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## New FANUC Robotics Certification Available at Morgan High School

Over this past summer, Morgan Local School District took a giant step forward in teaching Industrial Robotics. After meeting with local manufacturing businesses like Miba Sinter USA and EZGrout, Morgan High School purchased an Industrial Robotics Fenceless Work Cell from FANUC America. This new Robotics Work Cell is the latest design and is a fully capable industrial robot. The Robotics program instructor, John Robbins, began coursework designed to certify him and Morgan High School as a FANUC Certified Education Training Center.

This means students can now receive the same robotic certification in high school that they would directly from the factory. This coursework took six months of intensive instruction and required Mr. Robbins to attend a hands-on class at their Training Center in Detroit, Michigan. To complete his certification, Mr. Robbins had to submit a training video showing him teaching an End of Arm Tooling procedure that was graded for content and presentation. After receiving



his certification, Mr. Robbins is now recognized as a qualified CERT Instructor for FANUC Robotics. He will teach and certify his students using FANUC's Factory Training coursework. There are 25 students currently enrolled in the 2017-18 Robotics class. At the completion of this course, they will finish with a FANUC Robotics Handling Tool Operations and Programming certification, this is a recognized Industry Credential. In addition to this certification, several students in this years' class are participating in the College Credit Plus (CCP) program which upon completion, gives them four credit hours at Zane State Community College for the "Robotics 1010" coursework as if they had taken the course on campus. This Robotics Certification and CCP class are just two more ways Morgan Local School District is providing our students a competitive advantage in today's modern workplace.

# Dear Raider Gator



Dear Raider Gator,

The weather has been terrible this year! It seems like we have missed so many days of school. My child has a very rigorous course load. I'm fearful he will get behind due to all of the missed days of school. What kinds of things can I have my child do on snow days to keep him engaged in learning and to avoid falling behind?

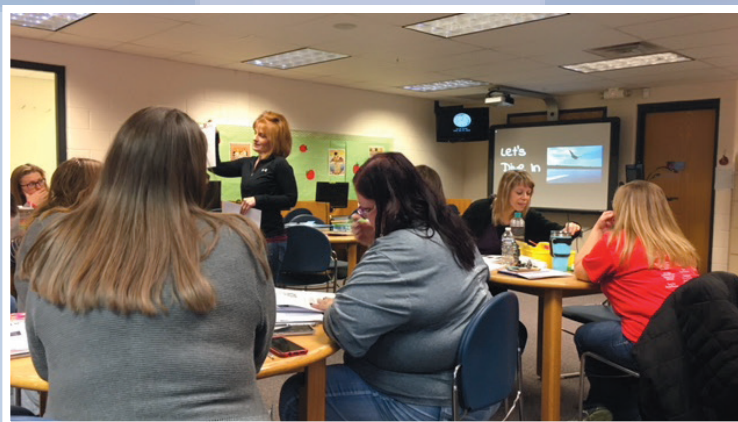
Dear Concerned Parent,

There are several ways that you can help your child continue learning on all of those missed snow days. The little ones can benefit from reading books, writing fun stories, and practicing basic math skills. If you have the Internet, you can find all kinds of fun and engaging sites to have your child work on these skills. Typically, older students have their books and assignments from the day before. Encouraging your child to work on assignments early in the day before heading out to play in the snow, is a great way to assure that homework gets done. Asking your child if they are aware of any upcoming tests, writing assignments, or projects due is also a great idea. Students can get a jump on that work as well on snow days. Oftentimes, junior high and high school teachers will let students know what they should be working on in the event of a snow day. This helps students stay on track with their coursework. Some teachers email their students work that they can be doing on snow days. Encourage your child to check his email in the event that an assignment is given. All of these things can help eliminate a lag in learning or getting behind due to a harsh winter.

Our teachers even continue their learning on snow days! Many of our teaching staff learn on snow days by completing online professional learning modules. Topics like project based learning; growth mindset and the flipped classroom are some of our teachers' favorite subjects to learn about on snow days. We have even started offering professional development sessions for teachers to attend, after the roads are safe, on snow days. The pictures below show some of our teachers taking part in a session on "Raising Rigor in Your Classroom", designed and led by our Instructional Coach, Mrs. Wells. Several of our teachers participated in this session. It was a great day of learning for them!

If you would like to know more ways to engage your child in learning on these snow days, please feel free to reach out to your child's teachers. I am confident that they will have many wonderful suggestions!

Sincerely,  
Raider Gator



Corinne Wells leading professional development for staff

# Morgan East Elementary

On May 10, 2017, Morgan East lost what could easily be called the heart and soul of our school community. Ralph Clouse, head custodian, passed away after a courageous battle with ALS also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Ralph dedicated countless hours caring for the East building, its staff and especially its students. Ralph often made personal connections with students who didn't have a lot of support. Even as his health declined, Ralph remained a part of the student mentoring program at East.

The staff and students have thought long and hard to come up with adequate ways to honor Ralph's memory. On May 16, 2017, the staff and students planted a tree on the main playground where each student was able to scoop dirt around the tree. Along the way, the idea was discussed to have a bench made in memory of Ralph. Through the discussion it was decided to make it a "Buddy Bench" for the playground. A "Buddy Bench" is a place where students can go and sit when they feel that they have no one to play with on the playground. Other students see them and invite them to come and play with them.

The bench was made by Jeff Shaner in his woodworking shop after his grandchildren asked him if he could help the school honor their favorite custodian. Mr. Shaner was gracious enough to donate the bench which was made from white oak and stained to withstand the weather on the playground. The "Buddy Bench" in memory of Ralph, is a great way to help students the same way he would have helped them, by giving them a friend when they need one most.

## **Second Grade Veteran's Day Concert**

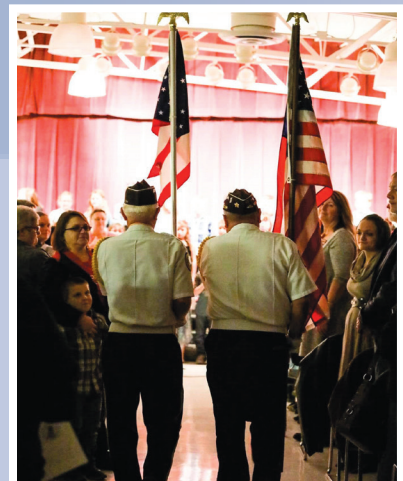
Thursday evening, November 10th, the East 2nd grade under the direction of Ms. Katelyn Schultz held their annual Veteran's Day Concert. The concert pays tribute to our Veterans as well as showcases student writing, art and an American Flag made out of stars with the names of Veterans near and dear to the hearts of the East staff.



Buddy Bench with class



Ms Schultz and Second Graders singing for Veteran's Day Concert



Tom Knox and Jeff Bragg

# Morgan West Elementary



Second grade class at Christmas Program



Second Grade Class performing

## Morgan West Holiday Music Program

The Morgan West Elementary Christmas Program was held on December 12th, 2017. This program showcased the talents of the first and second grade classes at West. The students participated in many roles including speaking parts, singing, and performing with a variety of instruments. The program was based upon different Christmas carols that are sung around the world. The students learned songs from Canada, Germany, Norway, and Puerto Rico as well as several traditional carols from the United States. These songs provided students the chance to sing in a foreign language and learn more about their cultures. The program was excellent and the students did a wonderful job.



Audrey Kirkbride and Nadea Norman display their custom designed t-shirts based on their novels



Dalton Smith making a comic strip



Madalyn Daniel making a custom mini book based on the novel she read.

## 4th Grade West Students Engage in Personalized Learning

Mr. Mardis's 4th grade Language Arts students recently read guided reading books at their level. In order to demonstrate their understanding and comprehension, the class was assigned a reading choice board with ten different options that the students could choose from. By choosing and completing three different activities, the class was able to put their own identity and personality into their work. Some of the activities ranged from skit theater acting, t-shirt designing, writing book reviews, creating comic strips, and much, much more. The students were thrilled and so excited to demonstrate their learning in a way that helps promote college and career readiness in the 21st century!

# Morgan South Elementary

This year, South Elementary has a school wide Super Hero theme. We are focusing on building character in each member of our school community, through the use of super heroes. Every grade level decorated a window of the library for parent-teacher conferences and we even had an appearance of the LIVE SUPER HERO – OMEGAMAN! The students are reminded daily that EVERYONE can be a Superhero by being their absolute best they can be! We would also like to thank all of the local organizations and businesses who have supported our school. We have recognized them with signs along the school driveway.



Remi Rush, OmegaMan, and Haylee Connell

## COSI On Wheels

South Elementary students welcomed COSI on Wheels Nov. 9th, as they learned about types of energy, experimenting with electricity, magnetism, and motion. During a whole school assembly, students helped COSI's Inventor complete their greatest creation - a chain reaction. Afterwards, each class spent 45 minutes experimenting with their choice of stations. Some students chose to test out several areas of energy, while others chose a more in depth study of just a few. Students were building circuits, constructing designs for greater potential and kinetic energy, creating chain reactions, and moving objects without touching them while learning about forces and energy. These hands-on activities enhance science inquiry skills and encourage continued learning of Ohio's Science Standards.



Thomas Offenberger, Olivia Fleming, COSI Representative, and Mrs. Konkler

## Morgan South Elementary Honor our Veterans

On November 8, 2017 the students from South Elementary music classes, consisting of 2nd through 6th grade, presented a concert to honor all our veterans from the past to the present.

The concert had a variety of songs ranging from the slower rhythmical tunes to the more upbeat melodies that made everyone proud to be an American. The songs were: "A Time to Remember", "I Love the Grand Old Flag", "Welcome Home", "We Honor You", "The Spirit of America" and the "Star Spangled Banner". Shared singing and speaking parts between the songs added to the heartfelt presentation that was enjoyed by all.

This year's theme for the concert was "Freedom Isn't Free". This theme expresses gratitude for all of the service members of the military both past and present. This theme makes a clear statement of the importance that our freedoms are only made possible by the risks and sacrifices made by those who have served in the military.

Mrs. Best stated, "Without the brave men and women, who have put their lives in danger to defend our country, our flag, and our military, we would not have the privilege of performing for you today." Mrs. Best also expressed her deepest gratitude for all the help she received from her volunteers: Katie Troiano, Krista Miller, and Mary Beth Hickerson and all the support from the veterans and their families.

The concert was so well received that the students were asked to give an encore performance at the Opera House in McConnelsville on November 30th. I think it is the sentiment of the whole staff from South Elementary that the concert was a job well done.



# Morgan Junior High

## Making Technology Fun and Exciting at Morgan Junior High School

Mike Lawson, the new technology teacher from South Elementary, is constantly working to add exciting new lessons to his classes. Through the support of the MHS Career-Tech program, Mr. Lawson has been able to purchase six drones for his technology course. Beginning in the second semester, our 7th grade TECH students will be able to program and fly drones. As Mr. Lawson's official guinea pigs, David Dodd, Austin Little, and Abbigail Hawkes have already been writing programs to fly drones through various obstacle courses. Beyond merely flying them, the students have been programming them to pick up objects and move them to predetermined locations.

During the second semester, all students will continue to learn a little about line and block coding and will be able to apply their knowledge by working on various projects. The students will work in stations on various aspects of coding; therefore, all students will eventually have an opportunity to work with one of the drones.



## Thank You!

Morgan Junior High School staff and students thank everyone who participated in the pepperoni sale, enabling us to provide a fun day for all MJHS students before Christmas break. Pictured are several students enjoying the inflatable jousting, the wrecking ball, and the obstacle course.



Brynn Mayle



McKayla Allen



Becca Fox



Jeremiah Bates



Hunter Dingey



Mr. Becker and the MJHS Choir



Mr. Parlin and the MJHS Band

# Morgan High School

## Student Readiness Collaborative

A new mentorship program has begun at Morgan High School. Thirty students who are members of the Student Readiness Collaborative (SRC) have begun networking with an adult mentor. The mentors provide extra one-on-one guidance and coaching to assist students in reaching their full potential in academics and life skills.

The mentorship program is funded by a Community Connectors grant that will help pay for other future events which may include college visits and team-building field trips. The SRC students have completed an orientation meeting at Marietta High School, and eleventh grade SRC students are enrolled in an SRC Advisory course. A Mentor/Mentee team-building game night took place on February 1st. Twelfth grade students will have the opportunity to participate in the iBelieve Foundation's 3-day event at Marietta College in May.

The Ohio Valley ESC Student Readiness Collaborative (SRC) is a partnership among 13 districts from Southeastern Ohio working together to help students make a smooth transition from high school to college and career. The partnership has focused on students in the 2018 and 2019 graduating classes.

Junior SRC members pictured

Back Row: Casey Babb, Cody Oldaker, Cody Newman, Tyler Janes; Middle Row: Nicholas Slivka, Monica Taylor, Logan Cole, Jacob Fisher, Kelton Cooper; Seated: Tyrah Hall, Olivia Bebout; Not Pictured: Daelynn Matheney, Autumn Mayle



## Morgan Reader Staff



From left to right: Sierra Finley, Tyrese Mayle, Jathen Norris, Ashley Lewis, Allyson Godinez

Not Pictured: Taylor DellaMaggiore, Anthony Godinez, Megan Ellis



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# The Bus Stop Lady

Written By Kim Duskey

The students at the bus stop call her the BUS STOP LADY, but she is Sarah Harlow, the Manager of the First National Bank in Stockport, Ohio. Little did Sarah know that she was going to be able to make such a difference in the lives of children when she decided to be one of the volunteers for Morgan South Elementary's Character and Attendance initiative. Sarah took on the task of making sure the students at the bus stop in the lot behind the Bank were doing their best to have good attendance and character.

Sarah took it upon herself to take attendance and encourage the students to greet the bus driver, teachers, lunch ladies, and custodians in a positive way. She says to the students, "Let's do something good and kind". They discuss what kinds of things they could say or do to be kind to others. Now the students are taking attendance on their own. Then on Fridays, when the students get off the bus, she draws out one of the names from those who have been coming every day to get

a prize. She buys these prizes with her own money and she brings special items for the kids on special occasions, like heart-shaped lollipops for Valentine's Day, and special gift certificates from the Windsor Store just for the students for their birthdays.

She praises them when they do the right things and helps them to resolve their problems when they are having difficulties getting along with each other. When they are waiting on the bus they do jumping jacks and at Christmas time they sang Christmas songs to pass the time.

Mrs. Harlow says that the students "have come a long way. It has made a BIG difference". When talking to her about all the things she does at the bus stop, I could tell that she was really having a good time being there for the 19 students who get on the bus just behind the bank.

You could see the joy on her face. This is just one business leader in our area who is making a difference at Morgan South Elementary.

It is amazing what a difference this business leader is making just by spending 10 minutes of her own time volunteering with our students every day. We are so thankful that she decided to be a part of the solution here at South Elementary.

It's amazing what 10 minutes can do. Please contact us at Morgan South Elementary if you would like to be a part of our Character and Attendance initiative here at South. Just 10 minutes of your time can make a BIG difference in the lives of our students.



Isabella Davis, Austin McMillen, and Brody Smith

## Hometown Business Heroes

MLSD would like to thank ALL of our local businesses for playing a key role in supporting our schools. From greeting students, sponsoring field trips and rewards for hard working students, to offering internship opportunities, and volunteering, Morgan County businesses contribute to our success in so many ways. MoCo businesses, YOU ROCK!

# Kindergarten Registration Begins

# February 12, 2018

## Morgan Local Schools Announces Kindergarten Registration Process for the 2018-2019 School Year.

Student must be 5 by September 30, 2018. Enrollment packets will be available at the District Office, located at 65W. Union Avenue, on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Packets are also available on-line at [www.mlsd.k12.oh.us](http://www.mlsd.k12.oh.us) by clicking on the Kindergarten registration link; at the local elementary buildings; and at local pre-schools. All packets are to be returned to Leslie Robbins at the District Office prior to March 29<sup>th</sup>.

A parent/guardian will need to supply the following: **\*a certified copy of the birth certificate; \*immunization record; \*social security card; \*any existing custody papers; \*proof of residence (such as a utility bill), and \*a photo ID of the person registering the student.**

The District Office will be open during regular business hours for registration from 8:30am – 4:30pm Monday through Friday. In addition, the office will process enrollment forms on the following Wednesday evenings until 7:00pm: March 7<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup>, March 21<sup>st</sup>, and March 28<sup>th</sup>. We will also be open on two Saturdays from 8:00 am to Noon: March 10<sup>th</sup> and March 17<sup>th</sup>.

When the packet is returned, the parent/guardian will be able to make an appointment for the student's screening during the week of April 10<sup>th</sup>. Early morning, day time and evening appointments will be available. Screening will take approximately an hour.

Registration will be complete after this process is finished. Parents are invited to attend school with their child for one-half day when school begins in August. Students whose last name begins with the letters A-M will attend on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and not on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Students whose last name begins with the letters N-Z will attend for their first day on Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. All kindergarten students will be attending on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Any questions regarding the registration process may be directed to Leslie Robbins at the Morgan Local School District Office at 962-2782, ext 2110.

## Preschool Registration

Morgan Local Schools are looking for typically developing preschool students to enroll for the 2018-2019 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.

TYPICAL ROLE MODELS for Preschool Special Education	ELIGIBILITY	AGE REQUIREMENTS	LOCATIONS	TEACHERS	TRANSPORTATION	TUITION	REGISTRATION DETAILS
	* Live in Morgan County	Must be 4 to 5 years of age, usually the year before kindergarten	East Elementary	Mrs. Patterson	Parents must	\$60.00	Fill out a registration form at
	* Screening Process		&	provide	monthly fee	any elementary building by	
			West Elementary	transportation		<b>March 21st then plan to attend</b>	
			Classes held 4 days per week	Mrs. Barringer Mrs. Weaver		Screening on April 4th Parents will be contacted with detailed information prior to April 4th.	
Early Childhood Education Grant	ELIGIBILITY	AGE REQUIREMENTS	LOCATIONS	TEACHERS	TRANSPORTATION	TUITION	REGISTRATION DETAILS
	Live in Morgan County	4 years old by September 30, 2018	South Elementary	Mrs. Duhamel	Parents must	Free - Parents	Register at East Elementary
			&	provide	must meet	<b>March 28th - 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.</b>	
			East Elementary	Mrs. Stegner	transportation	200% poverty	Register at South Elementary
			Classes held		level guidelines		<b>March 28th - 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.</b>
			2 days per week				What to bring to registration:
							* Student's Social Security Card
							* Birth Certificate
							* Shot Record
							* Custody Papers if applicable
						* Parent driver's license	
						* Proof of address (utility bill)	
						* 2017 - W2	

# Kudos Recipients

Thank you to all who submitted KUDOS awards. Here are some of the highlights from your kind remarks.



***"Volunteered to tutor a student"***

***"She has the biggest heart and great rapport with students and staff."***

***"Making music fun and putting on a great Veteran's Day program!"***

***"...being a very patient, kind and great teacher."***

***"...accomplishing a superior rating...he has done wonders!"***

***"Helped a grandfather make something special for his granddaughter for being in advanced classes."***

***"For Instilling a love of Social Studies in students."***

***"...helped grill 300 hamburgers for the dinner theater & helped serve food."***

***".....IS COMPASSIONATE AND HAS A DRIVE TO HELP STUDENTS EXCEL."***

***"Helping to change a students opinion about school & learning in a positive way."***

***"She has a way of making people feel important and loved just by being in her presence."***

***"Students do not go without clothing due to the "New to Me Closet" that she created, free and open to all."***



## EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

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meaning credit or praise  
received for an achievement

Morgan Local School District  
recognizes our employees who go  
**over and beyond** their call of duty  
with a Kudo Award.

Please assist us by sending a  
**KUDOS** to show your appreciation  
to someone or as a special  
recognition for improving the  
quality of education and caring at  
Morgan Local School District.

It's simple, just fill out the Kudos  
Nomination Card and ask your  
building secretary to send it to  
Central Office through the  
interoffice mail.

## KUDOS NOMINATION CARD

I would like to nominate:

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*Thank you for your help in recognizing the  
outstanding individuals in Morgan Local  
School District!!*

**Go Raiders!!!**



# Calendar

## High School

### February

#### Varsity/JV Men's Basketball

- 6 - John Glenn - 5:00
- 9 - Fort Frye - 5:00
- 13 - @ Crooksville - 6:00
- 16 - Maysville - 5:00 p.m.

#### Varsity/JV Women's Basketball

- 8 - Fairfield Christian - 6:00 p.m.
- 10 - @ John Glenn - 5:00 p.m.

#### High School Wrestling

- 7 - Warren/Athens- Away - 6:00 p.m.
- 14 - MVLs @ Maysville - 10:00 a.m.
- 24 - Sectionals- Away -TBA

16 - 4:00 pm -7:00 pm France Trip Soup and

### Sandwich Dinner

- 27 - 5:00 pm -7:00 pm MHS Choir Banquet
- 27 -7:00 pm MHS Winter Choir Concert

### March

- 1 - MHS Winter Band Concert
- Location: 6:30pm Crooksville High School
- 14 - 7:30 am -10:30 am A.S.V.A.B. Juniors Testing
- 15 - 6:00 pm Winter Sports Awards
- 16-18 - Spring Drama Production "Sense & Sensibility"
- 20 -7:40 am -12:30 pm 11th Grade A.C.T. Testing
- 23 - Morgan FFA Banquet 6:00pm

## Junior High

### February

#### Boys Basketball

- 5 - John Glenn - 5:00 p.m.
- 12 - @ Crooksville - 5:00 p.m.
- 15 - Maysville - 5:00 p.m.
- 17-22 - Tournaments
- 8th Grade @ Philo- TBA
- 7th Grade @ Crookville- TBA

#### Girls Basketball

- 5 - @ John Glenn - 5:00 p.m.
- 12,14,15 - Tournaments
- 8th Grade @ John Glenn- TBA
- 7th Grade @ West Muskingum- TBA

#### Junior High Wrestling

- 16 - MVLs @ Maysville - 6:00 p.m.

### March

- 6- Spring Pictures
- 8 - Winter Sports Awards 6:00 MJHS Gym

## East Elementary

### February

- 2- Raffle Turn in Drawing for Kids Raffle Set up for Festival 3:30
- 3 - Winter Festival 11:30-3:00 Games/Chinese Auction/Face Painting/Let's Make a Deal/Cake Walk/Great food
- 21 - Bookmobile Mentor- "Valentine's Day Party" 3:30 - 5:00
- 24 - Pinewood Derby 11:00-5:00

### March

- 13 - Lifetouch Pre-pay Spring Pictures &Class
- 13 - PTO Meeting 3:30

## West Elementary

### February

- 1 - H.E.R.O.s 2:00 & 2:40
- 2 - Nine Week Awards: 1:40 & 2:30
- 14 - Book Mobile
- 22 - Real Eyes Presentation

### March

No Events

## South Elementary

### February

No Events

### March

No Events