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The Pledge of Allegiance Education Program was recently presented to all first graders in the Morgan Local School District. This is the 23rd year for the program to be presented. The American Legion thanks the school district for supporting this important program as we invest in our future.

Pictured above are first grade students attending Morgan West Elementary along with Mr. Bob Stout and Mr. Jeff Bragg, members of Malconta Post #24 of the American Legion. On the right are first grade students attending Morgan South Elementary. Pictured below are first grade students attending Morgan East Elementary.



MORGAN



Morgan High School Robotics and Digital Electronics classes recently earned the Allen-Bradley Rockwell Automation Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC) Industry Credential. These students are the first recipients of this credential. Pictured from the left to right in the first row: Abbigail Hawkes, Ziolet Harmon, Logan Anderson, Mason Burnside, Cooper Burnside, Joel Junn, Michael Shaw, and Austin Little. Second row from left to right: Mr. Matthew Barrett, Morgan High School Principal, Derek Bates, Camron McCoy, Nickolas "Tanner" Campbell, Samuel Pepper, Collin Cahill, Evan Able, Ryan "Remi" Rush, Robert Kunze, and Mr. John Robbins, FANUC CERT Instructor, NOCTI Certified and Rockwell PLC Instructor.

After 54 years and 159 days, Mr. Roger Calendine retired from Morgan Local School District.



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by ROCKWELL AUTOMATION

Pictured with his wife, Jeannette and daughter, Jody, he celebrated his many accomplishments. Thank you, Mr. Calendine for all your service. Enjoy your retirement.



Morgan High School Industrial Robotics student earned the FANUC Handling Tool Operations Industry Credential. The students learned skills to program and operate FANUC robots. The certification is a rigorous study of programming and maintenance of the FANUC robot used in several types of manufacturing. Pictured above in the first row left to right: Ziolet Harmon, Logan Anderson, Evan Able, Ryan "Remi" Rush, Eli Smith, Joel Junn, and Cooper Burnside. Second row left to right: Mr. Rick Rose, Morgan Local School Board Vice President, Robert Kunze, Nickolas "Tanner" Campbell and Mr. Matthew Barrett, Morgan High School Principal. Third row: Mr. John Robbins, FANUC CERT instructor, NOCTI Certified and Rockwell PLC Instructor.



Drama Club members stop for a moment during the rehearsal of Anne of Green Gables. Pictured in the first row from left to right: Kenzie Kovaleski, Jozlynn Gorrell, Maranda Willis, MacKenzie VanNess, Rachel Keller, Maddy Penrod, and Brennen Tigner. Second row left to right: Emily Stockton, Clarissa Doudna, Corbin Griesmyer, and Samuel Yoder. Third Row left to right: Grayson Dickerson, Camille Gillespie, Juliana Jackson, and Chase Dunham. Back row left to right: Emily Carletti, Torri Kempton, Ki Jones, Christina Davis, Jenna Jackson, Kaden Garrett, Austin Dille, and Edie Ponchak.



MORGAN HIGH SCHOOL



Morgan High School celebrated Bus Driver Appreciation Day on May 2. Mr. Matt Barrett brought treats, bags of M&M with a note of "Thank you for driving miles and miles for our students", and drinks for the drivers. Morgan High School Staff and students held up signs of appreciation. Pictured to the left is Darren Hann. He started driving bus for Morgan Local School District in 2008. Pictured to the right, holding the sign, is Miss April Copeland, teacher at Morgan High School, and Jody Greuey, bus driver. She has been driving bus for Morgan Local School District since 1997.



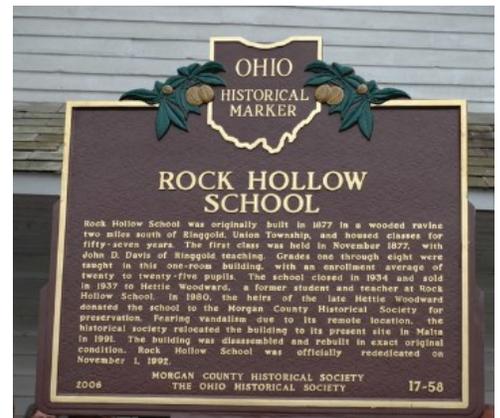
Miss Karen Garner shows her support of the drivers.



Members of the Morgan High School Drama Club visited Rock Hollow School. The members attending were Clarissa Doudna, Julianna Jackson, Chase Dunham, Seth Miller, Torri Kempton, Abbi Griffin, Camille Gillespie, Ki Jones, Emily Carletti, Treasure Johnson, and Arie Jacobs-Polage.

The following information was found on the remarkableohio.org website, sponsored by the Ohio History Connection.

Rock Hollow School was originally built in 1877 in a wooded ravine two miles south of Ringgold, Union Township, and housed classes for fifty-seven years. The first class was held in November 1877, with John D. Davis of Ringgold teaching. Grades one through eight were taught in this one-room building, with an enrollment average of twenty to twenty-five pupils. The school closed in 1934 and sold in 1937 to Hettie Woodward, a former student and teacher at Rock Hollow. In 1980, the heirs of the late Hettie Woodward donated the school to the Morgan County Historical Society for preservation. Fearing vandalism due to its remote location, the historical society relocated the building to its present site in Malta in 1991. The building was disassembled and rebuilt in exact original condition. Rock Hollow School was officially rededicated on November 1, 1992.



MORGAN JUNIOR HIGH

Morgan Junior High students participating in the Math Counts Trip went on a field trip to Kings Island. Students pictured below are Xavier McGrew, Witten Schaad, Rhett Travis, Luke Coleman, Maddie Johnson, Paige Lanning, Nevaeh Mayle, Zoe Secrist, Brynn Shannon, Greyden Welsh, and Payten VanNess. Thanks to our coaches, Mr. Alex Fleming and Mrs. Corinne Wells, for all their support.



Thanks to the Morgan County Juvenile Court for generously providing KONA Ice for the Junior High students. The students enjoyed this special treat.



The 8th grade trip to Washington DC included a stop at Arlington National Cemetery, in Arlington Virginia. Sacred places visited that day included John F. Kennedy gravesite, The Arlington House, the USS Maine Memorial, gravesites of Audie Murphy and John Glenn, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where we witnessed the Changing of the Guard. This class picture was taken just below the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



MORGAN JUNIOR HIGH



Morgan Junior High School teamed up with Maxwell's Pizza for a special project. The students had to come up with a new menu item, design it, and write an essay trying to convince Cas Maxwell, the owner of Maxwell's Pizza, to put their creation on the his menu at Maxwell's Pizza. After reading through the essay's, Mr. Maxwell selected several winners, created their food items, and hand delivered them to the winning students. One lucky student will have his/her item actually placed on the menu later this year. Coming soon to Maxwell's Pizza menu will be "The Rocky", invented and designed by RAQ Ponchak. RAQ's essay described the "Rocky" as a Philly cheesesteak pizza with golden brown crust covered with mozzarella and provolone cheese, then loaded with thin sliced steak, jalapeños, onions, green peppers, mushrooms, and garlic sauce. Thanks to Cas Maxwell and the Maxwell's Pizza family for allowing our students to participate in this amazing opportunity. Pictured to the left is RAQ and his "Rocky" creation, along with Cas Maxwell.



8th grade celebration Dodgeball Champions: Hayden Bankes, Arlis Ponchak, Conner Larrick, Jaxon Pauley, Jude Garber, and Haiden Pauley.



MORGAN EAST

Morgan East Elementary honored Mrs. Lynn Copeland during an assembly. Mrs. Copeland is retiring at the end of the school year. The staff and students would like to "Thank" Mrs. Copeland for her dedication to East Elementary and wish her "Happy Retirement".



Morgan East Elementary fourth grade students participated in the Morgan County Soil and Water Conservation Day held at the Morgan County Fairgrounds.



These fourth grade students are learning about bee's and how honey is made.

To the left: Dani Bocook with a racehorse at the Soil and Water Conservation Day. To the right: Jimmy Gay is wearing the appropriate gear for handling bees.



5th Grade Field Trip to Rock Hollow School House.



East 4th Grade Field Trip to Rock Hollow School House along with members of the Morgan High School Drama Club.



Mr. Bill Ward, member of Malconta Post #24 American Legion, is demonstrating how to properly fold an American flag. His assistants are Sophia Campbell, Peyton McCutcheon and Kami Frash.



Sixth grade students practice on the combination lock to get ready for Junior High.

TALENT SHOW

MORGAN EAST

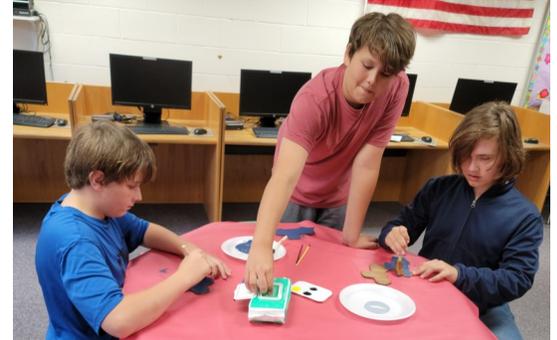


Sixth grade students got the privilege of making their own "end of year" gift. Students painted a keepsake truck ornament in Raider colors. Jamie McNabb, from Town Square Collectibles, donated her time to assist students in creating their "One of a Kind" keepsake.

Ben Clark sings during the talent show.



Above left to right: Brandon Haines, Levi Holland, Tyler Moody, Jacob Roop, William Shriver and Max McDaniel work on painting their RAIDER trucks.



Lilly Mattox and Renee McDonie are ready to paint their tires on the trucks.



On May 18th, the East 6th Grade took a field trip to Magic Mountain East in Columbus. Students were treated to 2 hours of mini golf, 20 arcade tokens and 2 activities of their choice (go carts, bumper cars, or batting cages.) Courtesy of the East PTO. Students could pack or buy lunch there are well as purchase more activities.



Mrs. Copeland provided Mr. and Mrs. Henderson with a token of "Thanks" for all their support of East Elementary.

Below: Sixth grade students showing their skills as they are on the checked flag lap.



Mason Byers is playing Space Invaders Frenzy. Gwen Musgrave and Karleigh Bragg have a lot of tickets and still have tokens left to use.



To the left: Sixth grade students start practicing for the 2028 Memorial Tournament.



MORGAN SOUTH

Art Showcase Article

On May 24th, South Elementary held an Artist Showcase and invited families to see the wonderful creations completed by students throughout the school year. Pictured are examples of those creations.





MORGAN SOUTH

Once again the students at Morgan South Elementary come together to

support heart awareness and the importance of leading an active life style. Jump Rope for Heart is a premier event that thousands of schools and millions of kids participate in annually. Since its start in 1978, students have raised over 1.2 billion dollars from around the world to help support cardiovascular and stroke research. Other goals of the program outside of research is to promote getting kids active, educate kids about the benefits of a healthy heart, and to promote the value of community service. At South, we had 40 participants this year that rose over \$1,400 in donation from the community. Morgan West and East schools also participated in the program and raised even more money to support heart healthy habits and research that will help many more people in need. Pictured below in the bottom row from left to right: Ana Hernandez and Jordan Blackburn. Pictured below in the top row from left to right: Madeline Christman and Raegan Ponchak.



Charlee Hensley is completing the obstacle course.



South Elementary kicked off their annual Field Day for the K-6 students. They participated in a variety of activities from “Four Square in the Air” to Relay and Obstacle Courses. The students got to end their days with the infamous “Thunder Dogs” for lunch! South wants to thank all of the Volunteers and Mr. Gessel for putting such wonderful events together for the students!



To the left: Bryar Downour and Aaliyah Nichols are enjoying Field Day with the Hippy Hop Relay. Below: Pierre Young is finishing the obstacle course. He is not breathing hard at all. He must be in good shape.

Miss Ross and Brinna Kern are showing their Raider Pride win their matching shirts.



Miss Lang, Owen Lahmers, Brinna Kent, Mya Coleman, Collin Stuthard and Aaliyah Nicholas stop for a Field Day selfie.



Mrs. Baker’s second grade class are working together as a team in the Tug of War. They learned to lean and pull as one.



MORGAN WEST



LODGE & CONFERENCE CENTER

Our first graders at West had an exciting day at Burr Oak! We learned how to use our senses when exploring nature. We found items in nature that matched color cards, counted sounds, smelled leaves from a spice bush, hugged a tree, and observed a snake skin. We got to see leaf buds, do bark rubbings, and search for seeds in pinecones.



Morgan West Elementary students show off their new books from Sponsor.



Sixth Grade Rocket Project: Below: (on the left) Xander Smith, Jacob Hamilton, (on the right) Troy Bishop and Westin Pletcher work on their rocket.

It was a chilly, but beautiful and sunny day at the Chesterhill Produce Auction on April 20th for West Elementary Second Graders. The kid friendly centers for exploration included a Mock Auction to buy a tomato plant, Earthworms and Composting, Planting potatoes, Catching and Identifying bugs, and making a healthy salad. Thank you to the Rural Community Action from Athens for putting this EDUCATIONAL day together!



To the left: Second grade students plant potatoes. Below on the left: Aubrianna Alexander practiced her auctioneering skills. Above: Avery Scott plants a potato.



Morgan West students enjoyed a trip to COSI. Pictured to the left: Waylon Wilson and Penny Bellville take a break at the Soda Shoppe.

MORGAN WEST

4th Grade Peep Adoption
Fourth graders welcomed spring break by adopting peeps! Each student picked an egg to care for throughout the day. At the end of the day students could open their eggs and name their new baby peep. Some eggs even had twins! These proud peep parents were so excited to come up with activities for their peeps; many decided they were going to give their peep a birthday party over spring break.



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1. Easton White and Nash Bowman.
2. Caden Schafer.
3. Shaylee Bloomfield.
4. Grayci Swain.
5. Sophia Westfall and Aubrey Williams.



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Mrs. Price's Kindergarten Class built Leprechaun Traps with their families this year. Here they are pictured demonstrating how they work to Mrs. Clemens's Second Grade Class.



To the left: Aubrey Kingrey shows how the leprechaun will fall into her trap. To the right: Evelyn Sidwell props her trap up. When the leprechaun gets near the gold coin, the box will trap him.



Below: Karter Maxwell is trying to lure the leprechaun into the trap with a Pot of Gold at the end of the rainbow.



Preschool through Second Grade Career Day

West Elementary opened its doors to many other careers besides teachers, principals, custodians, aides, secretaries, and cafeteria ladies. Students learned about other job choices they could make for their future like becoming a Mine inspector, a Pro Golf Manager, a Physical Therapist, an Equestrian/Ferrier, a Banker, a Coffee and Bakery Proprietor, an Extension Agent, or a Neuroscientist. "Find something you like to do, and then find a way to make money at it," was one of the pieces of advice given for the day! The possibilities are endless for all of our bright and imaginative youngsters!



Cami Clawson dressed up in an Emergency Distributor Pack with Mine Inspector, Ken Cosgrave.

OSU Neuroscientist, Sam Roberts, talks to students about safe animal testing and his pet mice.



2022-23 Morgan Local School District Calendar

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