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# THE MORGAN READER

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## Looking Out my Window

**By: An Anonymous Employee**

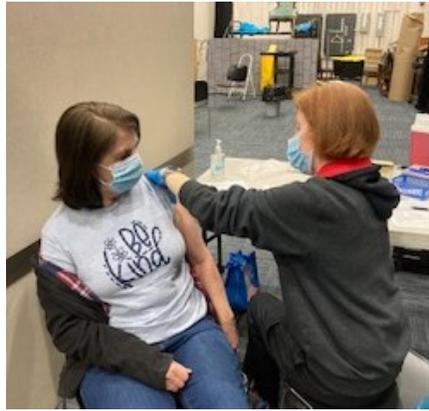
As I look out my window, I see a beautiful, sunny day. Just over a year ago, we said goodbye to our students for a few weeks to stem the effects, or in professional terminology “to flatten the curve,” of this little known virus called COVID-19. As the weeks turned to months, we have been through a lot over the past 365 days. I have used the terms of mask mandate, quarantine, and social distancing enough to last a lifetime.

We started the 2020-21 school year in person with safety protocols to keep our students and staff safe and healthy. We have done a great job, but we have learned that nothing is perfect. We have been out of school for a few times, some individually, and some as a building or district. But we are still here! Teachers have done a remarkable job juggling what we call remote learning. It is not perfect, but teaching and learning is still happening. Not ideally, but we are still educating OUR children.

It is a team effort to accomplish what we have so far. Thanks to custodians, our buildings are clean, sanitized, and able to hold classes every day. Not every other day or week, but every day! Our cooks prepare and serve meals to hundreds of students as restaurants have been given restrictions. Our bus drivers have delivered our students safely and on time. Imagine having to social distance students on a bus, while being responsible for making sure the bus was safe for those students. What would that look like? I don't know how, but they did it, for OUR children. Secretaries are the “Moms” that answer phones, make calls, gather books, assignments, chrome books, and any other thing our students need. They are the face or voice of the school and we could not do any of this without them!

As I looked out my window today, I saw a parent drop off a student to come into the building. They made sure their child made it in the door and then they drove off. Just drove away! With all we have been through over the past year, I thought what trust that parent has! They trust us with their loved ones to care for, feed, educate, keep safe and healthy, and love. Yes, LOVE! We have a wonderful staff in this district, who considers your student, OUR student! Thank you for your trust and patience. We will get through this together.

# MORGAN HIGH SCHOOL



During the Professional Development days of February 19 and March 19, 2021 members of Morgan Local Schools were given the Moderna Co-Vid 19 vaccine. With the help of the Morgan County Health Department, Mrs. Rhonda Suermond and staff at Morgan High School, several staff members of Morgan Local School District have completed their vaccine series.

**MORGAN LOCAL SCHOOLS**  
**COVID-19**  
**I'VE BEEN VACCINATED**  
**YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



Students in Mrs. Suermond's Health Technology class helped the Morgan County Health Department with the Co-Vid19 vaccine clinic at Morgan High School. Pictured from left to right: McKayla Allen, Kenzie Zumbro, Mrs. Suermond, Kierstyn Hopkins, and Emma Woodard (seated).



Mr. Marlin Wilson, of the Crooksville/ Roseville Veteran's of Foreign Wars (VFW Post 9090), presents Mr. Gifford with American flags for Morgan High School. In addition to the flags, VFW Post 9090 affords two scholarships in the amount of \$1, 000.00 each for graduating Morgan High School seniors.



April 2nd and 5th-Spring Break

April 15th-Tax Day in Ohio

May 14th-Morgan High School Scholarship Program

May 17th-Federal Tax Day

May 21st-Class of 2021 Graduation

May 26th-Last Day for Students

May 29th-Morgan High School Junior and Senior Prom



# MORGAN HIGH SCHOOL

**Believe, Achieve, Succeed brings after school to you!**

With a year as crazy as this one has been, we've been forced to find more creative pathways for after school, especially when it comes to our family nights. Luckily, we came up with a pretty cool alternative: we've started to bring after school straight to our families with our take-home after school kits. Thanks to our after school teacher Karole McGrew, we've been able to send two kits home so far with another one coming in April.

So, what's in a set? Picture your old chemistry set, add an easy bake oven, mix with mythbusters and you're on the right track. These kits combine math, science, technology, art, and even creative writing to give students and their families fun (and maybe a little bit funny) activities to do together. Here are some of the at-home after school activities we've completed so far: Ice Cream in a Bag, no-knead bread science and history, strawberry DNA extraction and the science of food, natural fiber reaction and tie dye, and a personal favorite, Flat Mr. Bragg.

**Flat Mr. Bragg:** We took our inspiration from Jeff Brown's book *Flat Stanley*. In the book, Stanley gets squashed by a bulletin board. When his parents find him, they decide to roll him up and send him to his friends in California. In the spirit of Stanley, we decided that a Flat Mr. Bragg could be a good time, too! Lucky for us, we sent him home right before SNOWMAGEDDON (those three weeks we were snowed in). Lucky for Mr. Bragg, he got to go on quite an adventure!

At the moment, we are hard at work on our third and final take-home kit for this school year and students can look forward to solar oven smores, water cycle and volcano experiments, and maybe even a little bit of Easter fun. If you're interested in any of the plans for these take-home lessons, please let us know, we'd be happy to keep Mr. Bragg traveling and the experiments going all through the spring and summer.



A Hootin' Annie fresh from the oven from our activity on "What makes a baked good rise?"



Flat Mr. Bragg is all loaded up and ready for his big adventure as Ms. McGrew loads up her take-home science kits.



Supplies from our second kit: DNA extraction and natural fiber dyeing.

Supplies used to make No-Knead Bread.



Flat Mr. Bragg takes his first airplane ride!



Flat Mr. Bragg takes it easy on a sea cruise.



Xavier McGrew is isolating strawberry DNA.

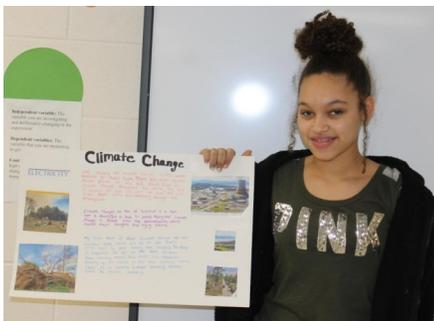
Name Correction. Pictured from left to right: Jacob Fout, MacKenzie VanNess, ~~Shelby Compton~~, Malayni Clemens, and Aleah Bogue.



# MORGAN JUNIOR HIGH

Morgan Junior High has started a version of ICU to help its students to be successful. Just like it sounds, ICU has been implemented because we believe some students need intensive assistance to complete their assignments, so their teachers will have evidence of their learning. Here is how ICU works at the junior high... When a student is missing 3 or more assignments, this is brought to the student's attention, and they are expected to work on those assignments during extension or band. Students may also choose to go to a teacher during extension to get extra help on any assignment during this time. Please know that we have implemented this practice because we want ALL students to be successful and we know that sometimes students need extra help but are afraid to ask. When a student has 6 or more missing assignments, they are assigned to lunch intervention to provide more in-school time for completion. Once a student reaches 12 or more missing assignments, we are going to assign mandatory after school intervention to give them structured time to work, help students catch up on missing assignments, and improve their grades. We have already seen some good things happening since the beginning of its implementation in the middle of September. Please encourage your student to complete ALL of his or her missing assignments, turn them in on time, and ask for help when needed.

## Science Posters and Hands On Activities



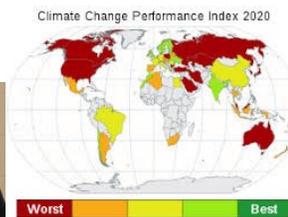
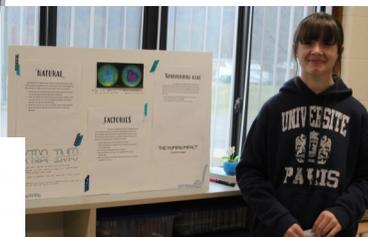
Zoey Secrist showed how climate changes by different types of pollution. →



Laney Kovaleski and Selena Thomas are working on identifying the phases of the moon project using Oreo cookies in Mrs. Shaw's 7th grade Science class.



Jakayla Cossin Nice researched the effect on climate change due to the overuse of fossil fuels.



Elizabeth Griesmyer explains "The Human Impact" of climate change.



2021 MATHCOUNTS National Competition Sponsor

Morgan Junior High had nine eighth grade students recently compete in the 2021 MATHCOUNTS competition. MATHCOUNTS' mission is to provide engaging math programs and competitions to US middle school students of all ability levels to build confidence and improve attitudes towards math and problem solving. The MJHS mathletes competed in the first round, the Chapter Competition, on February 4. They competed against students from school districts in Muskingum and Fairfield counties. Paige Lanning placed an amazing fourth place and Greyden Welsh finished eleventh out of 47 competitors. Paige's performance qualified her to advance to the next level of competition, the Chapter Invitational. She competed against ten other top mathletes and placed sixth. Congratulations to Paige and to the other Morgan students who competed. Morgan mathletes were coached by Mr. Alex Fleming, eighth grade math educator.



Pictured left to right: Samuel Yoder, Paige Lanning, Daicy Hodge, Zoe Griesmyer, Greyden Welsh, Abby Shriver, Katelynn Young and Wyatt Weaver.

# MORGAN JUNIOR HIGH

## Black History Month Poster Projects

February is Black History Month: the celebration of African American history, contributions, and achievements that's recognized annually across the United States and Canada. For teachers, it's a great opportunity to teach with intention, honoring the tradition, and showing students its importance, along with the importance of Black history and culture. The 8th Grade students at MJHS took a journey to the past to honor African Americans who made an impact on our world. Each student selected a person to research from a vast list of engineers, artists, musicians, athletes, activists, and great minds. They then created a poster to honor his or her life and showcase the impact of their accomplishments. Students dove deep into this project and the hallways of MJHS are lined with a mural of rich history.



Brylee Shannon prepared a poster on Barack Obama.



Zoe Griesmyer researched George Washington Carver.



Cadance Carpenter studied the movements of Rosa Parks.



Mrs. Blackford stands in front of the Recycle bins in the gym, while Grady Smith carries out a bag of water bags to recycle rather than put in the trash.



As a requirement for Mrs. Laramie Blackford's four year RE-SA, she chose a recycling project. After speaking with Principal Jeff Bragg, it was decided that there was a need to recycle water bottles for our school. The water fountains at school have been turned off due to safety reasons from the pandemic. The district provides water bottles for the students to consume throughout the school day. They go through a lot of water bottles in a day's time. There was a definite need to do something with the water bottles. Why not recycle? The Student Council helped set up recycling bins throughout the school. There is one in the gym, one in the cafeteria, and one upstairs. The students are excited to recycle to help the environment. This will continue throughout the school year.

## Upcoming Events

**TESTING**  
Do Not Disturb

April 1st-April Fool's Day

April 2nd and 5th-Spring Break

April 7th-and 8th-8th Grade Science Testing

April 13th and 14th-7th and 8th Grade Math Testing

April 15th-Tax Day in Ohio

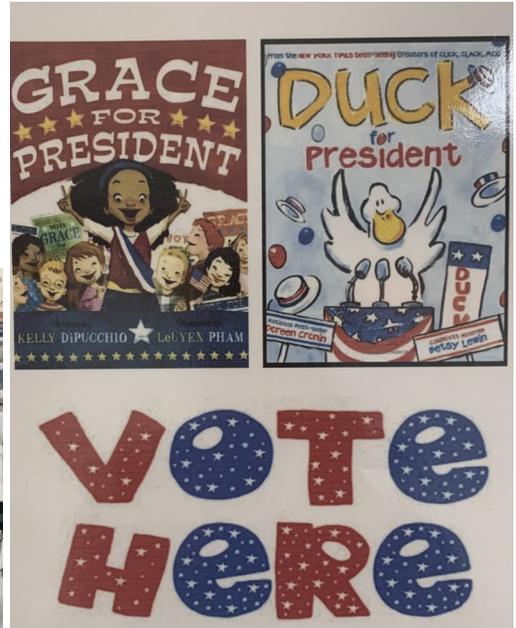
May 17th-Federal Tax Day

May 26th-Last Day for Students



# MORGAN EAST

East 2nd Grade spent the week reading *Duck for President* and *Grace for President*. They compared and contrasted the candidates and held an election for President. Duck (Miss Post) and Grace (Miss Latture) even made campaign speeches about why they would be best for the job! After votes were counted, Duck won the vote 18-9 over Grace, and everyone received "I Voted" stickers, donated by the Morgan County Board of Elections.



Above: Irelyand Gill marks her ballot, Joel Huck cast his ballot for President and Linkyn Conaway shows she has voted.



Grace (Miss Latture) and Duck (Miss Post) on the campaign trail.

Mrs. Patterson's class learn to use a ruler to monitor the growth of their flowers.

## Preschool News

Mrs. Strelec's class is making Slime. Pictured from left to right: Bryson Kennedy, Aaliyah Harris and Rheagan Clemens.

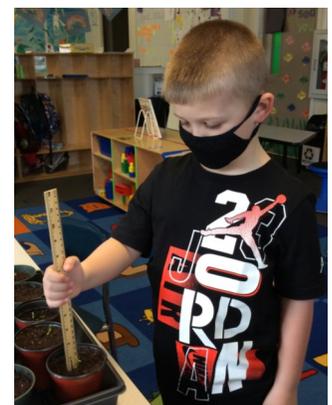


Chiara Mastrogioiuseppe is measuring the growth of her plant.



Kaysen Simmons is watching the plant to see if it grew this week.

Both photos below from left to right: Rylee Woodgeard, Bentley Snyder, Blake Marshall and Kingston Mayle are making slime and getting to enjoy playing with it.



Carter Burch is looking at the ruler to see if his plant is tall enough to be planted outside.

# MORGAN EAST

Morgan East Raider Youth Academy (RYA) students doing a partner STEM activity in which they were trying to build the tallest structure with marshmallows and spaghetti.



Above, Sophia Campbell is starting on the design for her structure. Below, Riley McConnell is working on drawing Frankenstein using shapes layered on top of each other.

Rigg McCoy and Robert Edwards work on base of their structure.



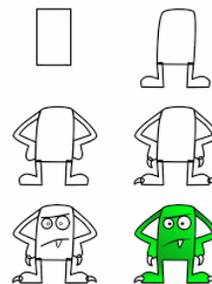
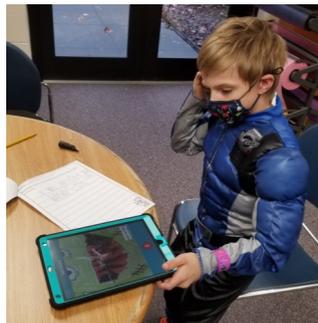
Lilly Hardie and Kylie Lindimore work together on their second story.

Levi Wogan is using a triangular design.

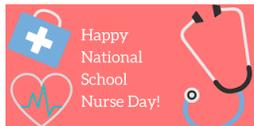


Jayston Shook (upper right) uses a Chromebook to design his Frankenstein. Aden Shook (lower right) is using his Chromebook to describe how he designed his Frankenstein.

## Growth Mindset Activity

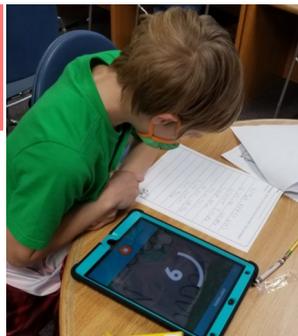


East RYA STEM spaghetti and marshmallow structures.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 6th-5th Grade ELA (English Language Arts Standards) Testing
- April 7th-5th Grade and 3rd Grade ELA (English Language Arts Standards) Testing
- April 8th-5th Grade Math Testing and 3rd Grade ELA (English Language Arts) Testing
- April 9th-5th Grade Math Testing
- April 12th and 13th-4th Grade ELA (English Language Arts Standards) Testing
- April 14th-15th-4th Grade Math Testing
- April 15th-Ohio Income Tax Deadline
- April 16th-3rd Grade Math Testing



- April 16th-National Librarian Day
- April 16th-Administrative Professionals Day
- April 19th-3rd Grade Math Testing and 5th Grade Science Testing
- April 20th-5th Grade Science Testing
- April 21st- Professional Administrative Day
- April 21st-2021-22 Early Childhood Education (ECE) Preschool Registration 9:30am to 12:30 pm  
\*\*See page 16 for more details.
- April 26-Interim Reports
- April 30th-Wacky Feet
- May 4th-Teacher Appreciation Day
- May 12th- National School Nurse's Day
- May 17th-Federal Income Tax Deadline
- May 21st-Summer Tie Day
- May 26th-Last Day for Students

# MORGAN SOUTH

## South CARE Team

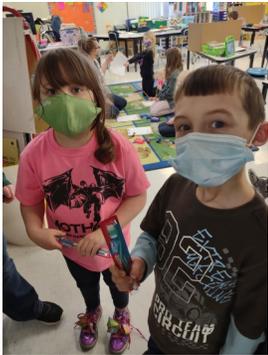


Mrs. Welsh's class are provided with supplies from the South Care Team.

5th grade students, from left to right: Wyatt Cooper, Alyssa Sparkman, and Willow Young enjoy goodies provided by the South Care Team.



Ben Kaltenbach, a sixth grade student, has a bag of goodies from the South Care Team.



Kolton Shockley and Anna-beth Miller are receiving free hygiene products from the South Care Team.



## Believe, Achieve, Succeed (BAS) After School Program



John Carpenter and Tyler Murphey play Trouble during the Games and Crafts hour.



James Thomas works on a self portrait during the Games and Crafts hour of BAS.



$$\frac{6}{10} = \frac{12}{20}$$

To the Left: Miss Ross works with Kayson Cunningham (back) and Aubree Mayle while Abby Riggs and Brady Mayle work on matching equivalent fractions.



There is no greater advantage for a school than to be surrounded by a supportive community, and South Elementary has always found itself to be extremely fortunate in this regard. Although the villages we are surrounded by are small in size, they are huge in heart, and we have always found people willing to lend a hand when there is a need.

The students we serve each day come to us from these local villages. It is our goal to not only provide them with a home away from home for seven years of their lives, but to do our best to guide them toward becoming happy and confident individuals. Our staff, students, and parents grow to know each other on a personal level. We share experiences that are unique to our area and allow us to create and foster valuable relationships. These children are our most precious resource, and it is our goal to make sure we do all we can to encourage them to grow to their fullest potential. In order to bring forth the best in our children, it is important to be able to supply them with not only the encouragement, but also the materials they need to succeed. To do this, we constantly strive to find ways to provide the "extras." This is where our community has come in with a vengeance. This year, through a combination of local donations and grants, South Elementary has raised over \$35,000 to go toward the needs of our students!

South has designated a team of individuals to come up with creative ways to make sure all students can benefit from this money. To date, it has been used to purchase items such as student-held technology, food for snacks and meals for weekends, hygiene products, clothing, books, and school supplies among other things. While everything listed seems not only important, but necessary, for students to have access to in today's world, none of it would have been possible for us to purchase without the generosity of our many donors.

It seems impossible to express in words the enormous amount of gratitude we feel to all of the people, businesses, associations, and organizations that have made our students a priority. We would, however, like to try. A heartfelt thank you to: Chesterhill Lions Club, Colgate, Dollar General, E-Z Stop, Foundation for Appalachia Ohio, James Insurance, Morgan Community Fund, Muskingum Valley Grocery, Riviera Pizza, Stockport United Methodist Church, along with Triple Nickel Diner, and countless individuals. Without your continued support, we would not be able to provide so many wonderful opportunities and resources to encourage the growth and well-being that our kids deserve. Thank you for being a part of our family. We are South Strong!

# MORGAN SOUTH



Miss Hesson's Preschool Class enjoy PJ Day. Pictured from left to right: Raleigh Best, Thomas Dalton, Stone McCoy, Matthew Shockley, Luna Koehnle, and Michale Holland.

Mrs. Stegner's Preschool Class stop for a picture on PJ Day. Pictured from left to right: Josie Wickham, Abbagail Waggy, Nevaeh Goins, Aubree Tippett, and Alexis Kilgore.



Mrs. Jenne's, Mrs. Lang's and Miss Ross's fourth grade students are ready for a nap after lunch on PJ Day.



Mrs. Dermott's Third Grade Class stop by the Library during PJ day to get a bedtime storybook. Pictured in the front row from left to right: Elizabeth Kern, Tanyah Stevens, and Aaliyah Nichols. Second row from left to right: Joslynn McGrath, Will Kaltenbach, Sophia Fuller, Addy Taylor, and Leah Lanning.

Students and staff of South Elementary participated in FFA Week! Monday was "Blue and Gold Day", Tuesday was "Flannel Day," Wednesday was "Western Day," Thursday was "Tractor Day," and Friday was "Carhartt Day!" South loves to show their spirit! Below, Mrs. Baker's second grade class Flannel Day.



For Cowboy Day, Kamrynne Moore, fourth grade student, is ready to jump on the tractor and plow the fields.



On Carhartt Day, (to the right) Kamrynne Moore and Mrs. Lang are bundled up for the winter weather. Above: Mrs. Lang, Mrs. Shuster, and Miss Ross are discussing the weather and if the Almanac is predicting an early spring.



The Change of Heart Group welcomed teachers back to school after a long break with a treat cart to get their day started off right. Members, Gage McGrew and Aaron Baker, are shown giving kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Konkler, a well deserved treat.



**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

April 2nd and 5th-No School for Spring Break

May 26th-Last Day of School for Students

# MORGAN WEST

## First Grade Learns about Force

Mrs. Gifford's first grade learned about forces by experimenting on the playground. They tested each piece of equipment to determine if they used a push or a pull to make it (or their bodies) move.

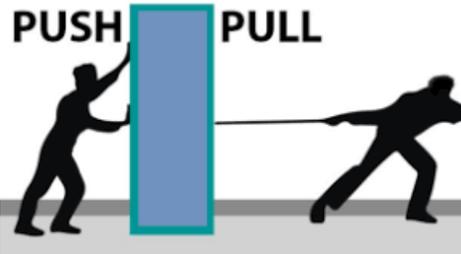


Raeli Hite uses the Monkey Bars to show the PULL of gravity on her arms.

Jackson Neely explores the force of PUSH or PULL. He determines the seesaw has PUSH force on his arms.



Benton Holland (above) and Avery Scott (right) determine the slides are not just for fun, they are also science in disguise. The slides use the PULL force on your body.



Aubrie Alexander and Madix Ray use the PUSH of their feet to get the swings going.



## SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THE SPRING CONCERT



## Spring Band Concert

Brayden Massey is practicing on the Percussion Kit (pictured below).



Emma Kenney (left) on the clarinet and Bristol Golcar (right) on the flute.



# MORGAN WEST



First Grade Students from left to right: Rylie Stiff, Avery Scott, Lane Forester, Grace Gifford, Jackson Neely, Brandon Haney, and Jace Miller show off their "Brighter Days" colors.

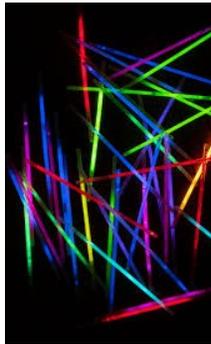


Ms. Robinson's First Grade Class.

1st grade at West celebrated being a "120 Days Brighter" with a glow day. Students wore glow sticks and neon clothing and had a dance party with black lights. They reflected on the past 120 days and recorded 120 things they have learned so far.



Mrs. Gifford's First Grade Class.



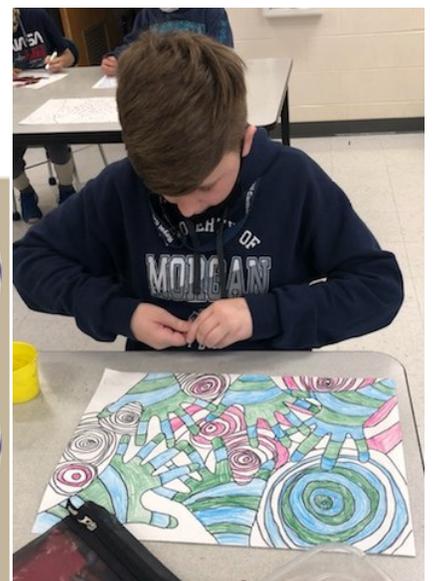
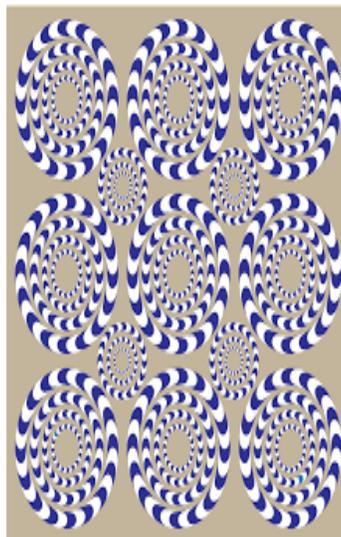
(To the right) Mrs. Gifford's First Grade Class.



## Bus Driver Appreciation Day recognized on March 18



Our Bus Drivers are the best!! These students wrote a BIG THANK YOU to their driver, Craig, who gave them beads. Pictured from left to right: Oliver Marone, Lucas Mitchell, Brody Jones, Kasen Nevins, Bentley Fain, and Silas Newton.



Zak Porter, sixth grade student, works on Optical Illusions artwork.

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Payroll/Benefits-CJ Wilson  
Director of Technology-Jim Johnson



**Morgan Local Schools**  
Proud of Our Past, Focused on Our Future



The Kate Love Simpson Library has been serving Morgan County citizens for **over 100 years!**

Your Kate Love Simpson Library System circulated approximately 45,080 printed materials in 2020, even with our brief closure due to Covid-19. This number is much lower than in previous years, but it shows the dedication of our wonderful library card holders! We have had to make some changes, but we are still here to serve the community in any way that we can. We are offering many of our services using curbside service to make things safe and convenient for all. We are also hoping to gradually add more hours of open service to make in-person library visits more accessible for everyone.

Digital resources are more important now than ever before and we have been adding more resources that our patrons can access from our website using their library cards. If you are interested in digital books, audio books, graphic novels, or magazines; then give *The Ohio Digital Library*, *Hoopla*, the *Libby App* or the *SEO Libraries App* a try. Do you love movies/TV shows and music? Then you should checkout *Acorn TV*, *Freegal*, and *Hoopla*.

Our digital resources can also offer you lots of great information about many topics of interest. Do you need a new recipe (*A to Z America & A to Z World Food*) or help fixing your car/home (*Chilton Library/ Home Improvement Reference Center*)? Maybe you are doing family research (*African American Heritage*, *Fold3*, *Ancestry*, *Heritage Quest Online*) or learning a new skill (*Transparent Language Online*, *Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center*)? Are you homeschooling or learning online? We have resources for that too! (*Lynda.com*, *Explora*

*Primary/Secondary Schools, World Book Kids & Students, and more)*

Did you know that your library offers many services to the community beyond just checking out books? In addition to books, card holders can also checkout movies, audio books, music CDs, Launchpad tablets, and Wi-Fi Hotspots. You can also sign up for our county wide Bookmobile Service to have library materials brought to you or come aboard to browse the collection inside. (*Bookmobile makes monthly stops, call us for more information*) We also offer printing/mobile printing, copying, faxing, scanning of documents to USB/email, and the access to computers.

Summer is fast approaching and we are busy planning this year's Summer Reading Program. The theme for this year is "Tails and Tales". Our program this year will be a combination of in-person and Grab & Go Kits that you can do at home with your families whenever is convenient for you. We will have pro-

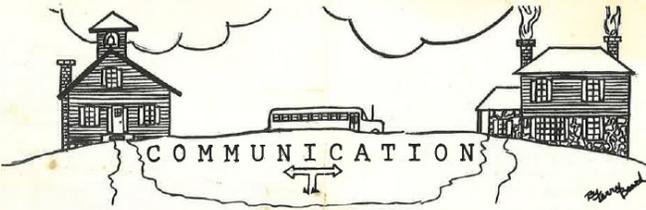
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# Proud of Our Past-Looking Back 45 years...

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The upstairs hall at York Elementary has a new look these days thanks to Mrs. David May, wife of the custodian. Her colorful paintings depicting our early history enliven the walls. Not only are they very appropriate this bicentennial year, but they will serve as a constant reminder to our students of our national heritage.

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"RING IN THE BICENTENNIAL"



## LIBRARY

The library, now often referred to as the media center, is an integral part of the school program. Two librarians, Sandra Shreffler and Mary Ann Hastings, serve our seven elementary schools and Deborah Geogrades, with aide Pearl McGrew, administers the library program at Morgan High School.

In addition, the libraries subscribe to newspapers and periodicals. These are widely used for both class reading assignments on current topics and student and teacher pleasure reading.



Other resources available to staff and students at the high school include: a file of newspaper articles, pamphlets, maps, etc. on special topics of interest; two guidance files containing career information; a picture file; a states information file; and a professional file containing current articles on education.

Serving 3,171 students and 168 faculty members, the eight libraries contain almost 46,000 volumes of fiction, non-fiction and reference books. In addition to print materials, the libraries house records, tapes, pictures, transparencies, filmstrips, 16mm films, slides, and learning kits.



Much of the audio-visual software (tapes, films, etc.) and several thousand volumes of books were made possible by two Title II Special Purpose Grants, one to the high school in 1972 and one for all our junior high schools in 1973.

Students receive instruction in the use of the library by the librarians, all certified teachers. They may use the library at various times throughout the day. Often, teachers bring entire classes to the library to work on major assignments.

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out, place cards in returned books, reshelve materials, type and file catalog cards, and complete bulletin board displays. A few schools also train and use students for a portion of these activities.

Approximately 30 young people at Morgan High School serve as student librarians during their study hall time. They also perform the duties listed previously. They are eligible for membership in the Library Club, its purpose being to promote the use of the library by the student body.

It is recognized to be the right of the community and school population to challenge the shelving of any media. Forms are available at each school and the county office for making formal complaints. A five-member committee then reviews the media and renders a decision.



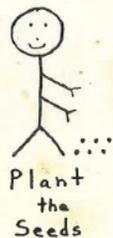
Assisting the elementary librarians are 3/4 parent volunteers. They help students find materials, check books in and



One of the outstanding displays at Morgan's library is the "Gallery of Famous Ohioans." This gallery contains forty autographed portraits of famous living Ohioans. Visitors, as well as students, are inevitably surprised to see the wide range of occupations represented by these natives of Ohio.

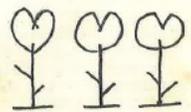
### DID YOU KNOW .....

- senior citizens in Morgan County may request a Courtesy Card for free admission to school activities?
- thirteen vocational students are employed in a work-study program? This provides them with funds needed to remain in their vocational program and is financed 80% by the State Department of Education, 20% by the Board.
- the Bibs to Bobby Sox GCL presented a Study-Mate (filmstrip projector/cassette player) and a filmstrip/cassette program entitled "Working with Words" to the Title I classes at Windsor Elementary.
- Title I parent advisory councils are operating in each of our schools? All parents of children being served by a Title I project are invited to attend these monthly meetings. Call your school for the date and time of the next meeting.
- Morgan Local is one of only thirteen districts in Ohio to share in the first state school foundation money allocated for gifted education? Our newly established program serves 56 elementary and high school students.



- If a child lives with encouragement, He learns confidence,
- If a child lives with praise, He learns to appreciate,
- If a child lives with fairness, He learns justice,
- If a child lives with security, He learns to have faith,
- If a child lives with approval, He learns to like himself,
- If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, He learns to find love in the world.

Enjoy the Harvest !!



Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) would like to invite you to participate in a short, 25 question survey about your involvement in your student's education. Research suggests that parental involvement is a key predictor of positive educational outcomes. You may be eligible to participate if your child has an IEP and receives special education services. The purpose of collecting this information is to improve services for students with disabilities across Ohio. If you are eligible to participate and you enroll in the study, you will be entered in a drawing for several \$50 Amazon gift cards. Your chance of winning a gift card is approximately 2.0%. Please click on this link [https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_38GasERthq6j62G](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_38GasERthq6j62G) or use the QR (Quick Response) code (see below) to find out more about the survey and if you are eligible.



Sincerely,

David Julian, Ph.D.  
Special Education Family Survey Director  
(Collecting surveys on behalf of the Ohio Department of Education)



## Kindergarten Registration for 2021-2022 School Year

for all

### Morgan Local Elementary Schools



Registration Packets are available at in the main office of East, South, and West Elementary Buildings or at the Morgan Local School District Office, located at 65 West Union Avenue, McConnelsville.

\*Return the Registration Form, Health History, Certified Birth Certificate, Immunization Record, Custody Papers (if applicable), Proof of Residency, Photo Id (of Parent/Guardian enrolling student), and Social Security Card of student to the District Office .

If you have any questions or to schedule an appointment, please call Leslie Robbins at 740-962-1121.

### Morgan Preschool Registration

Morgan Local Schools are looking for typically developing preschool students to enroll for the 2021-2022 school year. Our preschool opportunities are funded using different methods which means the requirements differ based upon grant restrictions. Please review the current preschool options and register accordingly. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any one of our preschool teachers.

	ELIGIBILITY	AGE REQUIREMENTS	LOCATIONS	TEACHERS	TRANSPORTATION	TUITION	REGISTRATION DETAILS
TYPICAL ROLE MODELS for Preschool Special Education	* Live in Morgan County Based on birthdate	Must be 4 to 5 years of age, usually the year before kindergarten	East Elementary & West Elementary & South Elementary Classes held 4 days per week	Mrs. Patterson Ms. Barringer Miss Hesson	Parents must provide transportation	\$60.00 monthly fee	Fill out a registration form at any elementary building by <b>May 3rd</b>

	ELIGIBILITY	AGE REQUIREMENTS	LOCATIONS	TEACHERS	TRANSPORTATION	TUITION	REGISTRATION DETAILS
Early Childhood Education Grant	Live in Morgan County	4 years old by September 30, 2021	East Elementary & South Elementary  Classes held 2 days per week	Mrs. Strelac Mrs. Stegner	Parents must provide transportation	Free - Parents must meet 200% poverty level guidelines	Register at East Elementary <b>April 21, 2021 9:30-12:00</b>  Register at South Preschool <b>April 28, 2021 9:30-12:00</b>  What to bring to registration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Student's Social Security Card</li> <li>* Birth Certificate</li> <li>* Shot Record</li> <li>* Custody Papers if applicable</li> <li>* Parent driver's license</li> <li>* Proof of address (utility bill)</li> <li>* 2020 - W2 or Last 2 pay stubs</li> </ul>



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