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As spring approaches, the flowers bloom, the birds sing, and the Class of 2024 is gets excited about Graduation. Not only is the future full of opportunities, it is also full of uncertainties. As each graduates steps across the stage and receives their diploma, a chapter in their book of life closes and a new chapter opens ready for the next adventure. Morgan Local School District would like to say Congratulations on Your Accomplishments and Achievements and Best Wishes in Your Future Endeavors.



Morgan Local School District Kindergarten Registration for the 2024-25 school year is open. Children must be five years old by August 1, 2024. Registration packets can be found online at morganschools.org or picked up at Morgan Local School District Office located at 65 West Union Avenue, McConnelsville, or in the main office of East Elementary, South Elementary or West Elementary. The deadline for registration is April 22, 2024. Return the Registration Form, Health History Form, Language Usage Survey, and Kate Love Simpson Library Card Application, copy of Certified Birth Certificate, Immunization Record, Custody Papers (if applicable), Proof of Residency, and Photo ID (of Parent/Guardian enrolling the student) to the Morgan Local School District Office. Kindergarten Screening appointments will be made by April 22, 2024. Kindergarten Screening date are April 22 and 23, 2024 at West Elementary, April 24 and 25, 2024 at East Elementary and May 7 and 8, 2024 at South Elementary.



Morgan Local School District is accepting applications for preschool for the 2024-25. Applications can be picked up at East Elementary, West Elementary, South Elementary, Morgan Local School District, or Kate Love Simpson Library. The applications are due May 3, 2024. Morgan Local School has two options of preschool classes in the Elementary buildings. Option #1 is a tuition based program. Students attend preschool four days a week. Students must be four years old by August 1, 2024. Option #2 is a income based program offered at East Elementary and South Elementary. Families must meet the income guidelines to qualify. Students attend preschool two days a week. The Income Based

200% of Federal Poverty Level Income Chart

Early Childhood Education funds are required to be used to provide preschool services to economically disadvantaged children whose family income falls at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

Household Size	Annual Income
1	(income less than) \$30,120
2	\$40,880
3	\$51,640
4	\$62,400
5	\$73,160
6	\$83,920
7	\$94,680
8	\$105,440

For each additional family member, add \$10,760 at the 200% level.

Preschool programs accepts three and four year old's. For additional information, contact the elementary buildings.

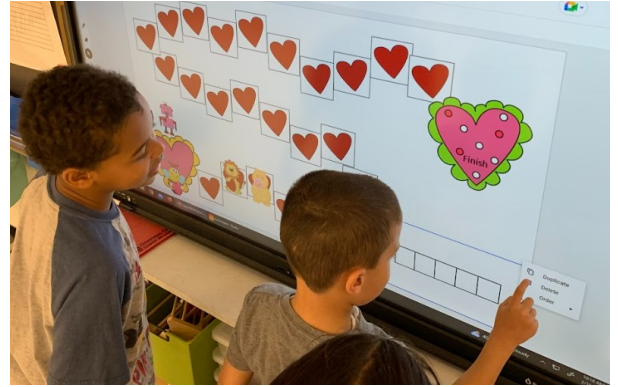


MORGAN EAST

1st Grade



First Grade students are using a Jamboard on the Promethean board to reinforce learned math skills. To the left: Kendall Tompkins and Jackson Crandall. To the right: Noah Tabler and Christian Stewart.



Above: Team #1 was Cai-Lee Blackburn, Brynlee Jones, Brenna Bumgardner, and Rylend Holden.

2ND GRADE



To the Left: Team #2 was Ella Huck, Caidynce McGrew, Saylor Reed, and Zander Eckert.



Above: Team #5 Greer Shuster, Blake Marshall, Everly Gavino, and Tinley Bailey.

Below: Team #6 Jacob Rex, Ethan McGrew, Chiara Mastrogiuseppe, and Irene You.



Above: Team #4 Khloe Dawson, Eden Woods, and Heaven Frederick.

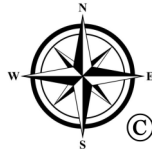
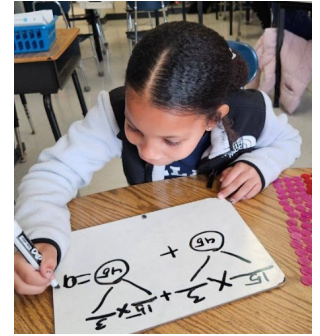
To the Left: Team #3 David Jenkins, Noah Maddox, and Hayden Hickerson.





MORGAN EAST

Students in Mrs. Smallwood's 3rd grade class are learning multiplication using the break apart strategy. Pictured to the right: Molly White, Korie Lindimore and Kali Marshall. Students in Mrs. Maxwell's 3rd Grade Social Studies class worked in groups to make physical maps that include a map key and a compass rose.



Pictured:

#1: Carter Jones, Emma Curtis, and Jillian Strelec.

#2: Aralynne Rehart, Moon Preer, and My'Miracle Franklin.

#3: Zadyn Eckert, Riley McDaniel, Jocelynn Campbell, Koby Smith, and Jace Sturgill.

#4: Jaycie Parmiter, Hannah Weaver, Avery Rex, and Macie Offenberger.



As part of the PBIS program, fourth grade students earn money for positive behaviors. Each month, the students get to spend their money at the school store.



Students in Mrs. Bowen's class practice math skills using strategies that have been taught in the district's Math Recovery Training.



Above on the left: Aiden Kuhn.

Above on the right: Aiden Stanley.

Below: Aden Shook and Jimmy Gay.



Hank Holloway.



Above: Kinsley Norris and Annabeth Miller are shopping. Below is Mrs. Carla Fesler's class enjoying their purchases.



MORGAN EAST



As a Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) reward, students read the book "Balloons Over Broadway" by Melissa Sweet and then created their own "Macy's" balloons and then marched in a parade through the school.

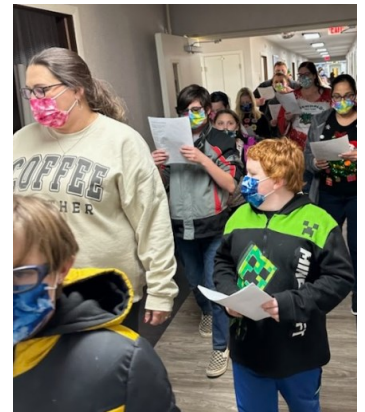


Hocking College Dental Students visited Kindergarten classes at East. The students were learning about the importance of flossing. Shown in the picture: Eliana Rose, Wyatt North, Lillian Rex, Carter Rinehart, Zaylee Jackson.

Katie Lemasters, Emma Pavol, Rigg McCoy, Lillian Ratliff, and Mackenzie Hal-lowell are working on their PBIS "Balloons Over Broadway". Once the "Floats" were ready, the parade began through the "streets" of East. Leading the parade was Kristen Campbell, Raina Harlow, and Raegan Burkhart.



Waiting for the parade to start is Nathan Stearns, Marlie Shope, Layla Reed, Rigg McCoy, Madi Morrow, Kenley Cosgrave, Hayley Coen, Emma Pavol, Bentley Brown, and Lilly Hardie.



Above Mentors walking the halls caroling. Below the Mentors enjoy dinner at Boondocks.

East Elementary Mentor Program Winter Events included caroling at the Area Nursing Homes and dinner at Boondocks.



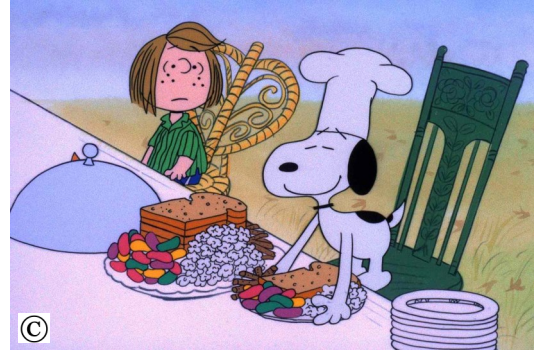
Above: Mrs. Katie Roush Herron and Hank Holloway. To the left: Mrs. Angie Shriver and Raina Harlow. To the right: Mrs. Haley Strelec, Aiden Stanley and Jimmy Gay.



MORGAN SOUTH



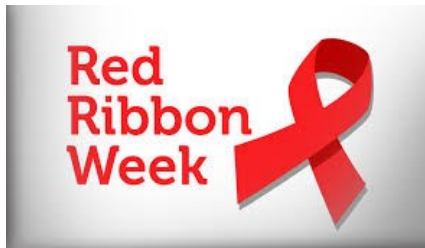
Mrs. Konkler's class watched **A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving** before break. Afterwards they had a "Thanksgiving Feast" of pretzels, popcorn, jelly beans, and toast, just like the Charlie Brown and characters!. Pictured to the right: Baylee Campbell, Hadlee Stanley, Jaxen Hood, Raylynn Taylor, Walker Hensley and Briel-la George.



On December 14th, 2023 Mrs. Parsons' second grade, Mrs. Kidd's third grade, Ms. Lang's fourth grade, Mrs. Mayle's and Ms. Rishel's sixth grade classes all participated in a Christmas program called "Crazy Carols". Mrs. Best, with the help of Mrs. Hickerson, directed them in several crazy yet classic carols such as "The First Snowfall", "They Test You Merry Gentlemen", and several others. A beautiful handbell choir of sixth graders performed "O Come, O Come Emmanuel", "Away in a Manger", and "We Three Kings of Orient Are".



Change of Heart Students (Braylen Myers, Mya Coleman, Aaliyah Nichols, William Kaltenbach, Bryar Downour, Collin Stuthard, and Owen Lahmers) speaking with Mrs. Stegner's Preschool Class.

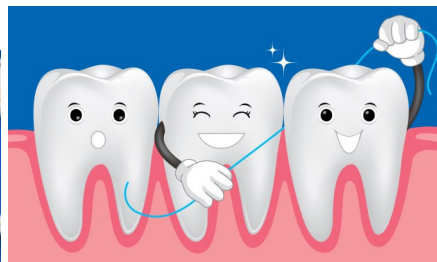


The Change of Heart students from South went from room to room to talk about making good choices and feeling comfortable to find a mentor or trusting adults/peers when faced with peer pressure or problems during Red Ribbon Week.

MORGAN SOUTH

Volunteers from the MoCo Healthy Living Task Force along with students from Hocking College Dental Hygiene program taught kindergarteners all about proper oral hygiene including brushing, flossing, and healthy food choices. The MoCo Healthy Living Task Force is a collaborative group made up of members representing AmeriCorps, OSU Extension, Morgan County Health Department, Morgan Community Support and Solutions, and students from Morgan Local Schools and Brown University. The focus of the taskforce is to look at the health of Morgan County residents and identify areas for improvement. Other projects include tobacco cessation and prevention, the Thrive Drive at MJHS, and a walk audit in Chesterhill. Participants: Amanda Murphy-Morgan County Health Department, Sam Roberts-Morgan Community Support and Solutions, Mary Stine-Masters student at Brown University.

Pictured to the left: Volunteers MoCo Healthy Living Task Force (Ms. Mary Stine and Mrs. Amanda Murphy), Raylynn Taylor, Walker Hensley, Remy Stiff, Abigail Welsh, Coletenlee Anderson, and Mason Holland. To the right: Mr. Sam Roberts talks with the students about flossing. The students are using Legos to practice flossing. Pictured are Dylan Peters, Kynlee Duncan, Emry Mayle, and Carlee Duncan. Below: Kynlee Duncan is cleaning the teeth (aka as Lego).



BATTLE of the BOOKS

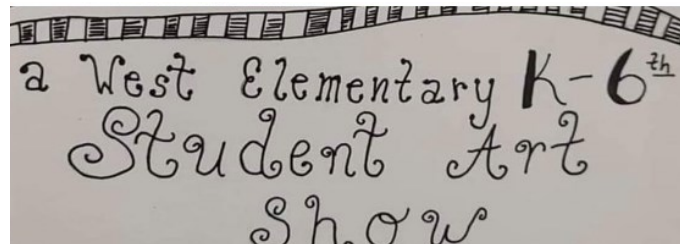


Two teams participated in the Battle of the Books at Morgan South Elementary on November 29th. Both teams were competitive, and one team went on to represent our school at the district competition who went into a tie breaker round. Congratulations and way to go South readers! Pictured top left bottom row: William Kaltenbach, Brinna Kern, and Willow Robison. Top Row: Haley McGrew, Nalani Smoot, Erabella Stevens and Abigail Strauss. Pictured bottom left: First Place students: Nalani Smoot, Abigail Strauss, and Brinna Kern. Pictured to the right: Second Place students: Willow Robison, William Kaltenbach, Erabella Stevens, and Haley McGrew.

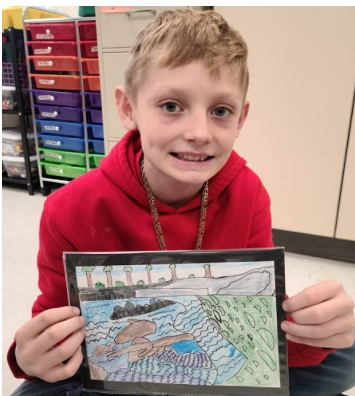


MORGAN WEST

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".



Morgan West Elementary students will be participating in their first annual art show: Memories of Morgan County. **The reception will be held at McConnelsville branch of the Kate Love Simpson Library on April 20th from 10:00am-12:00pm.** The art show will be displayed the entire month of April. The art represented in this show are re-creations of photographs from important locations in Morgan County. These are just a few examples of the hard work and dedication that these students have put into their pieces.



Andrew Drumm, fourth grade.

Tracy Hill, fourth grade.




Avery Knapp, third grade.

Zoey Bolyard, sixth grade.



West Students participated in a hygiene drive to benefit the Malta United Ministries. Together, we collected 607 items! It was a house competition with the red house coming in on top with 215 items.






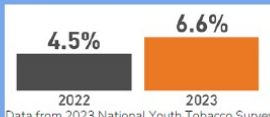
Don't think your child is using tobacco products? Think again.

From 2022 to 2023 tobacco use amongst middle schoolers increased 2.1%


Talk to your child today. Not sure what to say? Contact us 740.962.4572



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4.5% 2022 6.6% 2023
Data from 2023 National Youth Tobacco Survey



YOU'LL THANK YOU...
...for all the extra smiles.

Mark Your Calendars

- March 20-23- Drama Spring Production at 7pm at Morgan High May 6- National Nurse's Day
 March 24- Drama Spring Production at 3:30pm at Morgan High May 6-10- Teacher Appreciation Week
 March 27- Career Day at Junior High School May 10 -Scholarship Awards 8am
 March 28- No School Students-Staff PD May 17- Graduation at 6pm at Raider Stadium
 March 29 through April 1- Easter Break May 24-Last Day for Students
 April 2- National Autism Awareness Day May 27-Memorial Day
 April 4- National School Librarian Day
 April 17-Administrative Professionals Day
 April 17- Study Club Awards at 6pm at Morgan High
 April 22-Earth Day
 April 26-Arbor Day
 April 27- Morgan High School Prom 7pm
 April 30- 5th through 8th Band and Choir Concert at 7:30pm at Morgan High
 May 1-National Principals Day
 May 2- 9th through 12th Band and Choir Concert at 7:30pm at Morgan High




Spring Family Fest
Riecker Building
155 E Main St—McConnelsville, Ohio

Everything is Free

April 27th 1 to 4pm



Kona Ice
Hot dogs
Popcorn
Cotton Candy

**GAMES * RAFFLES
GIVEAWAYS**

*Child Abuse Awareness	*Resource Tables
*Parenting Info	*School Registration
*Foster Care	*Child Care
*Information Sessions	*Pregnancy Info
*Dolly Parton Imagination Library	

Petting Zoo



Saturday May 18, 2024

Hooked on Fishing... Not on Drugs Youth Fishing Day (O.D.N.R.'s Hook Lake)

Age categories:

5 & under, 6-9, 10-13, 14-18

Registration 7:30-10:00 a.m. (Weighing biggest fish all morning-

a picture print station will be located on the dam for pictures of kids and their catch, trophies will be handed out for the biggest fish in each age category with awards given out at lunchtime- 11:00)

- No cost to enter - Open to the public.
- Lunch provided at no cost.
- Cool T-Shirt for All Entries
- Prizes awarded for the Largest Fish
- Child must be accompanied by an adult.
- Fishing is for children ONLY (Adults may only assist)



Program sponsored by: The Morgan County Youth Fishing Committee, The Ohio State Parks, Division Of Wildlife, Morgan County Prosecuting Attorney Mark Howdysell, Morgan County Sheriff Douglas McGrath, The Wilds, Morgan County Job & Family Services, Morgan Behavioral Health Choices, Trademark Solutions of Marietta, Morgan Common Pleas Judge John Wells, Finley Rentals, Blue Bell Diner, NWTF Wolf Creek Chapter, Boy Scout Troup 288, Maxwell's Outdoors Hunting & Fishing, North Valley Bank, The Barracks Fitness Center, Ohio National Guard, Fox Heating and Cooling, Singree Construction Service, Maxwell's Pizza, Morgan County Health Department, River Valley Social.

