, Lilly Johnson, and Liam Fyffe.





The whole school pledged to make healthy choices and to be drug free.

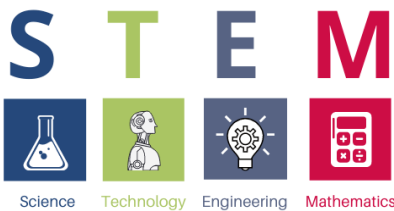
MORGAN EAST



Below from left to right: Tristen Frederick, Owen Duff, Lacey Mattox, Irelynd Gill, Suzie Parrett, Annabeth Miller, Sammy McMannis, and Linkyn Conaway.



The Kid Kindness Committee at East is a group of some of East's kindest 5th and 6th graders who are looking to make a difference in our school. These students filled out an application, had to have a teacher recommendation, and had to pass a thorough check of their attendance, grades, and their previous year's behavior. Through this rigorous process, these fine students were chosen to represent their school and to help make sure kindness is a priority at East. In the future, the students will be making presentations on how to be a positive role model, helping with school rewards, and maybe serving a sweet treat or two to our students!



Ms. Wilson's first grade class is learning how to measure using popsicle sticks.

Girls in Stem or a Random Act of Kindness? Either way Sydni Southall and Kendall Tompkins were caught using their knowledge of science and engineering to fix a piece of broken playground equipment. Not only was it kind of the girls to do that, but also very smart of them to think of different ways they could prevent the equipment from breaking loose in the future.



Wyatt North and Parker Maxwell.



Nora Foreman and Julian Taylor.



Harper Mahuiki-St Germaine and Harley Satterfield.



During Fire Prevention Week, members of the Malta-McConnelsville Fire Department visited East Elementary. Firefighters John "Buck" Finley, Ed Haines, and Dana Hivnor showed the students what they wear and allowed the students to try on their gear and look at the fire truck. More Photos on the top of the next page.



Kayden Smith and Donovan Jones.



Jaiden Mann and Killian Shortridge.



Carson Lyall and Lillian Rex.

MORGAN EAST



Sixth grade students look over a M&M Fire Truck.



East Elementary celebrated Apple Crunch Day on Friday, October 18th. Every student was given an apple and encouraged to take a bite at the same time. We would like to thank Rachel Ripp, from Rural Action's Farm to School Initiative, who donated over 600 apples to students in Morgan Local Elementaries this year.



Fourth (top), Fifth (below on the left), and Second (below on the right) grade students are enjoying their Apple Crunch Day Apples.



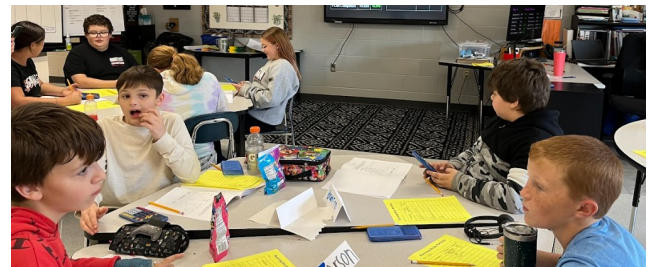
Lunch Buddies at Morgan East is a Big Brothers Big Sisters mentorship program. Once a week during the school year a child and a volunteer meet at the school library during lunch and together they complete crafts, games, STEM, and social-emotional activities provided. A program coordinator is always there to facilitate and supervise, and the volunteers undergo a background check, interview, and references before they match with a child. This free program is a great opportunity to provide each child with a positive role model and special friend while enjoying fun activities!



To the left: Jillian Strelec and Emma Shaw are working with their lunch buddy, Nicole Driggs.



Lunch Buddies, Emily Bellville, and Aralynne Rehart.



Lunch Buddies in the Media Center.

Sixth grade students from all three elementary schools met at East Elementary for the first Gifted Connections meeting of the year.



Ready for Winter Weather? Mrs. Patterson and the sixth grade show off their Snow Pile.



MORGAN SOUTH



First graders showing off their PJs for spirit week. Front row: Charlee Lane, Baylee Campbell, Abraham Tippet, Jayson Husk, Remy Stiff, Emry Mayle, Kynlee Duncan, Raylynn Taylor. Second row: Carlee Duncan, Hadley Stanley, Abigail Welsh, Mason Holland, Walker Hensley, Bailey Levan, Sawyer Ferguson, Dylan Peters, Jaxen Hood, Au'Breann Roop, Harlee Walker.

24-25 South Elementary Change of Heart Members

New members were added to the Change of Heart group for this school year. This group has been busy representing South and taking care of their community. Pictured below from left to right in the first row: Baylee Myers, Monroe Holland, Sydney Stillman, and Maci Taylor. In the second row left to right: Kenzie Rheyne-Deluna, Caylee Duncan, Jase Tippet, Michaela Holland, Ava Page, Carson Burkhardt, Maci Shockley, Abigail Strauss and Brooke Taylor.



Nurse Tracie shows the students how handwashing reduces the amount of germs.



Handwashing Education

Mrs. Tracie Huffman, School Nurse Aide, presents a Handwashing Education presentation to the students of South Elementary. She demonstrates how soap and proper handwashing techniques can protect students from spreading germs. Global Handwashing Day was October 15th, 2024. Handwashing Awareness Week is December 1st through 7th, 2024.



MORGAN SOUTH

Art Contest Pictures

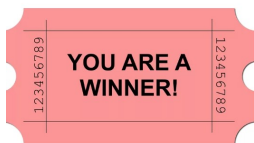


Sixth Grade students designed their Fall Shoes. Brooke Taylor and the Candy Corn High Top earned a Second Place Ribbon. Olivia Norris and her Twix Running Shoe earned a First Place Ribbon.

In the front entrance of South Elementary School, the display case is a showcase for the talent of the students. On shelves one and three, sixth grade students made Paper Mache masks. On the second shelf, Paper Mache bowls made by fifth grade students. The bottom shelf showcases fourth grade students and their Paper Mache pumpkins.



Congratulations to Austin Dew, second grade student, for being the top raffle ticket seller for the Fall Festival this year.



Second grade students, Erik Martin and Austin Dew, look over a fire truck.

During Fire Prevention Week, members from Chesterhill, Pennsville, and Stockport Volunteer Fire Departments came to South to share fire safety tips with our students. The students got to take tours of the fire trucks and look at all their tools. The fire fighters taught the students about smoke detectors and the importance of having smoke detectors in their homes.

MORGAN WEST

Students at West have been learning about good nutrition through the Snap-Ed program Kristina Moore has been visiting PK-2nd grade to share information about healthy living. Students have learned about the four food groups and been introduced to new foods that fit within those groups. They have also had the chance to get their bodies up and moving.



Above: Olivia Harper and Kinsley Kenney work with Mrs. Moore.



First Graders enjoy a tasty snack.



Above: Randy Copeland and Walker Kangas snack on an apple.



Above: Artan Tools and Brentley Dixon show their apples. Below to the right:

Mrs. Finley's preschool class learn about different foods.

Below: Astrid Work shows her snack.



Mrs. Moore talks to first grade students about the Five Food Groups



Gavin Hawkes at Flint Ridge.



Recently, the fourth grade took a field trip to Flint Ridge Ancient Quarries & Nature Preserve. This is a Native American flint quarry where they learned about flint, Ohio's official gemstone. Students toured a museum on site that tells the history of how Native Americans used the unique rainbow-colored flint and took a guided hike to view old quarry pits that are still visible today!

During the hands-on portion, students were able to use a tool to shape flint through a practice called knapping. They threw atlats at a deer target and used Native American tools to create a shell necklace.

To the left: Eve Claytor and Thomas Gifford.



Above: Kash Ryan and Jasmine VanHorn.



Hollis Apperson.



Below: Avery Knapp and Raylan Edwards.



Virginia Pettet, Ryan Drumm, Lily Martin and Lola Bolyard with their pumpkins.

West first graders took a field trip to Harvest Days at the Chesterhill Produce Auction. They had the opportunity to go on a hay ride, explore a walking trail, play in a corn pit and find their way through a corn maze. There were lawn games set up like corn hole, pumpkin bowling and giant Jenga. At the end, they were able to go out to the pumpkin patch and pick their own pumpkins.



To the left: Gracelynn Carpenter picked fall foliage.



To the right: Aurora Rinehart, Brenjar Stoneburner, Ryleigh Riggs, and Virginia Pettet give a "Thumbs Up" after the completed the corn maze.



Above: First Graders on a Hay Ride.

MORGAN WEST

West students recently celebrated back to school with their first House System activity. West students are divided into four houses; Delaboro, Concordia, Decorous and Excelsis. Each house has its own color and character trait. To celebrate this, we came together and each made a brick representing our house. They put the completed bricks together to create a "house" on the cafeteria windows. This will be a reminder that even though we are in four separate houses, we are one family.

House Delaboro Character Trait: Diligence Color: Blue Symbol: Bull	House Concordia Character Trait: Harmony and Peace Color: Yellow Symbol: Ram
House Decorous Character Trait: Integrity Color: Red Symbol: Eagle	House Excelsis Character Trait: Excellence Color: Green Symbol: Crown



Zak Williams and Sonny Bolyard work on the foundation of the Family.

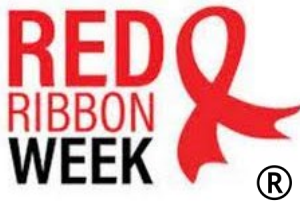


Veronica Pettet makes a brick to combine the 4 houses into 1 Family.

Fifth grade students work on their bricks.



Above: Eva McMannis and Karsen McFarland working on their bricks.



The West Kindness Crew participated in Red Ribbon Week. They handed out ribbons and coloring pages to each student while encouraging them to be drug-free. Pictured left to right: Abigail Welch, Paris Copeland, Ms. Brianna Blackburn, Grace Gifford, Isabella Stevens, Zak Williams, Averie Powell, Owen VanHorn and Cael Dearth.

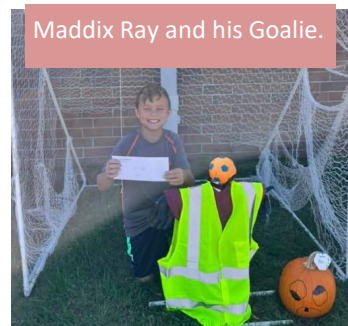


Hollis Apperson and his Catcher.

Adalynn, Caislyn and Breelyn Clawson and their uneven bar gymnast.



Maddix Ray and his Goalie.



Aubrey Kingery and her 8 second Rider.



Each fall, West holds a scarecrow contest for families. Each family creates a scarecrow focused around a certain theme and then displays them in front of our school. This year's theme was sports. We had anything from cheerleaders to soccer players to gymnasts to bull riders. This is such a fun project for families to do together and it provides a beautiful fall decoration for our school.

MORGAN JUNIOR HIGH

Peyton McCutcheon serves during a Junior High Volleyball Game.



Spirit Week-BEACH DAY!! Are you ready to hit the sand and surf?

Below: Mr. Matt Zumbro and Zachary Mounts are ready to "Crack Those Ceramics".



Members of the Morgan Junior High seventh and eighth grade football team at Coshocton.

Morgan Junior High School Students show off their "Lei'd back school spirit. Pictured above: Wesley Ball, Rayna Wallace, Hayleigh Woneymaker, Ava Willis, Kayson Cunningham, Joselyn Heavener, Braylen McCoy, Peyton Drobina, Kolton Rheyne-Deluna, Henry Davisson, Riley Stillman, and Mason Pauley.



Showing that RAIDER Pride!!

Before the game, Malik Butcher, Liam Hambel, Henry Davisson, Jacob Work, Mason Pauley, Riley Stillman, and Zachary Mounts take a knee and prepare for the battle.





MORGAN HIGH SCHOOL

Morgan High School FFA members recently attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. To the right: Kyleigh Campbell, Anna Coleman, Daicy Hodge, Kadance Frash, Hannah Newburn, Zoe Secrist, Calie Tompkins. Second row: Ava Hinkle, Wiley Palmer, Dalana Killen, Madison Johnson, Xavier Ratliff, Logan Reier, Ryder Nelson, and Ted Moody.



Special Recognition of American FFA Degree was awarded to Savanna Hall (graduate on the left) and Erica Murphy (graduate on the right). Both graduates are pictured with Mrs. Devan Eier and Mr. Robert Thurman, instructors from Morgan High School.



#1 Escape Room Winners: front row: Anna Coleman, Zoe Secrist, Madison Johnson, Ava Hinkle, Mr. Thurman. Second row: Ryder Nelson, Ted Moody, Dalana Killen, and Wiley Palmer.

#2 Unsuccessful Escape Room: front row: Kyleigh Campbell, Calie Tompkins, Kadance Frash, Hannah Newburn, Logan Reier, Mrs. Eier, Daicy Hodge and Xavier Ratliff.

#3. Standing in front of the Iconic Indianapolis Motor Speedway: front row: Mr. Robert Thurman and Mrs. Devan Eier. Second row: Wiley Palmer, Daicy Hodge, Calie Tompkins, Ava Hinkle. Third row: Logan Reier, Madison Johnson, Anna Coleman, Dalana Killen, Ryder Nelson, Xavier Ratliff, Kyleigh Campbell and Ted Moody.

During the convention, two groups of students took on the challenge of an Escape Room. One group (above) was successful. One group, below, did not have enough time.



MORGAN HIGH SCHOOL

Academic Successes

Morgan High School received a 3.5 star rating (meets state standards) from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. Areas of strength: closing achievement gaps with students, limiting chronic absenteeism, and achievement in areas such as English Language Arts and Math. Morgan Local CTPD (Career Tech Building within HS) received a 5 star rating (significantly exceeds state standards) from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. This is an excellent accomplishment! Areas of strength: Graduation rate, Career and Post-Secondary Readiness, and Post Program outcomes.

MHS Band Members: Trinity Humphrey, Bristol Golcar, Zaierra Caldwell, Kloe Stanley, Natalie Tabler, and Abigail Riggs.



OMEA State Marching Band Competition: Morgan High School marching band qualified for state competition this year. The band traveled to Piqua High School to compete in the 2024 OMEA State Marching Band Competition and received a "II" rating of Excellent. Congratulations Morgan HS Marching Band!



Brylee Shannon, Ally Pinkerton, Abigail Shriver, and Jacob Roop.

The Student Council hosted a Haunted House at the high school on October 26th. Staff and students worked hard to provide lots of scares and a fun time for all who attended. A huge shout out to the members of student council, Advisor- Mr. White and Mrs. Scott for a memorable night.



Clark Smith, Autumn Peters, Brylee Shannon and Rayleigh Parsons work on the Haunted House.

Signs and Smells of Fall, the Annual FFA Apple butter stir. Even a Burn Ban did not slow us down.

Many of the Agriculture/FFA students participated in the apple butter stir this year. While mother nature (dry) did not cooperate and propane tanks had to be used this year, many students still made the most of memories and laughter. Be sure to mark your calendars each Fall, as many Morgan FFA students sell apple butter.



Below: Landyn Everley, Brayden Seibel and Eli Pettet are making the Apple butter.



Above: Abigail Heigley, Jillian Holland, Madelyn Schaad, Kaidence Searl and Madi Hite.



The wall outside of the McKinney Auditorium. Grady Smith (left), Brynn Shannon and Peyton Welsh (above) are making the pledge to be the "I" in KIND.

MORGAN HIGH SCHOOL



Lindcie Osborn, Areiyah Stevens, Autumn Peters, and Greyden Welsh show off the historic clothing.

Morgan High School Drama Club students hosted a historical scavenger hunt as a part of Heritage Days in downtown McConnelsville. Mrs. Copeland and students from MHS enjoyed interacting with Morgan County residents as they learned about our long history of Morgan County.



Paige Lanning and Grayson Welsh at Heritage Days.



To the left: Abigail York, Emily Godwin, Cailey Adkins, Campbell Welsh, Greyden Welsh, Autumn Peters, Areiyah Stevens, Hunter Moody, Isaiah Clawson, Lindcie Osborn, Bella Saterfield, and Haley McMannis during Heritage Days.



Color fun at a MHS Football Game. "WE GOT SPIRIT. YES WE DO. WE GOT SPIRIT. HOW ABOUT YOU?"



To the left: Raegen Riley, Adisyn Hoskinson, Isla Bookman, Melena Mayle, Hailey Massey, Ellie Parsons and Kaidence Searl are showing their "COLORFULL" school spirit.

5th-12th Band Concert-December 12th7:30pm

2024-2025

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