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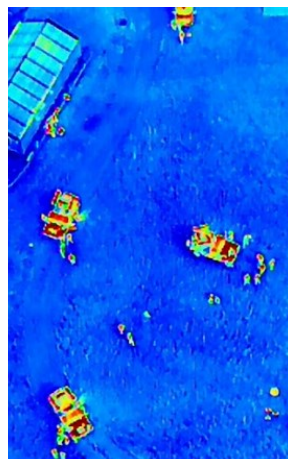


## Ohio National Guard works with Morgan High School Robotics class

On April 25, members of the Ohio Army National Guard 2/174 ADA Unit brought their equipment to Morgan High School to work with the Morgan High School Robotics class. The National Guardsmen showed the students how they use their equipment to locate Drones in the sky.



The Discus area as seen by a drone.



On the left is the thermal image view from the drone. Above: the National Guardsmen locate a drone in the airspace.



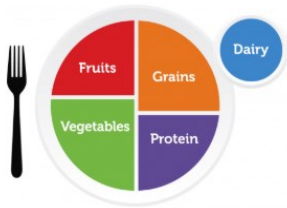
Special Thanks to the members of the 2/174th ADA Ohio Army National Guards for working with the students.

## Four Morgan High School Robotics Students earn FAA 107 Drone Pilots License

In May, four students passed their Drone Pilots License. A drone pilots license is required to fly a drone under the FAA's Unmanned Aircraft General Small Rule. This license allows pilots to fly at night, around people and moving objects, and to fly commercially. Below: Ethan Cottrill (freshman), Sophia Griesmyer (sophomore), Joseph Michaels (sophomore), and Elijah Randolph (senior).







# MORGAN EAST

Ms. Betsy Ellingsworth, from Snap Ed, explains how to create a balanced meal using My Plate.

Ms. Betsy is reading about Pink Flamingos and sampling a Pink Drink made with strawberries, bananas, orange juice and tofu.

Gage Roberts.



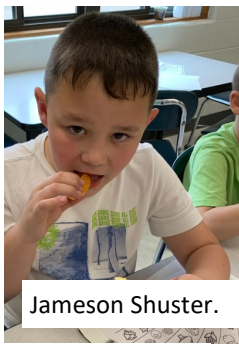
Elise Bloomfield.

Nora Foreman.



Arlo Work.

Below: Lillian Rex and Zaylee Jackson enjoy a fruit snack.



Jameson Shuster.

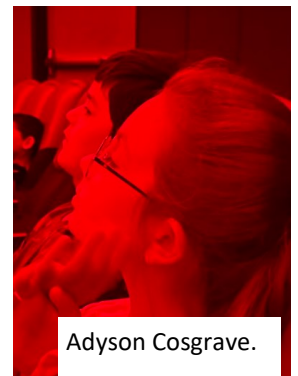
Below: Hayden Hickerson (3rd grade on the left) and Drayvon Goins (2nd grade on the right) were selected as National Math Star Nominees. This program is a National Program for students in 2nd and 3rd grade who score in the top 2% on Nationally Normed Tests of Math. Hayden and Drayvon were recognized because of their exceptional scores on the iReady math diagnostic test this year.



**Our Trip to the Planetarium**  
Written by Miss Wilson's First Grade Class  
First we rode the bus. Next we watched a movie about a cardboard rocket that went to space. We learned about planets. We learned that Mercury is closest to the sun and Venus is the hottest planet. We learned that Jupiter is the biggest and made of gas. It is called a gas giant. Saturn has rings and Uranus lays on its side. Mars is the red planet. We had fun! Below: Natalie Shaw, Harley Satterfield, Kayden Smith, Carter Rinehart, Killian Shortridge, and Baylee Steele are waiting for the show to start.



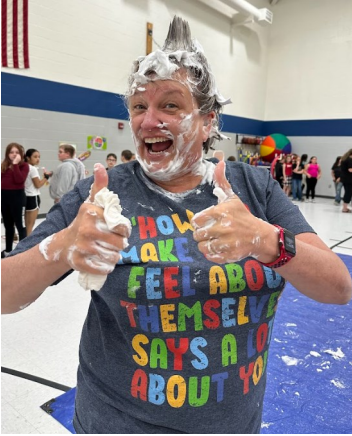
Below: Arlo Work, Shayliana Pritchard and Julian Taylor.



Adyson Cosgrave.

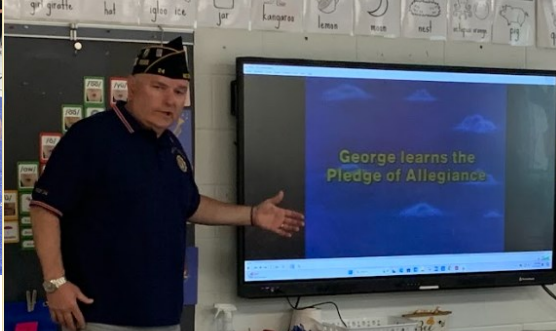


# MORGAN EAST



Mrs. Price is enjoying the end of year celebrations. Staff Pie in the Face Day activities. Below: Mrs. Price and Mr. Miller are the fan favorite targets.

Mr. Jeff Bragg, Sergeant At Arms of American Legion Malconta Post #24 and Morgan Junior High School Principal, presents the Pledge of Allegiance program to the first grade students.



Kindergarten Students took a field trip to Juke-box Pizza. The students put on the aprons and chef's hat and decorated a cookie with green icing and sprinkles.



Mr. Knapp.

Izzy Barnes.



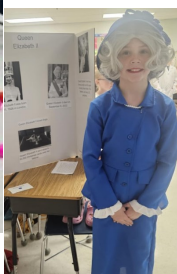
Third Graders held their annual Living Wax Museum, where they brought history to life! Students chose a historical person, completed research, wrote a speech, created a display board, and dressed in character as visitors walked through the museum.



Below: Artist, Leonardo da Vinci, aka Dave Jenkins.



Above: Painter, Bob Ross, aka Rebekah Griesmyer. Below: Queen Elizabeth, II, aka Khloe Dawson.



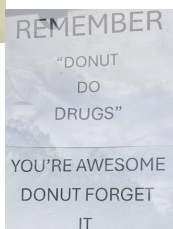
To the left: Ella Huck talks about her character, Elizabeth Cady Stanton to her mother, Emily Huck, and grandfather, Rick Huck.



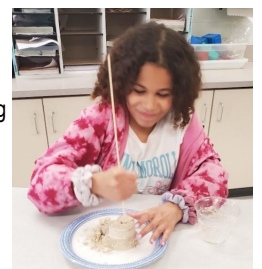
Preschool students playing Hungry Hippos.



Cody Blackburn and Mrs. Williams place their order for Donuts.



4th grade science  
Fourth grade students use the end of the school year to work on various hands-on science projects and stem activities. Students have used Snap Circuits to learn about electricity and currents. They have learned about dinosaurs and fossils and became amateur archaeologists learning how to dig fossils. The students also used "Learning Lunchboxes" from COSI to study energy and motion. To the right: Ayanna Mayle is looking for fossils.





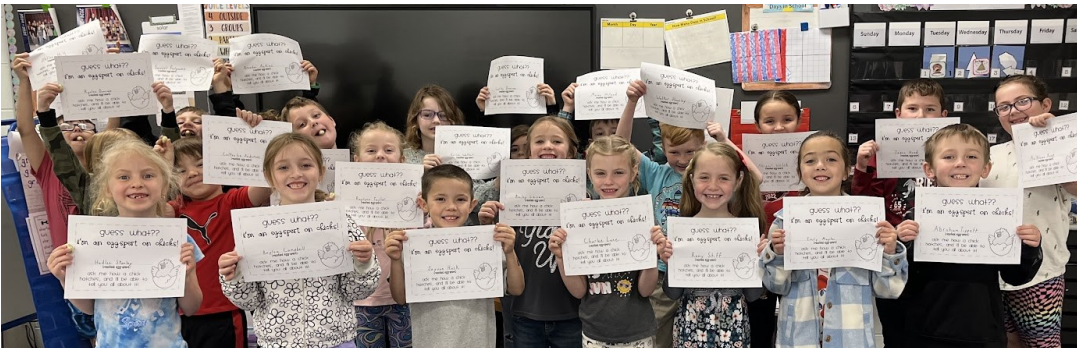
# MORGAN SOUTH



Sixth Grade Students created 3D faces.

Second graders at Morgan Local Schools were invited to learn and enjoy a fun day at the Chesterhill Produce Auction. Students learned about the weekly auction and how to be an auctioneer. They got to plant potatoes, make a healthy salad, and learn about recycling. They also learn about compost and insects at the Auction.

Students in Mrs. Gilliland's first grade class got the chance to raise and hatch eggs in an incubator. Throughout the month of March they learned about chick life cycles, what a baby chick looks like inside an egg, recorded scientific observations, held baby chicks, and even learned the chicken dance! Thanks to student, Emry Mayle, and her family for loaning us your eggs and incubator so we could experience this fun lesson.

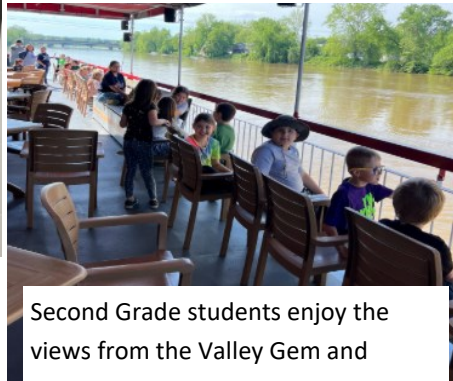


Mrs. Gilliland's class finished "chick week" with chocolate eggs and a certificate that certifies each student as an "eggspert" on raising baby chicks.

Annual South Elementary Easter Egg Hunt



South staff filled and put out over 3500 Easter Eggs this year! Stuffed with candy, toys, stickers, and one golden egg containing the Stanton \$100 bill. The golden egg was found by 5th Grader AJ Campbell and the big prize was an extra bag of candy.



Second Grade students enjoy the views from the Valley Gem and



## US Math Recovery National Conference

Ms. Shuster and Mrs. Wells were selected to speak at the US Math Recovery National Conference in Falls Church, Virginia in May. They were selected based on a project they had presented during their Math Recovery Training. Mrs. Bolon and Mrs. Bright accompanied them to share how this project impacted their classrooms.



Raylynn Taylor.

Dylan Peters.



Emry Mayle.

The first grade students took turns holding the baby chicks.



# MORGAN SOUTH

Newest Change of Heart members for South Elementary are Charlee Hensley (on the left), Raelynn Kaltenbach (in the middle), and Trinity Hoover (on the right). These new additions have been busy helping with everything from the preschool Easter egg hunt to delivering the afternoon folders. Great job ladies and welcome to the team!



## PERFECT SCORE!!!!

Third grader, Kale Dille, scored a perfect 818 on his Ohio Math State Test. He is a student in Mrs. Kidd's room. What an awesome accomplishment! Great job, Kale!



First Grade at South put on a play called "Let's Eat." This tasty musical was for anyone who loves food. They performed songs such as, "What's Cooking", "My Banana Split" and "The Fast Food Tango". To the left: Gia Stevens and Jayvon Husk.



Morgan South Hosted a "Raider Roundup" on April 3, 2025 for incoming Preschoolers and Kindergarten students. The "new cowboys & cowgirls" got to meet the teachers, play games, and even sample a famous "Thunder dog." South looks forward to another great year of kiddos in the fall.

Families "signing" to be a Raider!



The art showcase is full at South Elementary! Ms. Hannah's third grade class has been very busy making clay donuts sculptures (middle shelf) and foil stained glass pictures (top shelves). Mrs. Armstrong's fifth graders have been working hard to create custom tic-tac-toe games to play with their friends and family (bottom shelf).



# MORGAN WEST

Students recently had the opportunity to enjoy donuts with the principal. Students who reached their stretch goal on either the IReady Reading or IReady Math diagnostic in the spring were invited for a special breakfast.



Above: Addi Apperson, Ella Bodi, and Raelynn Bodi. To the right: First and second grade students enjoy their donuts.



Paisley Cybulski in the Red Racer is in the lead at turn four. Closely followed by Raelynn Scherer in the Hot Yellow Racer. Below: Mackenzie Matas enjoys the inflatable slide. Kaci Lemon, Oliver Bellville, and Cael Dearth have the water guns loaded.



To the right: Enjoying Kona Ice is Bentley Starnner, Donovan Jones, Xavier Razo and Brenjar Stoneburner.

West PTO brought in Super Games for a fun-filled field day. There were four inflatables, basketball toss, and axe throwing. Students competed in tug of war and go-karts. They got wet in a water gun battle and water balloon slingshot. They ended the day with Kona Ice.

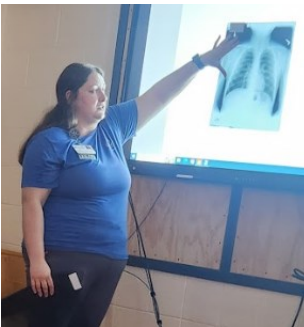




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Students in Pre-K through 2nd grade at West learned about different careers from local businesses. They learned about working at a hardware store from Shayna Roberts (on the left), reading x-rays (below), and performing on a stage. Students got to make their own flavored lemonade with Arian Harper and Anna Maxwell and plant sunflower seeds with Andrea Enderby, Blooming Fields Flower Farms. They participated in an auction at which they were able to bid on and “purchase” small toys with Auctioneer, Mr. Pete Pierdinock.



First graders at West invited Bobbi Parsons in to teach a painting class. We learned how to paint sea turtles. We have many artists!

Recently, 3rd graders in Mrs. Endsley's class participated in STEM projects. They competed to see who could fly the farthest paper airplane, stack the tallest tower of cups (Braelyn Thompson and Orin VanHorn), and make the longest paper chain (Victoria Dondrea).



## Field Trip!!

Fifth Grade enjoyed COSI and the Sixth Grade spent a wet day at the Columbus Zoo.





# MORGAN JUNIOR HIGH

On Tuesday, March 4, students at Morgan Junior High School joined together to support DD Awareness Month. Developmental Disabilities have chosen the color Orange as a symbol of energy and positivity. March has been named as the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.



Every year Mr. Bragg, Principal of Morgan Junior High, dresses in full time-period costume and brings the 8th grade history classes out for a Civil War Battle Reenactment. Students break into groups and stand on the lines, launching water balloons at their opponents. Any students that are hit with water balloon splash or with a direct hit are taken off the field by the Red Cross teams to the triage unit at the tent. This is a great way to explain battle strategies of the Civil War and really engage our students. This year was slightly chilly, but the fun of the day was talked about for many following days. We have such an incredible staff and an amazing principal that participates and engages our students in such a fun way!



Mr. Bragg ready for battle.

Abby Seibel and Kennedy Bowen.



8th grade's First Volley.

Mrs. Bragg.



Students prepare for the volley.



## Field Day

The end of the year brings excitement for what is to come, finalizing classes, and, of course, the annual dodgeball tournament. This is another student council event led by 7th grade ELA teacher Sophia Mardis. Students must create teams and the sign up is free. The brackets are made and the MC is none other than our 8th Grade Social Studies teacher Jason Mardis. Teams face off until there is only one winner. This year was the 8th grade team "The Twinkle Toes". Great job guys! Pictured to the right: Jordan Blackburn, Owen Triplet, Malachi Mounts, Rory Hale, and Jacob Work.

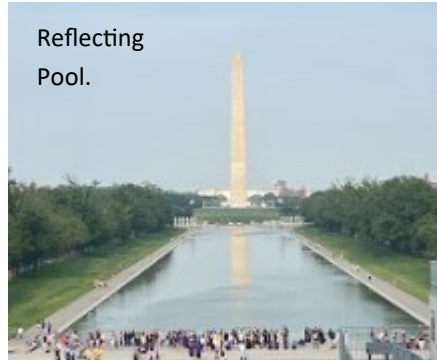




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The annual DC Trip takes place at the end of April. Students report at 5 am to the school to load on the buses and begin their trek to our nation's capital. This year, they stopped in Gettysburg and learned more about the civil war on their way to DC. The three day field trip brings students closer together and allows the chaperoning teachers to be with their students outside of the classroom and build better relationships. This was another unforgettable trip that our students will never forget. To the left: Photo of Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



Reflecting Pool.



Arlington National Cemetery.



Lincoln Memorial.



Gettysburg.

The Spring Fling takes months of planning and is headed up by the Student Council lead by Mrs. Mardis. Each year, the group must agree and plan for a theme and begin building decorations. This year was an "Under the Sea"

Theme and included a balloon arch and jellyfish. The Prince and Princess of the dance are voted for by their peers. Above to the right: Prince, Henry Davisson, and Princess, Braylon McCoy.



Pre-Teen Institute is a yearly event hosted by the Student Council lead by 7th Grade English Teacher Sophia Mardis. She organizes this event for months and organizes guest speakers and motivational guests to come and spend time with our students teaching them leadership skills and why vape and drug free is the way to be! Students are invited to the overnight lock-in at the Junior High School from teacher recommendations. Students must return the invitation with parent signature and brief paragraph. Students that may not have received an invite can still attend by requesting a form and returning it to Mrs. Mardis. There is a dance, fun activities, a dance competition and much more. It is engaging, and creates unforgettable memories for our students.





# MORGAN HIGH SCHOOL



On a beautiful Sunday evening, ten Morgan High School Band members joined other high school students to put on a concert at Zane Landing Park in Zanesville. The students were part of the Zanesville Memorial Concert Band High School Honors Band. The High School Honors Band, under direction of April Linard, played a set of three songs for the concert goers, Zia!, Zia!, Chasing Sunlight and The Great Locomotive Chase. After a brief intermission, the High School Honors Band joined the Zanesville Memorial Concert Band and performed three final songs. Pictured to the left are the members of the High School Honors Band from Morgan High School: Layton Coleman, Zach Smith, James Thomas, Adalee Gillespie, Delilah Rupe, Selena Thomas, Braden Massey and Madison Stinnett. Not pictured: Abigail Heigley and Malachi Kovaleski.



## Around the District

### ADVOCACY THROUGH ART

Morgan elementary students participated in the **Advocacy Through Art Contest** to help bring awareness of the dangers of vaping and tobacco use.

Morgan County Health Department held an art contest in April. Students were invited to create a drawing to help raise awareness about the dangers of vaping and tobacco use, especially among young people. Twelve winners were selected, the winning entries will be used to create a 12-month calendar. The calendar will be available at the Morgan County Health Department in June, please call 740-962-4572 for more details regarding the calendar.



To the right:  
East Elementary

Winner: Annabeth Miller, 5th grade. Below:  
South Elementary Winners: Arianna Stoops, 4th grade and Miley Mayle, 5th grade.



### OVERALL GRAND PRIZE WINNER:

**Caislyn Clawson-3<sup>rd</sup> grader at West Elementary!**



**Row 1:** Annaleah Harlow 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Caislyn Clawson 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Breelyn Clawson, Kindergarten. **Row 2:** Karter Kinnison. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Lillianna Sturgill, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Tracey Hill, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Adalynn Clawson, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Lane Forester, 5<sup>th</sup> grade. **Absent:** Paislee Harlow 6<sup>th</sup> grade.



Mr. Jeff Bragg presents the Pledge to Allegiance Program to the first grade students at each elementary. The program is designed to educate students on the appropriate way to fold the flag and the meaning stars and strips.

West Elementary classes of Angie Kobelt and Maggie Gifford.



## A Lesson in Life Skills

Two of Ms. Shuster's students (Below: Liam Skaggs and Charlie Ellis) have been learning about money, purchasing items from a grocery store, and ordering food from a restaurant. They recently took a field trip to a local restaurant where they practiced the skills they have learned. The boys were well

mannered and did an awesome job ordering and paying for their order. A huge thank you to our waitress for being so kind and patient and to our special guest, Mrs. Nichols, for going along to help support our efforts.



East Elementary classes of Jessica Wilson and Taylor Greco.



South Elementary first grade classes of Ivy Duhamel and Kayla Gilliland.

**FREE FOOD BACK TO SCHOOL FREE!!**

**COMMUNITY RESOURCES SCHOOL BASH FAMILY FUN!**

Let's kick the school year off right!  
**Friday July 25, 2025**  
**3:00-6:00pm**

**Heck Harkins Community Center in Stockport**

**FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES PREK-5TH GRADE**

**NO RSVP NEEDED!**

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**Help Me Grow Early Intervention**



Morgan County Department of Job and Family Services is located in the basement of the Riecker Building.

Morgan County Department of Job and Family Services is currently accepting applications for their "BACK TO SCHOOL" clothing program. Applications will be accepted until close of business on **FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025.**

Requirements:

\*Must be a Morgan County resident.

\*Must bring proof of income for everyone in the household for the last 4 weeks.

**Hours:**

**M-8am-6pm**

**T-F-8am-4pm**



# Glow with the **ARTS!**

*One Night Only!*

**Friday, July 25, 2025**

**5:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Morgan County Fairgrounds**

**Registration due July 11th**

**Kids entering Grades 1 - 8 ONLY**

**\$10.00 per child**

Registration Forms available at both branches of the  
Kate Love Simpson Library.

Register: Kate Love Simpson Library  
(McConnelsville or Chesterhill Branch)

or

send form and check to

CHCT PO Box 431 McConnelsville, OH 43756

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See your smiling faces  
on August 20.