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Raider Athletic Complex Groundbreaking

The groundbreaking for the new Raider Athletic Complex (RAC) took place on May 22, 2019, at Morgan High School. With support from the Morgan Local Board of Education and the Morgan Athletic Boosters, the new athletic facility will serve as an auxiliary gym and will allow all sports to use the facility for practice or during weather-related events. The RAC will also have a wrestling room and a baseball/softball hitting facility.

Pictured above, left to right, are Morgan Local Board of Education members Teresa Bowen, Rick Rose, Board Vice-President Carl Raines, Board President Mary Pat Hanson, Morgan Athletic Boosters President Teresa Brannon, and Superintendent Lori Snyder-Lowe

MORGAN HIGH SCHOOL

MVESC Honors Outstanding Students and Their Motivating Educators

The Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center (MVESC) recently recognized outstanding seniors in Coshocton, Hocking, Morgan, Muskingum, Perry and Tuscarawas counties for their school and community leadership activities at the 30th Annual Student Leadership Recognition Ceremony at Ohio University-Zanesville.

High school principals from MVESC's service region nominated outstanding seniors who had an exceptional academic record, were a leader in the school and community, and were the recipient of other honors and awards. Each student selected one teacher, coach or advisor who served as a motivating influence during his/her educational career to also receive special recognition.

The student and teacher honored from Morgan Local School District were Taylor Sheets and Health Technology Instructor Meg Suermondt.



Outstanding Chemistry Student

Josie Wells, a Junior at Morgan High School, was chosen to represent Morgan High School as Outstanding Chemistry Student at this year's American Chemical Society (ACS) awards dinner held at Marietta College.



The Upper Ohio Valley Section of the ACS honored several outstanding students at their annual awards held on Tuesday, April 30, at Marietta College, in Marietta, Ohio. Area high school and college students were the guests of honor along with their teachers. Each student selected received an Outstanding Chemistry Student Award. The award consists of a \$50 check and a certificate. Josie was chosen from her first year chemistry class because she demonstrated excellence in the classroom with a keen interest in chemistry beyond the classroom. Josie currently holds a 4.6 GPA and has aspirations of attending college to become a meteorologist.

Freshman Josie Knierim Competes in State Championship Races

Josie Knierim, freshman at Morgan High School, advanced to the 100 meter and 200 meter Division II competitions at the 2019 OHSAA Track & Field State Championships, where she placed 13th in the 200m race. Congratulations Josie!



Pictured above: (Left) Josie Knierim (Right) Coach John Robbins and Josie Knierim at the State Championships (photo by Andie Knierim)



Malachi Morrison
Valedictorian



Deric Nesselroad
Salutatorian

Class of 2019 Graduation

The Morgan High School Class of 2019 graduation ceremony was held on May 24, 2019, at the Athletic Field in McConnelsville. Approximately 139 students received their diplomas, while Dr. Connie McCoy, D.O., a 1991 Morgan graduate, gave the commencement address. Congratulations to the graduates of 2019!

MORGAN HIGH SCHOOL

Parade of Graduates

On May 21, 2019, Morgan started a new tradition! Voluntary seniors from the high school were bused to the elementary buildings where they paraded through the hallways and were cheered on by the elementary students at each building. The kindergarten students wore their caps to help celebrate their own graduation with our seniors. Pictured below: Morgan Graduates at South Elementary. Congratulations graduates!



Morgan High School Band Earns Superior Rating

On Saturday, May 4th, the Morgan High School Concert Band made their way to Gahanna Lincoln High School in Gahanna, Ohio to participate in the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) State Large Group Adjudicated Event. At large group contests, the band receives an overall rating, determined by the average of scores from four qualified OMEA adjudicators. Three judges evaluate the performance of three pieces that the ensemble prepared, while the fourth evaluates the performance of a piece they perform after only eight minutes of studying. The band's performance was remarkable and rewarding, earning them a "Superior" rating! This is the highest honor a high school concert band can receive.

The judges commended the band's preparation and were amazed by their level of musicianship. Another state-level OMEA adjudicator was present in the performance and commented that the performance was "brilliant!" Mr. Parlin remarked, "I am very fortunate to have a group of students who trust me. They are very attentive and responsive to my cues and direction while on the podium, allowing me to act more as a sound technician than a conductor during their performances. A "Superior" rating is a very exciting way to cap off a highly successful year for this group of student musicians."

The Morgan High School Band program continues to impress across the state of Ohio. The program has performed in five state events for concert band and two for marching band in the last five years. The success of these students reflects not only their own dedication, but also the support of their families, administrators, and community. The high school band program in the Morgan Local School District is truly a gem in Southeastern Ohio.

The Morgan High School Concert Band is directed by Mr. Korey Parlin, along with Assistant Director Shayne Woodland. Congratulations to the band and their directors for earning a Superior rating!



MORGAN JUNIOR HIGH



Eighth Grade Celebration Award Winners

The Eighth Grade Celebration was held May 23, 2019, at Morgan High School. During the ceremony, several students received special awards. Pictured top row, left to right are Isabella Heigley, who was awarded the Principal's Award for earning a perfect 4.0 in both 7th and 8th grade; Nate Silvus and Bailee Boring, who won the Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award; Maleea Curtis, who won the National Federation of High Schools Award of Excellence; and Odessa Smith, who won the MJHS Athlete of the Year. Pictured bottom row, left to right are Samantha Moore, Bailee Boring, Shelby Hollobaugh, and Allan Murphy, who all had perfect attendance in the 7th and 8th grade years; and Isabella Heigley, Alisa Bebout, Samantha Moore, Hayden Shriver, and Hailee Young, who all earned a perfect 4.0 during their 8th grade year.



Packing Tape Mannequins

Morgan Junior High Art students worked together in teams to create 3D works of art with simple materials. They are called Packing Tape Mannequins. They were positioned in various parts of the MJHS building. Pictured above (center) are Chloe Zumbro and Rogan Drobina with their packing tape swimmer mannequin.

MORGAN JUNIOR HIGH

The Wilds

This spring, Morgan Junior High School students benefited from a grant awarded to Morgan Local Schools. This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and by the Library Services and Technology Act.

The intent of the grant was to improve students' research, technology and presentation skills, to expand Morgan Junior High School library resources, and to fund a field trip to The Wilds in Cumberland, OH. Science teachers Tiffany Lanning and Jared Heagen collaborated with the district librarian, Suzanne Roberts, on the *Wild About My Library* project. All 8th graders were assigned an animal at The Wilds to research and presented their project to classmates in their science classes. On May 6th, students

visited The Wilds where they were able to view and learn more about the animals they had researched. Students couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day for the field trip. Located less than 22 miles from the school, The Wilds is the largest wildlife conservation center in North America. Nearly 10,000 acres of reclaimed mine land is home to more than 25 different species of animals, many of which are endangered. Scientists at The Wilds research and develop conservation techniques not only for animals, but for plants, pastures, and wetlands. School, public, and state libraries offer many free, valuable resources to students and community members. We especially want to thank the State Library of Ohio who administered this grant program. It was a great experience for our students!



Zane State College Visitor

Mr. Chip Clark, the IDEA Lab administrator at Zane State College, spoke to Mr. Lawson's technology class about how technology is growing exponentially and will be changing our lives in the next ten years. After his talk with the students, Mr. Clark presented the class with a \$300 Dr. Fuel Cell Model Car. Zane State will also donate 12 electronics kits that can be used by Mr. Lawson and/or the science teachers. Along with his presentation, Mr. Clark also spoke about the many educational opportunities offered at Zane State College.

Pictured (L to R) Chip Clark, Brooklyn Pierce, Odessa Smith, and Baylee Harmon

MORGAN EAST



Madison VanNess



Laney Kovalski, Madison VanNess, Haven Cook



Audria Junn and Amond Day



Destiny Thompson

Slime

Miss Lutkus had a special "Slime Session" for her students during her Creativity Lab at East. The students had the opportunity to make several different recipes for slime which included fluffy slime, clear slime, glitter slime and classic slime.



Zoe Griesmyer poses with her clay elephant creation



Families creating "Make & Take" art projects



Karlee Bragg and her grandmother, Bobbi Bragg, enjoy the activities

East Elementary Art Night

East Elementary held a Family Art Night on May 13, 2019. This was the 2nd Annual East Family Art Night. Students and their families were invited to enjoy refreshments and view original artworks at the 5th and 6th grade art show. The event also offered families a variety of make-and-take spring crafts to do together. This year's favorites were painting birdhouses and making fairy garden pots.



Samuel Yoder poses with his "Mario" creation



Kelcee Burgess, Latrell Young, Mrs. Patterson, Josie Patterson



Owen Norris, Cienna Dickerson, Mya Norris, Olivia Norris

MORGAN EAST



Parade of Graduates

The Parade of Graduates stopped at East Elementary on Tuesday, May 21, 2019. Graduates from the high school paraded through the elementary buildings as the students and staff cheered! The Kindergarten graduates also joined in on the parade. Congratulations graduates!



#KindnessRocks at East Elementary

Morgan East celebrates kindness with a student display of kindness rocks at the front entrance. Students painted and decorated rocks, which now line the flower beds at East.



Leprechaun Traps

The second grade at East Elementary made "Leprechaun Traps" in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Pictured top row, left to right: Emma Griesmyer, Jaron Roberts, Cathryn VanNess, Tyler Searl, Conner Cleland
Bottom row, left to right: Braylon McCoy, Zane West, Liam Ponchak, Raziel Lappin, Sydney White



MORGAN SOUTH

South Elementary Chess Club

By Christopher Stanton, South Elementary Teacher

It started as a simple conversation. A sixth grader asked if I would like to play him in a game of chess. Admittedly, I was rusty and he won. We had a conversation about the game and he suggested we should start a chess club. Mrs. Poling, our principal at South Elementary, jumped on board and helped me right from the start. I presented the idea to fourth, fifth, and sixth graders, and expected maybe 10 kids to join. The flyers went out and we waited for their return. In the meantime, we needed materials. The South Elementary PTO came to our rescue. They were gracious enough to buy us 15 boards with accompanying pieces. Without their help, there is no way we could have started the club. It is truly an amazing group and I can't thank them enough for all they have done for us. The permission slips started pouring in! Far more kids were signing up than I originally planned. A slight sense of panic set in. Not only had I never taught chess, but I'd never run a chess club either! As the excitement and anxiety started to percolate in my brain, lightning struck. I ran into Roger Welsh at the end of the day. I told him about the club and he immediately volunteered. Every Thursday he comes in and volunteers his time. He does an amazing job with the kids and has also helped my chess game immensely. He is just one example of the awesome community I am lucky enough to be a part of every day.

Twenty kids showed up the night of the first chess club. We started with the basics and grew from there. We watched videos and practiced openings and defenses. We wanted to keep track of how well the kids were doing so we created player cards. The cards track their wins, losses, draws, and stalemates. As they progress, they can be upgraded from a pawn all the way to a King. Each week, we had more kids show up and eager to learn how to play. We had to add chairs and tables to accommodate the expansion of players. At the end of year one, we had over thirty players and were able to purchase chess shirts for everyone!

Fast forward to year two. We now have close to sixty players! We've purchased more boards, a new crop of shirts, the Raider Youth Academy donated timers, and we held our first tournament. Thirty-four players showed up, along with at least 70 parents! All 34 tournament players were South kids! We had a double elimination bracket. The players battled for close to four hours and the top 4 players received chess boards donated to us by the Raider Youth Academy! We have Chess Club every Thursday night from 3:30 to 5 o'clock. There are kids that come from the junior high, Raider Youth Academy, and 4-6 graders at South Elementary. We hope to continue this program and add new features to incorporate the community and show off our talent. Our goal is to have two tournaments next year and possibly travel to some within the state.

This ancient game has taught these students how to use strategy and think in a way that stimulates their minds and challenges the way they think. A simple conversation with a young man has turned into one of my most cherished moments as an educator. To see students absolutely shine in this venue when they may not have felt success at school before is truly inspirational. To see their eyes light up when they become better each week and to see their determination grow is exhilarating. The excitement of being promoted and having pride in their effort to become better is second to none. I'm not sure how many 9-12 year olds know who Bobby Fischer or Magnus Carlsen are. However, I guarantee there are a bunch of young girls and boys in Stockport, Ohio, that not only know who they are, but want to play like them one day. I find this school, this community, and especially these kids, truly remarkable.



*Pictured to the left:
From Left: Gage McGrew
(Fourth Place Winner);
Chris Dille (Second Place
Winner); Brennan Melvin
(Third Place Winner);
Robert Kunze (First Place
Winner)*



*Pictured to the right:
Students participating in
the chess tournament at
South*

MORGAN SOUTH

Surprise Visit

Kindergartener Blake Carpenter had a surprise during music class in March! Blake was surprised by his older brother, Tyler Dellamaggiore, returning from the Army. Thank you for your service Tyler and for making one happy Kindergartener!



Author Lindsay Ward demonstrates how to create her character, Dexter.



Samples of Lindsay Ward's books.



3rd and 4th graders listening to Lindsay Ward



Lindsay Ward reads from one of her books



Author Lindsay Ward Visits South Elementary

On March 15, 2019, Author Lindsay Ward, from Peninsula, Ohio, visited South Elementary and discussed with the students the ins and outs of being an author. She spent the day explaining to the students the steps she takes to create a book start to finish and how much time and attention it takes to then get that book finalized and published. Her techniques were unique and mind-blowing! The students thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and expressed their enjoyment through laughter and smiles during her readings of some of her published works. The stories were entertaining and relatable to adults and young children! One of the favorites was *It's Show and Tell*, *Dexter*, featuring an adorable toy dinosaur who worries about what to wear to "Show and Tell" at his owner's school. These books can be purchased and enjoyed with families at home through such places as Amazon and regular bookstores.



Pictured, left: Gage McGrew holding his prize for the chess tournament. Pictured, right: Mr. Stanton, onlooking as Chris Dille (left) and Robert Kunze (Right) compete in the Chess Championship. Pictured, far right: Ben Kaltenbach (Back) and Jordan Blackburn (Front) during tournament.



MORGAN WEST

Native American Dioramas

Students at West created Native American dioramas and posters. They had to choose a group of Native Americans that were studied (Plains, Eastern Woodlands, Northwest, Southeast, or Southwest) and depict what their home and environment would have looked like. Pictured below are some of the students with their dioramas.



Aiden Banks



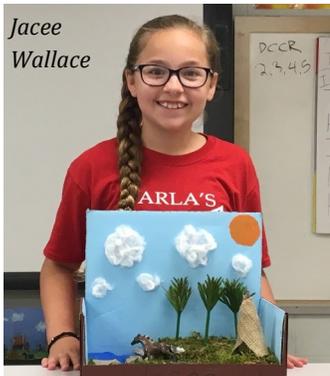
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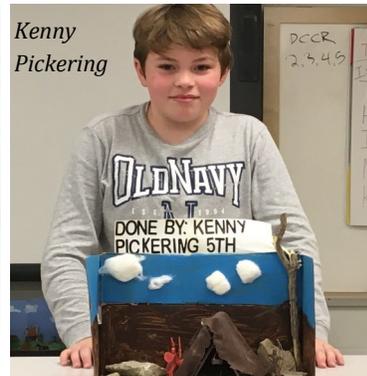
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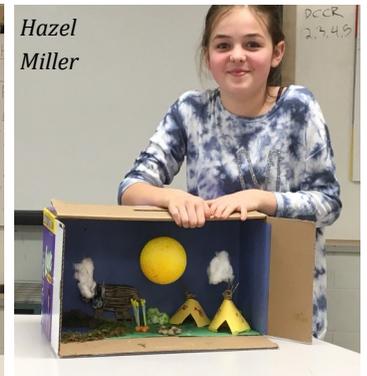
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Hazel Miller

Battle of the Books at West Elementary

The Battle of the Books competition was held on April 4, 2019, at West Elementary. During the competition, teams answered questions from the books they had read in order to score points. Students were on teams of 3 or 4 people and Mrs. Roberts, the West librarian, would ask each team a question about any book that was included on a list that students were to read. Some of the book titles included Shiloh, Slacker, Nest for Celeste, Christopher Mouse, Tale of Desperaux, Orphan Train Girl, Ramona the Pest, and Kite Fighters. Students had 30 seconds to answer a question and had the opportunity to steal the question if the team answered incorrectly.

In an interview conducted by Wiley Palmer with Mrs. Roberts, who brought the competition to the school, Mrs. Roberts stated that she hopes to have more competitions with other schools. "Next year I hope to start earlier,"

she said, "so we can hopefully finish by winter." Wiley asked her if this would benefit children and how. She said that reading will help children and friendship would be one of the many benefits. Wiley hopes all the battlers do their best in the competition!



The **FIRST PLACE TEAM**: Owen White, Mrs. Roberts, Anna Coleman, Tyana Mayle



SECOND PLACE TEAM: Mrs. Roberts, Shila Shook, Dawson Thompson, Wiley Palmer, Kenny Pickering

MORGAN WEST



The Parade of Graduates Visits West Elementary

During their tour, the senior graduates who volunteered to participate in the parade visited West Elementary. They are pictured above with the West Kindergarten graduates. Congratulations Morgan Grads!



West Kindergarten Graduation—May 23, 2019



Ag Day

Fourth Graders in the district took a field trip to the Morgan County Fairgrounds for AG Day! Students rotated around the fairgrounds learning about farm safety, pollination, farm animals, soil, and more! Students learned all about cattle, race horses, and were able to pet some small farm animals. A fun time was had by all!

Bottle Rockets

The 5th and 6th graders at West researched and designed their own bottle rockets. After each launch they made one change to their rocket and launched it again, trying to get it to go a farther distance. The students enjoyed making and launching the rockets and the younger students enjoyed watching them launch.



MORGAN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MLSD Earns Special Recognition from AEP Ohio

American Electric Power recognized Morgan Local School District with a Certificate of Completion for participation in AEP Ohio's CEI Program to improve energy efficiency in the MLSD in 2019. The team members included: Executive Sponsor: Darin Logan,; Energy Champion: Roger Calendine; Backup Energy Champion: Greg Moore; Support team: Custodians---Mark Schramm, Rick Hook, Jamie Tredway, John Kuhn, Arick Hook; Maintenance---Ron Helle, Trent McDaniel; Students--- Chloe Campbell, Haley Ellis,; and Faculty--- Dr. Karen Garner. The team earned a Special Recognition for Strongest Energy Team. Congratulations to all for their hard work and dedication!



Congratulations to Mr. Gifford and Mrs. Copeland for earning their Education Specialist (Ed.S.) Degrees from Muskingum University!

The Morgan Local Board of Education honored John Coler and Shriver's Pharmacy with an Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Business Honor Roll Award for 2019. The award was presented to John Coler for his outstanding contributions to our schools and exemplary service to our community. Pictured below left to right: Becky Thompson, Rick Rose, John Coler, Mary Pat Hanson



Pledge of Allegiance Education Program by Malconta Post #24 of the American Legion



All Morgan Local first grade classes were presented the Pledge of Allegiance Education Program by the Malconta Post #24 of the American Legion. The program included a video presentation, instructions on how to properly respect the flag, and reciting of the pledge, which all students know and recite every morning. Once complete, students were presented with a coloring book, certificate, and a bookmark. This year marks the 20th year of this program.

Pictured to the left are Kelsey Robinson's and Sarah Wiseman's first grade classes at West. Pictured below (left) are Jennifer Smith's, Kathy Nichols' and Tammy Silvus' first grade classes at East and (right) Amanda Welsh's and Ivy Duhamel's first grade classes at South.



MORGAN JUNIOR HIGH ART SHOW

MJHS Art Show

Morgan Junior High School students' creative talents were on display on May 10, 2019, at the MJHS art show, which was coordinated by the art teacher, Mr. Felix Secreto. Paintings, drawings, and a variety of mixed media - including cardboard and packing tape full size mannequins - were exhibited around the school cafeteria. The art show was an accumulation of the many art projects the students worked on throughout the year.



SUMMER YOUTH ARTS CAMP

Summer Youth Arts Camp

All children in grades first through eighth are invited to attend summer youth arts camp at the grove in McConnsville the week of July 22-26, 2019 from nine until noon. One of the many activities will be a session with Steve Harpster teaching how to draw cartoons, or "Harptoons." There will be daily arts and crafts, canvas painting, karaoke, snacks and so much more! Registration forms have been given out in the schools and are available at the library in McConnsville. The cost of the camp is \$10.00. Checks may be made out to The Carol Hammond Children's Theatre. The deadline to turn in forms is June 21st to The Carol Hammond Children's Theatre, P.O. Box 431, McConnsville, OH 43756. You may call Vicki Sayatovich at 740-962-6601 for more information.

DRAW, CREATE, & IMAGINE



Summer Technology Camp



Summer Technology Camp

July 29- August 2, 2019 8:30am – 12:00pm

Morgan Local Schools will be offering a Summer Technology Camp for students who will be in grades 5-9 in the 2019-2020 school year. Students will learn to use several technology tools including programming drones, creating and editing videos with GoPros and other cameras, building and programming robots, and 3D printing.

The cost for the camp is \$25 per student. Payment can be made the first day of camp on July 29th.

Please complete this form to sign up for the 2019 Summer Technology Camp and return to your child's school.

Student Name _____ Grade (in Fall 2019) _____

Parent Phone: _____

Student Email _____

Parent or Guardian Name _____

The cost for the camp is \$25 per student. Payment can be made the first day of camp on July 29th.

**OPEN
HOUSE**

Morgan High School and Morgan Junior High School will be holding an Open House on Monday, August 19, 2019, from 6:00-7:30 pm.

MORGAN LOCAL SCHOOLS

Kindergarten Camp

August 13-15

Warm-up to school - Introduction to teachers, staff and school procedures and routines

Choose 9-11:30 or 12:00-2:30

At YOUR elementary building. There will be sessions at East, South and West
There is NO cost, but we CANNOT provide transportation.

East 962-3361 West 342-4873 South 559-2377

Morgan Local School District 2019-2020 Calendar

August 2019

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August 2019

- 15) New Teacher Day
- 16) Cert Flex Day
- 19-20) All Staff Days
- 21) First Day of School

September 2019

- 2) Labor Day- No School
- 3-6) Morgan County Fair- No School
- 6) Staff PD Day

October 2019

- 25) End of first grading period
- 29) No School- Staff PD

November 2019

- 4 & 7) P/T Conferences
- 11) Veteran's Day- No School
- 27-29) Thanksgiving Break- No School

December 2019

- 2) No School
- 20) Last Day before Christmas Break
- Christmas Break - Dec. 23- Jan. 3**

January 2020

- 6) School Opens after New Year
- 17) End of 2nd grading period
- 20) MLK Day- No School
- 21) No School- Staff PD

February 2020

- 6 & 11) P/T Conferences
- 17) Presidents' Day- No School

March 2020

- 20) End of 3rd grading period

April 2020

- 10) Good Friday- No School
- 13) Easter- No School

May 2020

- 25) Memorial Day- No School
- 27) Last Day of School
- 28) All Staff Day

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