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## 2024 Ohio Military Signing Day

From the left to right: Collin Southall enlisted into the Marines. Tristan Guinn enlisted into the Marines. Daniel Matson enlisted into the Marines. Xalin Courtney enlisted into the Army. Collin's parents are William Willis of McConnellsville and Jessica Southall of Chesterhill. Tristan's parents are Ryan and Amanda Guinn of Stockport. Daniel's parents are Bill and Carol Matson of Stockport. Xalin's mother is Shana Courtney, of McConnellsville.



Below in the middle: Xalin is waiting for the call to the Army. On the right: Collin and Daniel have signed the enlistment paperwork for the Marines.



Morgan High School students enlist into the Military on March 12, 2024 at the Military Signing Day at the Veteran's Memorial Museum. Military Signing Day is the day juniors and seniors across the state of Ohio come together and give their commitment to joining the military after graduation and giving first salute.

Morgan High School seniors were among dozens of students signing their enlistment.



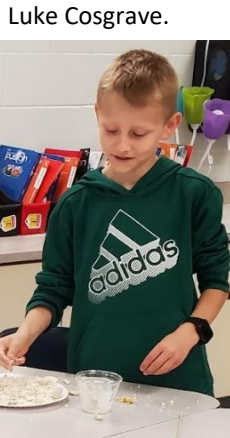
# MORGAN EAST

## Future Paleontologists

The students in the fourth grade learned all about fossils, how they are made, and how paleontologists dig them up. Students buried and excavated dinosaurs in science.



Cameron Sharkey.



Luke Cosgrave.



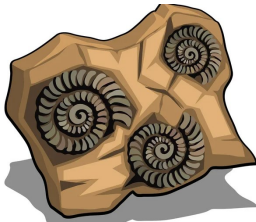
Jace Miller and JR Baldree are digging in their rock.



Charlotte Griesmyer is just starting to break the rocks away.



Makenlee Bryant.



Annabeth Miller, Wyatt DeWinter, and Sam Griesmyer.



Mikyla McLaughlin.



Preston Mayle.



Andrew Montelongo.



Kinsley Norris and Emma Shaw.



Casiuous Wallace.



# MORGAN EAST

## East Elementary Family Night



Mrs. Jadwin represented Burr Oak Alive.

Miss Wilson represented McKendree Church.



To the left: Members of the Ohio Army National Guard Unit 2/174th show students a Humvee. To the right: Firefighter, Ethan Newton, explains the equipment found on the M&M Fire Department Truck.



Jace Miller, Blake Bowman, Preston Mayle, and Wyatt DeWinter take a tour of the M&M EMS ambulance.

Ms. Cassie Palmer from Kate Love Simpson Library talks to students and families about upcoming events at the libraries.



Ms. Cassie Fluharty talks about the importance of Early Intervention.



Above: Dinner was provided by East Cafeteria. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hann are packing white bag supper meals.



Jukebox Pizza Assembly Line.



East Elementary Kindergarten students took a Field Trip to Jukebox Pizza in Waterford. Students learned about the ingredients it takes to make pizza crust. They practiced tossing crust to make the perfect pizza. Special Thanks to Jukebox for this amazing experience. Below: Berklee McGrew tosses the crust until it is ready for the pan while Carter McDaniel waits for the next crust to come out of the mixer.



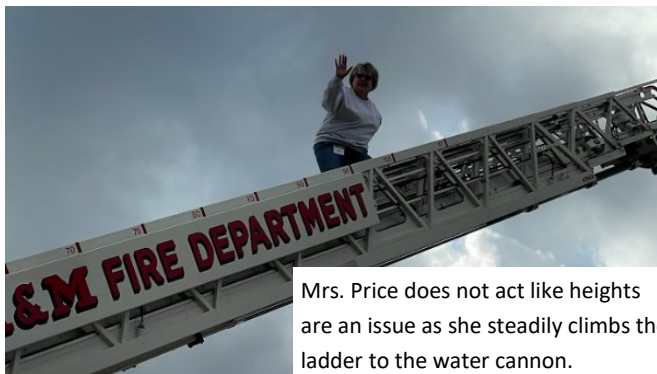


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Above: Lunch Buddies for the 2023-24 school year. To the right :David Jenkins, Macoy Hallowell, Jacob Clouse, Jillian Strelec and Sadie Moler are bowling at River Valley Social.

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 in the school library during lunch and together they complete crafts, games, STEM, and social-emotional activities. A program coordinator is always there to facilitate and supervise. The volunteers undergo a background check, interview, and references before they are matched with a child. A few things Lunch Buddies has done this year are watercolor painting, minute-to-win-it games, planting flowers, Bingo, and a Big and Little Bowling field trip! They also partner with different community partners and provided fun activities such as Zane State and Leaping Lizards. Big Brothers Big Sisters hope to expand our partnerships with the McConnellsville community this upcoming year! This free program is a great opportunity to provide each child with a positive role model and special friend while enjoying fun activities!



Mrs. Price does not act like heights are an issue as she steadily climbs the ladder to the water cannon.



To the left: Emma Shaw, Makenlee Bryant, Gracelynn Holden look at the snake, but did not want to touch it.

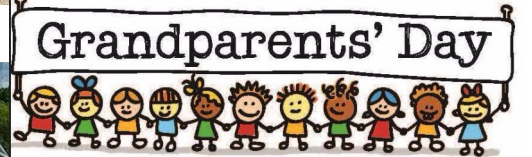
## East PTO presents a check to the M&M Fire Department and EMS.



Below: Ellah Baker, Jacob Clouse and Caidynce McGrew do not seem to be afraid. Jacob just does not like the "Slimy" feel of the snake.



# MORGAN SOUTH



On Friday, May 10, 2024, Morgan South Elementary School's preschool and kindergarten classes invited their grandparents for an afternoon of fun. The students were divided into 9 groups. Each group was assigned a color. The teachers, aides, and staff put together the stations the students rotated to. The stations included the Water Table, Air Rockets, Hoppy Ball, Sandbox, Playground, Obstacle Course, Stilt Walking, Bowling, Bubbles and Chalk. Each student had a photo taken with their grandparent. At the end of the afternoon, everyone was given water and freshly popped popcorn.



South Elementary participated in its annual Field Day festivities designed and created by Mr. Gessel. The students from K-6 participated in a variety of games and relays to try to earn the top spots and fastest times! Many of the students were extremely competitive in the areas of the 50 yard dash, long jump, obstacle course, and tug-of-war games. The grades all had a fantastic time and we had two beautiful days to enjoy the famous Stanton "Thunderdogs" outside after it was all over! Thank you for making another successful Field Day, Mr. Gessel!





# MORGAN SOUTH



*Happy St. Patrick's Day!*

Mrs. Konkler's Kindergarten class celebrated St. Patrick's Day by having a Leprechaun Family Reunion! They made fun hats and participated in different activities throughout the classroom!



The fourth grade students of South Elementary took two Field Trips in May. On May 8th, they went to The Wilds in Zanesville. They were able to see different species of rhino, giraffes, camels, zebras, plus many other varieties of exotic and endangered animals. It was a beautiful day to explore the different habitats and Mrs. Jenne's and Mrs. Lang's groups both had a fantastic time! Huge thank you to the Wilds for allowing us to tour the many acres of wildlife they have to offer!



Addison Norris.

Then on May 15th, they went to the Morgan County Fairgrounds. They rotated through multiple stations where they learned different aspects of agriculture including Farm Safety, information from the Ohio Department of Transportation, Bird Watching, facts about wildlife, sheep, and horses, etc. After a delicious lunch, provided by the volunteers, there was a very special "Flag Folding Ceremony". The students walked away with a wide variety of information important to our area. They had a great time!

Gabe Hoover, Tyshaw Dalton, and Zach Cary.



Zach Cary.



Mason Loos, Easton Weaver, and Waylan Mayle.



# MORGAN SOUTH



South Elementary hosted Family Night on May 9th. Students and families were invited to eat, play games, and enjoy time together. It was a great time overall! Above #1: Preschooler, Bregan Lang dribbles a basketball. #2: Cienna Dickerson takes a turn on the Walking Bucket Stilts and Caylee Duncan counts the number of steps taken. #3: Latrell Young is racing on a Hippity Hop.

# MORGAN WEST

Students recently participated in an end of the 9 weeks house bash. Students from all four houses came together to create a “brick”. These bricks were then put together to create a display showing that our school is “4 houses 1 family”.



Oaklynn McGrath, Ms. Blackburn, and Josie Kaid.

Students working on the bricks for their houses.



Hayden Inman, Diesel Eckman and Kingston Mayle.



# MORGAN JUNIOR HIGH



Mrs. Canter is not enjoying holding Jedi, a corn snake.



## 8th Grade Trip to DC

Each year, Mr. Bragg schedules the eighth grade trip to Washington D.C. The trip is over 3 days and is filled with activities. One stop is at the battle grounds of Gettysburg. The students visit several attractions at Washington D.C., like the Vietnam Memorial Wall, the National Mall, and the Lincoln Memorial. Below: Jade Rose, Campbell Welsh, Maddy Schaad, Maddie VanNess, Makenzie Kidd, and Renee McDonie in front of the Lincoln Memorial.



To the left: Mr. Bragg dressed for Grill Dad/ Soccer Mom Spirit Day.



Jacob Roop and Max McDaniel stop in front of the Washington Memorial. Below Renee McDonie, Dani Weaver, Mackenzie Kidd, and Maddy Schaad pose at the relic of the Capitol building.



Every year, the student council puts together a Dodgeball Tournament. This takes place near the end of the school year. Teams of six sign up and go against other teams until there is one winner. A team of boys decided to all get buzz cuts for their dodgeball team. The final teams face off with the teacher team for "**BRAGG**"ing rights and the ultimate championship. Pictured on the left is the 2023-24 Dodgeball Tournament First Place Team of Aaron Baker, Gage Roberts, McGwire Winner, Cayson Clouse, and Dylan Southall. They defeated the teacher team and enjoyed the win for the 8th grade class. Pictured below with Mr. Bragg are members of the The Buzz Heads are Liam Ponchak, Kaiden King, Rory Hale, Chase Pinkerton, Trey Knierim, Reese Hughes, and Owen Triplet.





# MORGAN JUNIOR HIGH

**Morgan Junior High School held an After School Dance.**



**Morgan Junior High Softball Girls Dress for the Spring Fling.**

**Morgan Junior High School Band**



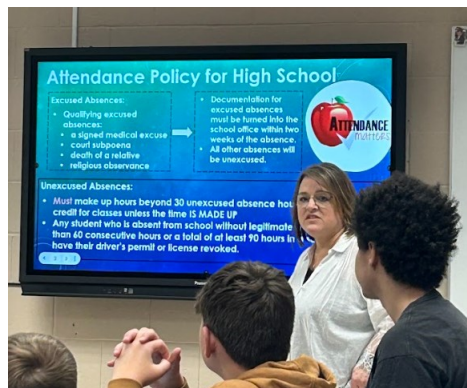
**8th Grade Students Tour Morgan High School in the spring.**

At the end of each school year, eighth grade students spend a day touring Morgan High School. Bottom Left: Blaine Clawson and Brycen Rush visit the Interactive Media room. Bottom Right: Ben Clark and Mia Powell are in the Vo-Ag workshop testing batteries.

**Morgan Junior High School Choir**



Members of the Morgan Junior High School Choir spent time singing at Highland Oaks and Riverside Landing.



Mrs. Finley, High School Counselor, explains the Attendance Policy during the 8th Grade Tour.





# MORGAN JUNIOR HIGH



Pre-Teen Institute (PTI) was organized by Mrs. Sophia Mardis. Mrs. Mardis is a seventh grade English Language Arts teacher and Student Council Advisor at Morgan Junior High. She worked other area schools to invite their students to PTI. Students develop skills to become a positive leader within their schools and communities. Also, students are equipped with the knowledge and ability to make positive choices and encourage their peers to do so. Students are grouped into teams that are led by high school volunteers. They learn about leadership, do team building activities and games, and then they enjoy a dance. This year was an overnight lock-in. Students were brought to the school at 4 pm for check in. They met their group leaders and went to their assigned classroom for ice breakers. Janna Woodburn led team building activities, and Perry County Behavioral Services came to talk to the students about the dangers of drug addiction. Students learned about why drug free is the way to be in a positive environment. Staff from the Junior and High School volunteer to assist and enjoy rapport building with the students, which is a different environment from the regular classroom setting. It is a highlight of the school year!



Photo #1 on the left are members of the Purple Team. Photo #2 in the middle are members of the Black Team. Photo #3 on the bottom are members of the Yellow Team.



To the right: Eli Moore "enjoys" the loud music and black light effects during the dance.



## CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT DAY



Audrey Fluharty, Caitlynn Clouse, and Alayna Page stand in formation with their balloons at the ready.

Mr. Bragg and his wife dress up in their civil war clothing and do a reenactment for the 8th grade social studies classes. They stand "in formation" and throw water balloons at the other line. If a student is hit with the balloon or from the water spray, they are carried from the field using a period appropriate gurney. The students, staff, and the ever-involved Mr. Bragg look forward to this yearly event. Below on the left: Mr. Bragg tends to an injured soldier and Mrs. Bragg shows the dresses from the Civil War era. Below on the right: Grayden Larrick, Brayden Seibel, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Mardis, Danny Bettinger, and Troy Bishop are showing how to transport the injured to the medical staff.





# MORGAN HIGH SCHOOL



During the 2023-24 school year, eleven students in Mr. Robbins Industrial Robotics class worked on their FANUC Industry Credential. Once the course work and test was completed the following students received their Certificate of Completion. First row left to right: Elijah Randolph, Desperado Slabaugh, Peyton Coleman, and Ethan Turner. Second row left to right: Mason Cottrill, Braylon Murphey, Mr. John Robbins, Brandon Almas, RAQ Ponchak, and Caleb



Croston. Absent when photo was taken: Logan Reier and Blake Tyo.



Morgan High School Senior, Logan Niceswanger, placed 4th at the OHSAA State Wrestling meet.



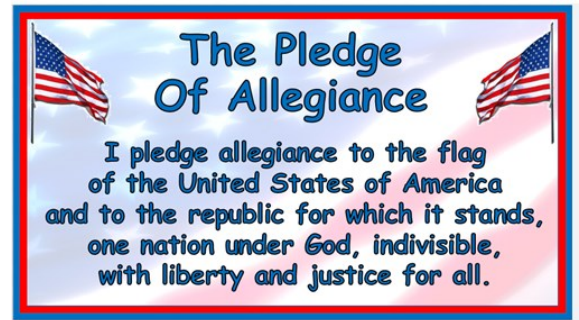
## FAA Part 107 Drone Pilots

In May 2024, Mr. John Robbins and several of his Robotics students started a new challenge, studying to take the Federal Aviation Administration Part 107 Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems licensure. This comprehensive FAA-Certificated Drone Pilot Test covers several aspects of aviation including: application regulations, airspace classification and operating requirements, airport operations, aviation weather sources, maintenance and preflight procedures, and radio communications. The students went to Parr Airport in Zanesville to take the test. The newly licensed FAA Part 107 Drone Pilots are Copper Burnside (junior), Jarrett Paxton (sophomore), Rachel Shook (junior), Hunter Sparks (sophomore), Cas Yawn (sophomore) and Mr. Robbins. The Part 107 licensure is an Industry Credential and is renewed each two years.





# The Annual Pledge of Allegiance Program at Morgan Local School District Elementaries



Mr. Jeff Bragg, Sargent at Arms of Malconta Post #24 American Legion in McConnelsville, presented the Annual Pledge of Allegiance program to first grade students at East in Mrs. Smith's and Ms. Wilson's classes, at West in Mrs. Gifford's and Mrs., Endsley's classes, and at South in Mrs. Duhamel's and Mrs. Ross's classes.



East Elementary first  
grade students.



West Elementary first  
grade students.



South Elementary first  
grade students.