

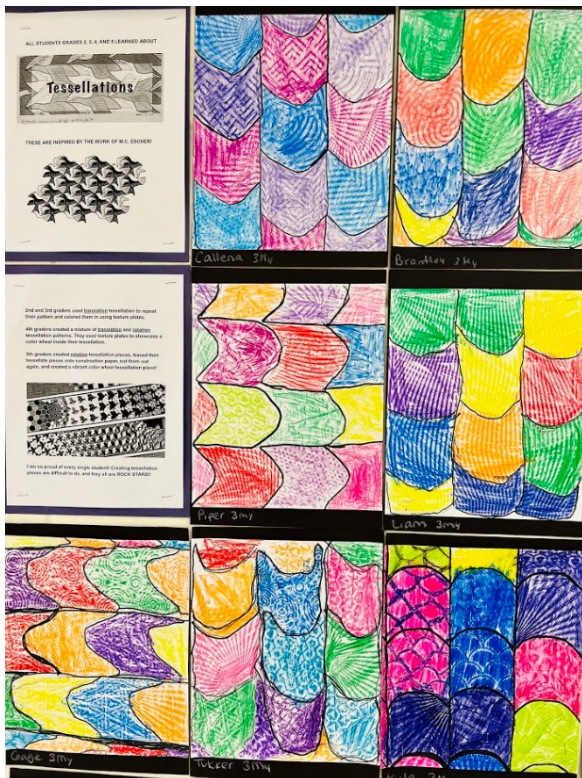
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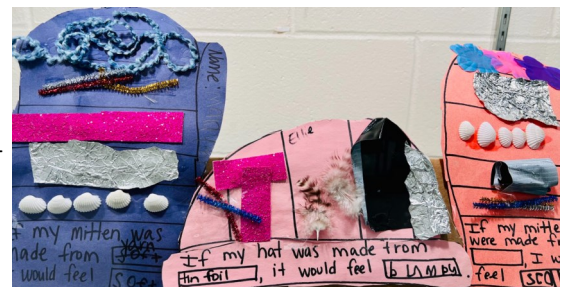


A is for Awesome Art!

West Elementary students have been busy creating masterpieces. Tessellations are repeating patterns made from geometric shapes. The students used squares. All students made their own shapes. Kindergarten and first graders made texture hats/mittens. They chose items from several different textures to add to their hat/mitten, then answered the question "If my hat/mitten was made from ____ (item) ____, it would feel ____ (texture word) ____." Second and third grade students made repeating tessellations of rows and fourth and fifth grade students made rotating tessellations. Students in the second grade and third grade classes used texture plates to color and fourth grade students only colored in shapes to make the color wheel. Students in the fifth grade traced their shapes and then glued them in for a color wheel.



Photos of the kindergarten hats/mittens and the third grade row tessellations.



MORGAN HIGH SCHOOL

Wyatt Johnson placed second in the Skills USA Carpentry contest at the regional contest held in Columbus OH at the Carpenters Union training facility. Wyatt has qualified to advance to the State level of competition in the carpentry contest.



Mrs. Devan Eier, Morgan High School Agriculture Career Technical Instructor, was awarded the Outstanding Early Career Teacher Award from the Ohio Association of Agricultural Educators (OAAE).



To the left: Madison Guinn has been named the 2022-23 Morgan High School Outstanding Senior.

In January, students completed the requirements for the FANUC Handling Tool Operations and Programming Industry Credential. Pictured below in the first row: Rachel Shook, Elijah Randolph, Brennen Tigner, and Austin Little. In the second Row: Aiden George, Hayden Six, Kaden Garrett, Austin Dille, Xavier Ratliff, and Jarrett Lewis. Third row: Mr. John Robbins, FANUC Certified Instructor and Mr. Matthew Barrett, Morgan High School Principal. Absent from the photo: Michael Schramm and Michael Six.



Congratulations!



To the left: Isabella Heigley is the 2022-23 Franklin B Walter Award Recipient.

On Monday, November 14, Mr. Robbins and several of his students represented Morgan County, Morgan Local School District and Morgan High School by demonstrating the Matrix Thermal Imaging drone, programmable logic controller, and FANUC industrial robot to the attendees at the Ohio School Board Associate Winter Conference in Columbus. Below: Austin Little shows the drone to students from other school districts while Remi Rush and Rhett Shook look on. To the right: The Morgan High School students attending the conference:

(first row) Elijah Randolph, Rachel Shook, and Austin Little. (Second row): Kaden Garrett, Mr. Robbins, Remi Rush, Brennen Tigner, and Rhett Shook.



MORGAN JUNIOR HIGH



Morgan Junior High School has conducted a Thrive Drive program. Over the past couple of months, the Thrive Drive has raised student awareness and made a difference by raising funds to help the less fortunate in our area. One of the events was a candy sale to raise money. Pictured are students selling candy: Jessilyn Everley, Melena Mayle, Jerzee Seals, and Hannah Jacques. Students purchasing candy: Grady Greuey and Alexis Hol-loway.

Each year, Morgan Local School District and Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 10, serving Athens, Gallia, Hocking, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Vinton, and Washington counties in southeast Ohio, team together on the "Snow Plow" project. In the early fall, ODOT delivers a snow plow to each school. The students of the school create a design for the snow plow. With the help of the staff, the students paint their design on the plows. Once the paint is dry, ODOT picks up the plows and puts the newly decorated plow on the trucks ready for the snow. The five plows made a special appearance in the Annual Christmas parade on



Friday, November 25, 2022. Morgan Local School District would like to thank ODOT for this community project.



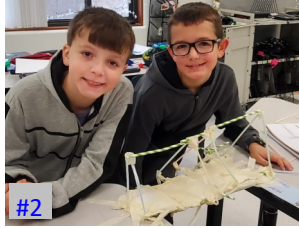
Below: Mr. Jeff Bragg, principal, Adisyn Hoskinson, Student Council member, Gage Roberts, Student Council member, and Mr. J.R. Wilson, Project Chairman, pose for a photo of the donations collected by junior high school students during the recent Blanket and Sock Drive.



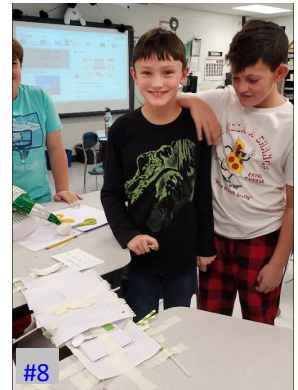
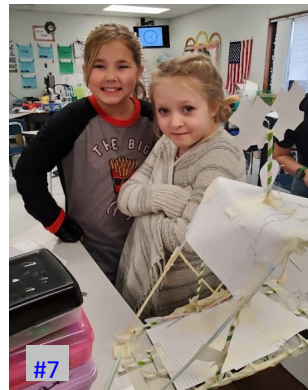
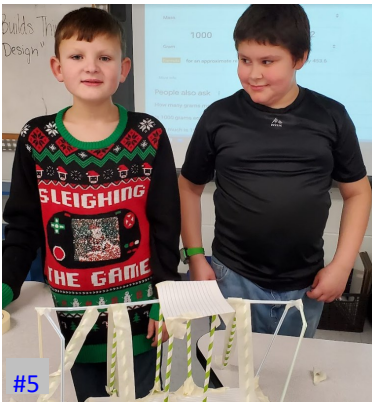
Morgan Junior High Students created a scene of Morgan Raider Pride. Pictured from the left to right: Floyd Jordan, Clayton Smith, McGwire Winner, Jacob Roop, Conner Clouse, Ben Clark, Dylan Southall, Madi Hite, Elizabeth Justus, Lily Mattox, Dani Weaver, Audrey Fluharty, Madalynn Campbell and Jayden Kaloydis. Absent from the photo: Campbell Welsh, JaKia McMannis, Maddi Schaad, Aiden Wells, Brady Tabler, and Westin Pletcher.

MORGAN EAST

Mrs. William's fourth grade class explored designing and engineering bridges in science class. The students tested their creations by placing weights on them.



#1: Alex McDaniel and Wylee North putting the finishing touches on their bridge. #2: Carson Curtis and Clark Apperson are getting ready to test their bridge. #3: Elo Barker and Emery Triplet have had the dedication of "The Noel Bridge". #4: Tamera Tucker and Linkyn Conaway start putting together the decking of their bridge. #5: Joel Huck and Tristen Frederick have built a bridge high clearance. #6: Mark Campbell and Wesley Vassar have reinforced the decking of their bridge and added an unique design to the trusses. #7: Natalee Campbell and Sammy McMannis have added a weather vane to their bridge to monitor the wind direction and the strength of the winds. #8: Rylend Mayle and Max Foreman are discussing the types of trusses they can use on the bridge.



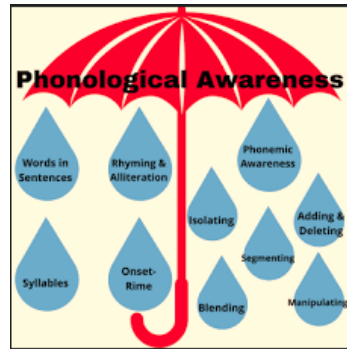
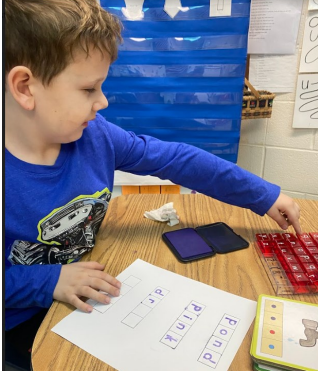
Mrs. Strelec and Mrs. Bright are busy this time of year. Along with the aides, Susan Buchanan and Jessica Pauley, the staff is working with the preschool students on skills required for kindergarten. The preschool students pictured below are working on social skills through play.



Countdown to
Kindergarten

MORGAN EAST

Leo Lawrence, first grader, making the connection with phonological awareness and phonics in Ms. Krigbaum's intervention class.



Students worked on music notes and put them into rhythms outside. Pictured below on the left: Kendall Tompkins and Kenzlea Driggs-Holland.

The sixth grade students at East were tasked with a friendly holiday class competition to bring in items for the local dog pound and P.A.W.W.S. (Promoting and Working with Shelters) LLC group. The goal was for each class to bring in 15 items. In only a few weeks, students easily surpassed this goal and reached hundreds of treats, toys, leashes, collars, and flea/tick treatment for local dogs in need! Due to the overwhelming amount collected, the carload was taken to multiple dog-affiliated places in Morgan, Perry, and Muskingum Counties. The selflessness, generosity, and friendly competitiveness of these students and their families was remarkable. Students were rewarded with a hot chocolate and cookie party, but most importantly, learned the value of giving.



East Preschool students enjoy the snow. Several are catching the snowflakes with their tongues.

MORGAN EAST

Photos from the East Elementary Halloween Celebration.



#1

1. Sixth grade gets a visit from a dragon.
2. Masyn Hallowell is stronger than the ones before him.
3. Cruella de Vil, aka Bristol Ball.
4. Hannah Osborn dressed as Wednesday Addams.
5. Jonathan McKelvey will never be seen in the woods, just heard.



#2



Sixth Grade really enjoyed Apple Crunch Day.



#3



#4



#5

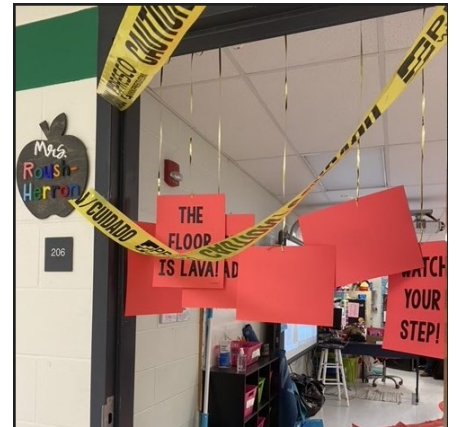
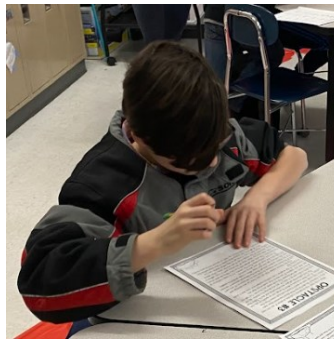


#6



The Snow White cast teachers: Mrs. Karen Camp, Mrs. Angie Shriver, Mrs. Katie Roush-Herron and Mrs. Kenzie Jadwin.

The "Floor is Lava Day" happened in Mrs. Roush-Herron's fifth grade classroom. The kids had fun learning about natural disasters and using their reading and writing skills... while also avoiding all of the lava on the floor!



Above: Arthur Schaad and Preston Wilson. In the middle: Jimmy Gay. Below on the left: Hayden Whisman and Josh Griesmyer. On the right: Levi Wogan and Layla Reed.



MORGAN WEST

During After School, students worked on a project to construct shadow boxes. The students used sets of cardstock cutouts and foam spacers to create the boxes featuring deer or a cat.



Pictured to the left: Breanna Thompson, Abriella Alvarado, Emalee Toole, Ellie Ross, Gary Leasure, Jillian Cofman, and Raiden Tivald. Pictured to the right: Jaycey Thomas, Madix Ray, Aubrie Alexander, Tukker Tivald, Nevaeh Kovaleski, Cami Clawson and Averie Powell.



West Wins the Battle

The "Battle of the Books" is a competition open to all 5th and 6th graders. Students commit to reading at least 3 assigned books, then participate in a team competition, answering questions about the books. The winning teams from East, West and South met on December 12th in the High School auditorium for their final Battle. West was victorious, taking first place. Kudos to Chloe Smith and Palmer McCoy for their efforts!



To the left: First place team members, Chloe Smith, Piper Copeland, Librarian Mrs. Roberts, Jacob Work and McCoy Palmer.

To the right: Second place team members, Lincoln Kirkbride, Kash Moore, Rayven VanHorn and Wayken Holland.



Below on the left are members of the fifth and sixth grade West Elementary



Battle of the Books participants. Pictured on the right is the 2022-2023 Morgan Local School District Battle of the Books First Place team, McCoy Palmer and Chloe Smith.



Morgan West was happy to help our local families in need by holding a food drive. The food collected went to the Morgan County United Ministries. Together, we collected over 1,000 food items. The grade level that brought in the most food items won the opportunity to play dodgeball against the West teachers. As the winners, the 6th graders enjoyed some friendly competition. We hope to make this an annual event.

Pictured to the right: the Sixth grade students are ready to battle the teachers.



MORGAN WEST



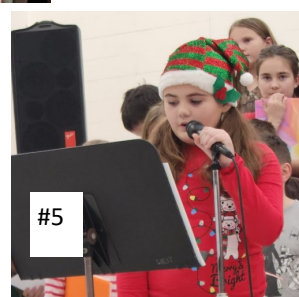
Representing their houses: Karter Maxwell, Greyson Rucker, Olivia McMannis, Aaliyah Harris, Evy Sidwell, Ryan Stiff, Jett Bolyard, Orin VanHorn and Mr. J.R. Wilson.

This past winter, West students participated in a community blanket and sock drive. This opportunity was presented to us by school board member, Mr. J.R. Wilson. This was a house competition with students earning points for bringing in items. As a school, we collected 56 blankets and 130 pairs of socks. All items were donated to residents of local nursing homes.

Annual Christmas Program

The West Elementary Christmas Program included a performance of the third and fourth grade students at the Twin City Opera House. The group performed the tunes "Here Comes Santa Claus," "Up on the Housetop," "Deck the Halls," "Frosty the Snowman," "Jingle Bells," and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

It was a great program and the kids really enjoyed it. The fourth grade teachers also helped out with jokes and poems presented in between songs, and we had a small cameo from Ms. McDonald in "Up on the Housetop." Mr. Chase Myers volunteered his time and played piano with us to help bring it all together. Below: the performers presented to the students and the staff of West Elementary.



Several students had speaking parts and read stories or poems.

1. Jax Cordray.
2. Belle Jones.
3. Paisley Harlow.
4. Amelia Powell.
5. Natalee Maxwell.

MORGAN SOUTH

In our After School Program at South, we do a variety of activities and clubs, including Science Club. Our Science Club students recently worked on magnet kits that allowed them to work on STEM activities. The students loved the challenge of putting the kits together.

Below: William Kaltenbach shows his project.



Above: Willow Robinson and Braylen Myers work lignin up the magnets to turn the wheel.

William Kaltenbach (in the chair), Taylor Moody (in the red hat) and River Mullinax (in the striped shirt) focus on the directions in the magnet kit.



Marley Robison proudly shows her work.

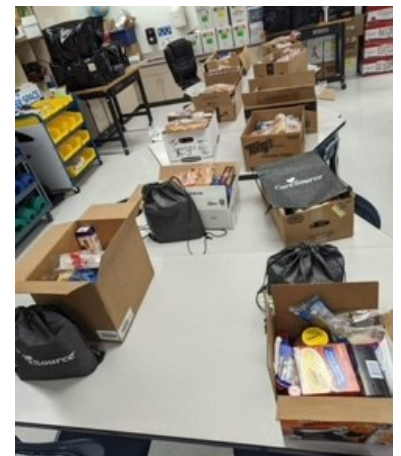


The Change of Heart group collected blankets and socks in December along with Mr. Wilson and the Sheriff's Department. The blankets and socks were then distributed to our area senior citizens in time for the holidays. Thank you to everyone who helped our small group make a difference in their community! Pictured in the front row: Mr. J.R. Wilson, Abby Riggs, Brady Mayle, Clayton Blackburn, Ali Blind, Loretta Clawson, Mrs. Schramm. Top Row: Riley Stillman, Kolten Rheyne-Deluna, Abby Seibel, and Melanie Tabler.

South Elementary Holiday Food Drive



South students participated in a nonperishable food drive this winter that far surpassed their initial goal of 1000 items. This food was then used to help stock a local food pantry as well as to help provide holiday food baskets for several local families. Way to go South!



MORGAN SOUTH

South Elementary students in second through sixth grade participated in the Annual Christmas Program. The students presented Holiday Road Trip. They did a wonderful job! Many students took on speaking roles and solos and made all of us at South very proud!

Fourth, fifth and sixth grade students sing about riding the bus on the cross country tour.



Above: Mrs. Hickerson leads the students in their song.

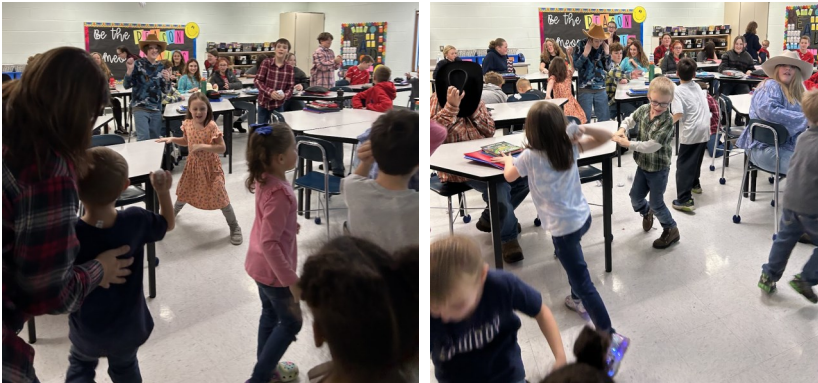
December is a crazy month at South Elementary. Random “snowball” fights broke out everywhere! Holiday trivia with prizes were on the announcements daily and we had over 25 students and/or staff recognized for “Going M.A.D. (Making A Difference) in our South community. We were even caught off guard by surprise Christmas Caroling! The students and staff alike all had a great Holiday season.



Owen Lahmers and Elizabeth Kern (both fifth grade students) dance during the Christmas program.



Below: South preschool students sang Christmas carols to Miss Ross’s first grade class.



Pictured above on the left: A snowball fight broke out between the kindergarteners and the sixth grade students. Then, the sixth grade students challenged the second grade classes to a snowball fight.



To the right: The preschool students march into first grade to sing the carols they practiced before the winter break.

Morgan Local School Calendar

2022-2023

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Student days in session 174
Professional days 7
2 PT Comp Days 2
Teacher Total days 183
Student Hours 1068

August 2022						
11) New Staff Day						
12) Teacher Flex Day						
15 & 16) Staff PD						
17) Student First Day						
September 2022						
5) Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)						
6 thru 9) NO SCHOOL (Fair Week)						
23) Special Reports						
October 2022						
21) End of First Grading Period						
25) Staff Professional Day - No School						
November 2022						
3) P/T Conference						
9) P/T Conference						
11) Veteran's Day - No School						
23-28) Thanksgiving Break - No School						
December 2022						
2) Special Reports						
Christmas Break - Dec. 21 - Jan.3 - No School						
January 2023						
3) Staff Professional Day - No School						
4) School Reconvenes						
13) End of First Semester (EOT- 2nd 9wks)						
16) MLK Day - No School						
February 2023						
2) P/T Conference						
8) P/T Conference						
17) Special Reports						
20) President's Day - No School						
March 2023						
16) End of Third Grading Period						
17) Staff Professional Day - No School						
April 2023						
5-10) Easter Break - No School						
21) Special Reports						
May 2023						
19) MHS 12th Grade Graduation						
25) Last Day of School						
26) Teacher Check Out Day						

January 2023						
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Grading Periods

1 Aug. 17 - Oct. 21 43
2 Oct. 25 - Jan. 13 44
3 Jan. 16 - Mar. 16 42
4 Mar. 17 - May 25 45

Hooked on Fishing...Not on Drugs Youth Fishing Derby

Saturday, May 20, 2023 at O.D.N.R. Hook Lake

MORGAN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REGISTRATION FOR 2023-24

Kindergarten Registration for 2023-2024 School Year

For all Morgan Local Elementary Schools



NOTE: The child must be 5 years old by **AUGUST 1, 2023.**

Registration Packets are available at Morgan Local School District Office, located at 65 West Union Avenue, McConnelsville, online at morganschools.org, or in the main offices of East, South, and West Elementary Building.

***Return the Registration Form, Health History, Language Usage Survey, Kate Love Simpson Library Card Application, Certified Birth Certificate, Immunization Record, Custody Papers (if applicable), Proof of Residency, and Photo Id (of Parent/Guardian enrolling student) to the District Office.**

If you have any questions, call Mrs. Leslie Robbins at 740-962-1121.

MORGAN LOCAL SCHOOLS

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DIR. OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Application form for Preschool



Elementary School Attendance Area:

Child's Name:

Birth date:

Age:

Mother's Name:

Father's Name:

Child's Address:

Telephone Number:

Cell Number:

Email Address:

2023-24 Federal Poverty Guidelines

Household Size	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	Semi-Monthly	Monthly	Annually
1	\$ 560.77	\$ 1,121.54	\$ 1,215.00	\$ 2,430.00	\$ 29,160.00
2	\$ 758.46	\$ 1,516.92	\$ 1,643.33	\$ 3,286.67	\$ 39,440.00
3	\$ 956.15	\$ 1,912.31	\$ 2,071.67	\$ 4,143.33	\$ 49,720.00
4	\$ 1,153.85	\$ 2,307.69	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
5	\$ 1,351.54	\$ 2,703.08	\$ 2,928.33	\$ 5,856.67	\$ 70,280.00
6	\$ 1,549.23	\$ 3,098.46	\$ 3,356.67	\$ 6,713.33	\$ 80,560.00
7	\$ 1,746.92	\$ 3,493.85	\$ 3,785.00	\$ 7,570.00	\$ 90,840.00
8	\$ 1,944.62	\$ 3,889.23	\$ 4,213.33	\$ 8,426.67	\$ 101,120.00
9	\$ 2,142.31	\$ 4,284.62	\$ 4,641.67	\$ 9,283.33	\$ 111,400.00
10	\$ 2,340.00	\$ 4,680.00	\$ 5,070.00	\$ 10,140.00	\$ 121,680.00

Check which option you would like to apply for or you can check both boxes

☐ Option 1: Tuition based program 4 days a week **Fee will be required**

☐ Option 2: 2 day income based program **No fee required**

(Located at East & South) **Must meet the attached income guidelines

☐ Both options