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Morgan Band Celebrates a Superior Rating at State!



MLSD Celebrates the Boys' Soccer Team First Sectional Championship!

Letter from the Superintendent

This edition of the Morgan Reader is especially endearing! It is the first edition that is being created by the students in Mr. Aaron Dulaney's and Ms. Karole McGrew's classes at Morgan High School. We are very proud of our students and the many staff members who contributed to this informative and interesting publication. I want to express a sincere "THANK YOU" to all the individuals who make this communication tool a reality!

I hope you enjoy reading about all the wonderful programs and events going on here at Morgan Local. Our students and staff members are actively engaged every day to ensure that high quality learning opportunities are occurring for each child. I am especially excited about our new grant, "Believe, Achieve and Succeed". I think this program will offer great experiences for our students.



I want to end this editorial with an experience that I hope will be as meaningful to you as it has been to me. I recently attended a sporting event outside of our district. Our Morgan athletes were competing against students at another high school. It was "senior night" for the other school and while the seniors were being introduced, our parents and students clapped and listened attentively offering support and encouragement. It was a very nice senior night event for the opposing team.

However, the game soon started and the students (and unfortunately, many of the parents) who were there to support the opposing team yelled, screamed, stomped, pointed, clapped, booed, hissed, jeered, etc. They were extremely loud and disruptive to the competition. Our players became increasingly upset and at one point, our coach even asked the principal to intervene with the home crowd to ask them to stop the game interference as the opposing fans were loudly calling out plays that were being given to our players by our coach. The principal of the other high school refused to intervene and the rude, disrespectful behavior continued. It was so sad to see such disrespect for the game and for our students. Morgan fans, players and coaches continued to be respectful and calm during this turmoil. Although we lost the competition, I was so PROUD of our students, our coaches and our fans. I don't know when I have been prouder of Morgan County than the night of this event. It is so rewarding to know that our students, our parents and our community as a whole value integrity and high ethical standards and that we understand the true meaning of sportsmanship.

<u>"THANK YOU"</u> to our students, parents, staff and community members for being great role models! I am proud to be a lifelong resident and "member" of this exceptional group!

Lori Snyder-Lowe

Believe, Achieve, Succeed

-Morgan Local Schools Welcomes Its New After School Program

Thanks to the tireless efforts of both our former and current directors of school improvement, Howard Troutner and Amanda Pierce; MLSD has been awarded a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant. This highly lucrative grant will provide MLSD with a 5-year \$200,000 stipend to extend to 7th-9th grade students in our district.

The goal of this program, coined "Believe, Achieve, Succeed", is to increase student engagement and ownership in their education. In order to achieve this status, students will participate in a daily "Genius Hour". This problem-based strategy provides all students with the time, resources, and support that they need in order to pursue their personal interests, strengths, and goals while conducting research, experiments, and the production of an authentic project on their own terms. From day one, students are in control of their learning and will choose each and every step of their process.



Aly White

Highly motivating teachers will help students work through the process of Genius Hour by encouraging students to reach further in their own learning. Projects will focus on creating a real-world end product to share with an audience and to potentially create an impact. Student mindsets about learning and school will transform as they experience joy and success in school through the program. Ultimately, our goal will be for our students to become intrinsically motivated learners both inside and outside of the classroom and beyond.

Intended to provide a community impact, the program will have quarterly community nights where students may showcase their research and projects and can lead demonstrations of the knowledge that they have gained along the way. With these community nights, there will also be outreach and training to provide friends and family with ways to incorporate genius hour and self-driven learning into their own lives.

Students will have access to a great number of tools to ensure their future success including tutoring and support in math and reading as well as homework help to strengthen their knowledge of the core areas so that it may better transfer their skills into the classroom and their genius projects. Quarterly field trips look to combine all of these principles and to boost cultural awareness and interaction.

The "Believe, Achieve, Succeed" program will run from 2 pm to 5:30 pm Monday through Thursday (with all transportation provided). Currently, the grant allows 80-100 students to take part in this for each of the five years that we have been granted. At this moment, admission has been offered to a select group of students, but could open to more in the near future. If you or someone you know are interested in more information, or in participating, please contact Aly White at awhite@morganschools.org.



Ms. Loveless and Andre Hector play -You Name It-



Joel Michaels and Andre Hector



Dalaney Drake

Dear Raider Gator

Dear Raider Gator,

What in the world is this new attendance rave all about? Haven't we always been concerned when a student is absent?



Dear Concerned Parent,

Morgan Local Schools have always been concerned when children miss school. We understand that personal illness, death in the family, quarantine for contagious disease, or religious observances can all be legitimate reasons for missing school. In December of 2016, the Ohio General Assembly passed House Bill 410 to encourage and support a preventive approach to excessive absences and truancy. With this, several changes in tracking student absences were put into place. Regular school attendance is an important ingredient in a child's academic success. Excessive absences interfere with a child's progress in mastering knowledge and skills necessary to graduate from high school, be prepared for higher education and to enter the workforce. To support academic success for all children, the district will partner with children and their families to identify and reduce barriers for regular school attendance. Our district will utilize a continuum of strategies to reduce student absence including:

- Notification of student absence to the parent or guardian
- Development and implementation of an absence intervention plan, which may include supportive services for students and families
- Counseling
- Parent education and parenting programs
- Mediation
- Intervention programs available through juvenile authorities
- Referral for truancy, if applicable

In addition, student attendance will now be tracked by missed hours, not days. The definition of Truancy is as follows:

- Absent 30 or more consecutive hours without a legitimate excuse
- Absent 42 or more consecutive hours in one school month without a legitimate excuse
- Absent 72 or more hours in a school year without a legitimate excuse

In closing, Morgan Local Schools will work side by side with families to ensure barriers for attendance are minimized, so that student success in the classroom is maximized.

Sincerely, Raider Gator

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SUSAN GABLE TREASURER

BEV STEINBRECHER DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

In addition to offering free breakfast for all students, I am pleased to inform you that we are now able to offer free lunch to all students for the 17-18 school year! As a participant in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program, called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), we have met the requirements to offer both free breakfast and lunch for the 17-18 school year.

All enrolled students of our district are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **no charge** to your household for each day of the 17-18 school year. No action is required of you to take advantage of this program. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without paying a fee or submitting an application. If you paid for meals in August, you will be given the option for a refund or applying the money to your child's account so that they can purchase extras or ala carte items if available. The new system of all children receiving a FREE breakfast and lunch will be started on Monday, September 11, 2017.

Sincerely,

Lori Snyder-Lowe Superintendent

Proud of Our Past, Focused on Our Future

Morgan East Elementary

The M-M Volunteer Fire Department visited East Elementary on Tuesday, October 10th, as a part of their Fire Prevention Week activities. The firefighters had an assembly in the gym with students in grades K - 3 where they did demonstrations. Students were then taken outside to look at and become familiar with one of the department's fire engines.



Mrs. Voytko and Miss Lewis' classes check out the fire engine.



R.J. McClelland Nature and Art



Hayden Parrill

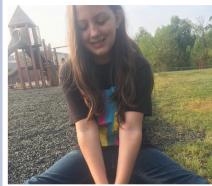


Makenzie Hallowell

Fourth Grade students at East Elementary studied environmental artist Andy Goldsworthy. Goldsworthy's art works are made completely out of natural materials in forests, parks, and bodies of water. Students planned and created temporary works of art made out of natural materials outside of our school. Each work was site-specific, meaning the artist had carefully chosen where they would place their creation. Students worked in groups or individually and created a variety of beautiful works. Nature can easily inspire us to be creative. Autumn is the perfect time to enjoy the great outdoors! If you and your children are looking for some inspiration to create your own nature art, check out Andy Goldsworthy's *Rivers and Tides* documentary available on youtube.



Art work made by fourth graders.



Molly Fox



Art work made by fourth graders.

Morgan West Elementary

Mining Experience

Students in 6th Grade Science learned about the impact of mining on our planet through a simulated "cookie mining" activity. The purpose of the activity was to explore reclamation and the costs associated with returning the land to its original state.



Jozlynn Gorrell

Nutrition and Wellness

Ms. Amy Kirkbride talked with second grade students at West about the importance of drinking water and being active. The kids sampled fruit and vegetable infused water that included strawberries, cucumbers, and lime. Students also participated in an activity with Ms. Amy's activity ball to get them up and moving.

Mrs. Weaver's preschool class talked about all of the ways you can be active at the beach, the pool, the park, and in their backyard. Then they listened to the story From Head to Toe by Eric Carle and acted out the movements with the animals



Ms. Amy Kirkbride and the Preschool class



Ms. Amy Kirkbride and the second grade students

Winning Snow Plow Design

Morgan West Elementary once again won the favorite snow plow for the second year in a row. That was very exciting news for our students, and especially Miss Varner, the art teacher. Our students worked together to complete the design in just over a week's time. The design for the plow was inspired by a student's colorful grid drawing. We wanted our design focus to be on lines and bright colors so that it would stand out amongst the snow. The grid design worked out perfectly because it provided each student with an individual section to paint. In the end, we saw how all of these individual pieces came together to create a beautiful piece of functional artwork for our community. We're looking forward to participating in next year's competition.



Morgan South Elementary

Morgan South kicked off the year with celebrations! The first week of school we had an assembly to introduce the teachers and review our school expectations. Students who missed five days or less last school year enjoyed a fun afternoon of dancing and snacks.

Last year's third grade students and families celebrated their awesome AIR (State) test scores.



2016-17 Third Grade AIR Test Celebration



Hannah Chapman, Caiden Terry, Campbell Welsh enjoy attendance dance.

Character Counts

Morgan South Elementary is launching attendance and CHARACTER initiatives. We want to continue to promote the importance of good character and let the students know we value their good character and attendance.

Students at Morgan South have been involved in a T-Shirt design competition and have voted on one design for our building. On the back of the shirt, the shirts will read: Morgan South has character. Each grade level has picked a character trait and a color for their T-Shirt. The students will be able to purchase a T-Shirt and this will be used as a fund-raiser to promote good character and attendance. The students will be able to wear these T-shirts for field day, field trips, spirit days, and grade level activities.

We will be looking for students who are demonstrating the character trait of the month. The September character trait was Caring, the first letter of the word character. On the intercom each morning, we announce student names that have been submitted by teachers. These students have demonstrated the trait of the month in some way and receive a Wendy's frosty coupon as a gesture to say thank you to these students.

We are also reaching out to our local businesses and churches to help us in ensuring our students feel special. Some of the businesses have given money to provide incentives for those students with improved attendance, and some members are coming in the morning and evening to greet our students as they arrive and leave our building. We plan to purchase yard signs to let the local businesses and churches know we appreciate their help, and include the name of the business or church on the yard signs. In addition, certificates of appreciation are being presented to the businesses and churches to express our appreciation signed by our superintendent, Mrs. Lowe and a board member.

Our Change of Heart students have truly helped lead the way in establishing a caring atmosphere. The Change of Heart students, under the leadership of Mrs. Schramm have asked for donations to send to the hurricane victims! As you can see by the picture, huge donations have been collected!

Morgan Junior High

Connections at the MVESC

Seven of our gifted 8th grade students were challenged on October 4, 2017, at the Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center in Zanesville with a day full of activities related to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math). All of the students participated in learning activities that were centered on fidget spinners. If you do not have children, you may not know what they are, but they were extremely popular last school year and throughout the summer. Although they had an educational benefit for a small population of students, they became very popular with millions of students and turned into a product that interfered with learning in many schools. To say the least, they were very controversial.

First, using their imagination and creativity, they designed and built their own spinners out of Legos. After drawing their own prototypes, they then went to work building their spinners out of Legos. Second, they prepared for a debate as to whether or not fidget spinners should be allowed in schools. Students were assigned to defend a specific position, regardless of whether or not they agreed with that particular stance. During this time, they had an opportunity to research fidget spinners on their devices. Third, they returned to their fidget spinners and decided what one thing they could do to improve their spinners. Finally, after pizza and snacks, they ended their day with a general knowledge game and time to research Newton's Laws of Motion. It was a great day of active learning for all of these students.



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Ian Azbell

I Can Do Fractions!

Many people remember struggling with fractions in school. Even though they would learn them one year and seem to understand, that knowledge would fade away over the summer, regardless of how many years the teachers taught them. Now, MJHS students have an opportunity to master fractions before going to Morgan High School. Instead of working on them for just one unit, students will receive instruction each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for approximately 30 minutes in addition to their regular math classes. One key point teachers are stressing this year is to make sure students understand fractions on a conceptual level. Understanding fractions on a deeper level will help all students as they prepare for higher-level math classes at Morgan High School. Teachers will also work with students to build their understanding of how fractions are used in everyone's lives and with specific careers.



Morgan High School

MHS Zane State College Credit Plus staff participated in a full day of professional development at Zane State College this summer to "gear up" for their 2017-18 CCP courses. Morgan offers a robust CCP program, with 40+ courses that college ready students can take right here on our high school campus with our own qualified high school staff.



Amya Carnes, Sammy Parker, Zoe Holcomb



Morgan College Credit Plus Staff



Daisy Donnally, Tanisha Viney, Abbi Quinn, Summer Hood



Hannah Martin, Alex LeForte



Megan Johnson and Mrs. Suermont taking Mr. McDaniels' pulse.

Yearbooks For Sale!

Morgan Yearbooks can be ordered for the 2017-18 school year. The prices are as follows: \$35.00 until November 24, 2017 \$40.00 November 25 – February 2, 2018

\$45.00 February 3 – May 4, 2017 \$50.00 May 5 – June 30, 2017

The apple butter is a fall tradition for the Morgan FFA. It starts by cutting and cooking the apples down to make the applesauce, which later becomes apple butter. Each kettle is stirred constantly for about nine hours until it is finished cooking. We then set up two assembly lines to get the apple butter canned and ready to sell.



Laci Veyon



Tylar Fisher, Ryleigh Keirns, Brady White

Career Tech Program

Cosmetology



Harley Leopold



Laken Veyon

Cosmetology is now taking clients!

Appointments are available from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

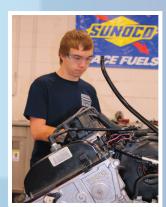
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Automotive Technologies



Kyle Mcmannis



Kenny Fisher



Ricky Ohlinger



John Miller

Allied Health Technologies



Tori Miller practices nursing skills on a mannequin.



Kilee Samson



Lindsey Goodnite

2017-18 Homecoming Festivities



Homecoming Court



Morgan Band Playing In Homecoming Parade



Cheerleaders With The Raider Gator



Senior Class Float



Junior Class Float



PROGRAM

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noun

meaning <u>credit</u> or <u>praise</u> 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:				
Because				
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Thank you for your help in recognizing the outstanding individuals in Morgan Local School District!!

Go Raiders!!!

New Employees

High School



Cosmo



Kathryn Wilson Intervention Specialist



Darin Logan Vice Principal



Science



Crystal Levan Intervention Specialist Raider-Academy



Chase Bowman Math



Ashley Mastin English

Junior High



Jessica Loveless



Laramie Blackford Intervention Specialist Intervention Specialist



Christy Ash Counselor



Upper Elementary



East Elementary

Susan Harry **Intervention Specialist**



Kirsten Fleming 3rd Grade

West Elementary



Adrianna Varner



Stella Bargeloh Music



Ella Brody Speech

South Elementary



Kacey Lang Upper Elementary

Teachers Teach Teachers

At Morgan Local Schools, learning isn't just for our students. Our teachers, too, are working each and every day to become better at what they do for our children. Experience has shown us that teachers learn best from each other so we are learning to teach ourselves.

As part of our teacher learning plan, we have designated portions of three specific days for teacher collaboration, learning, and planning. Because this will impact your schedule, we will be reminding you several times throughout the year.

3 DELAYED STARTS



School will begin 2-hours later than normal. Morning bus routes will be delayed by two hours. Afternoon routes will remain the same.

> **DEC. 20** FEB. 16 MARCH 23

Employee Awards



Five Year Picture:

Josh VanHorn, Sarah Stanton, Mark Weaver, Sophia Mardis, Dixie Jenne, Alex Fleming and John Nichols. Not pictured: Tiffany Boring and Jessica Cordray



20 Year Picture:

Rhonda Jackson, Clinton Gessel, Loretta Davis and Joy Wickham. Not Pictured: Jody Greuey and Jason Rex



Retirees:

Patty White, Shawna Tabor, Roy Shuster, Martha Shuster, Ruth Powell and Neva Davis-Richardson. Not Pictured: Reta Gundlach, Theresa Hivnor and Nanci Shriver





Ten Year Picture:

Chris Helle, Brenda Kidd, Cassie Murphy, Rhonda Smith, Jon Shuster, Marjorie Tharp, Mindy Stegner and Amanda Welsh. Not pictured: Linda Piatt



25 Year Picture:

Beth Kutscherenko, Becky Knapp and Karole McGrew



Exemplary Educator Awards:

Chrissy Voytko, Amanda Welsh, Amber Weaver, Alex Fleming and Sarah Stanton

Kudos:

Brian Simms, Susan Gable, Rick Hook, Meg Suermondt, Katelyn Schultz, Jamie Tredway, April Copeland, Arick Hook, Becky Hill, Stacey George, Ryan Armstrong, Gary Armstrong, Korey Parlin, Greg Becker, Lynn Copeland, Cassie Murphy, Front Row: Rosa Work, Karen Camp, Whitney Blackburn, Amy Konkler, Audra Langerman, Jared Heagen, Beth Kutscherenko, Jody Mayle, Lesley Campbell, Angie Shriver, John Kuhn, Corinne Wells, Lyn Cybulski, Sophia Mardis, Anitta Jones and Carrie Young. Not Pictured: Shawna Tabor, Mark Schramm, Amy Dew

	Calendar o	of Events		
East Elementary				
November 14 th	December 4th	January 3rd	February 1st	
 Picture Retake Day PTO Meeting 3:30 Boy Scouts Gym 6:00 – 7:30 November 15th 	 Special Reports Boy Scout 6:00 December 7 Boy Scout 6:00 	➤ Welcome Back January 9th ➤ PTO Meeting 3:30 January 12th	 ▶ Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 7:30 February 7th – 12th ▶ Book Fair 	
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> Holiday Choir Concert Auditorium

NHS DodgeBall Tournament

MHS Holiday Band Concert

Christmas Vacation Begins

December 16th

December 18th

December 21st