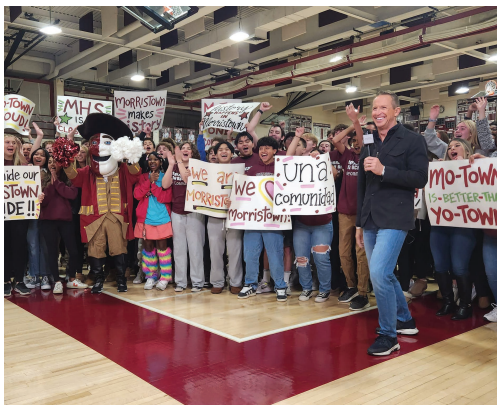


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Morristown High School Proves It's a Class Act— Live on CBS New York

Morristown High School (MHS) was featured live on CBS New York's "Class Act" broadcast on November 15, following a nomination from the Morris Educational Foundation (MEF). Chosen as a standout among tri-state area schools, MHS was recognized for its excellence in academics, athletics, equity, and inclusion. In preparation, CBS anchor Chris Wragge visited in October to capture the vibrant spirit of MHS through taped interviews with students and staff.

To ensure students could attend the early morning event on November 15, Superintendent Dr. Anne Mucci approved special transportation, and the MEF provided "Morristown High School: One Community" t-shirts for the first 250 students, along with breakfast for all attendees. Over 450 students and 45 staff members filled the gym before 5 a.m.—with one student arriving as early as 3:15 a.m., even beating the CBS New York crew for setup! MHS Broadcasting students also arrived early to film behind-the-scenes moments for "Colonial Corner News."

The broadcast featured live and pre-taped segments highlighting the school's students, staff, clubs, and achievements. Mo-town pride was on full display from the marching band, cheerleaders, drill team, Mo the mascot, and the TV debut of the "Motown Rumble." Alumni student-athletes Ali Ferrara ('15) and Joe Goryeb ('75) also shared their love for the District and why they continue to support—Ferrara through teaching and coaching and Goryeb through give-back efforts.

Chris Wragge called it "the biggest and best Class Act yet" since its debut in February of 2023. See for yourself! Watch the broadcast by scanning the QR code.



Inspiring Future STEM Innovators

Morristown High School's National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Jr. STEM Day brought together students in grades 6 through 12 for a day of hands-on learning and interactive workshops. They explored engineering principles through guided design challenges, prototypes, and collaborative problem-solving to experience real-world STEM applications that sparked curiosity and creativity.

The day was proudly supported by the Morris County Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, a key partner in expanding STEM access and equity across the Morris School District. Through their support of NSBE Jr. and its Pre-College Initiative, the program infused mentorship, leadership development, and a strong sense of identity into every activity.

In addition to the local experience, a select group of students traveled to the 2025 NSBE National Convention in March, joining over 15,000 attendees for four days of STEM showcases, career prep, and connection with engineering professionals. They returned home energized and ready to lead.

Thanks to the guidance of NSBE Jr. advisors Mr. Rodney Lee and Ms. Holly Chitundu, the program continues to thrive. With active chapters now at the elementary, middle, and high school levels, the Morris School District and The Links are building a powerful pipeline—one that empowers students to explore, achieve, and lead in STEM.



180 Days of Impact: An Exceptional Year of Learning

At the Morris Educational Foundation (MEF), our mission is simple: to enhance and enrich the educational experience of every student in the Morris School District every day. The Morris School District provides a strong academic foundation and the MEF helps move education forward by funding cutting-edge instructional tools, innovative enrichment, and real-world experiences that elevate education across STEM, literacy, the arts and social-emotional initiatives.

There are 180 days in the school year and 180 chances to create a school year full of possibilities. With increasing demands on schools, your support matters more than ever. Join us for 180 Days of Impact. A gift of just \$1 a day – \$180 – will allow us to deliver transformative opportunities to one of our 5,700 students across the District.

Together, we can turn every school day into an opportunity to spark curiosity, build confidence, and unlock potential.

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Literacy Grants at the Heart of the MEF

BOOSTING FAMILY READING, VOCABULARY, AND LANGUAGE

Thanks to donor support, the Reading Readiness Bilingual Book Club program helped Spanish- and English-speaking families at several of the District's preschool locations strengthen early literacy skills and develop daily reading routines. Through shared books, songs, and hands-on activities, parents and preschoolers explored phonetic awareness, letter recognition, and vocabulary building. The program culminated in a joyful celebration recognizing families for their commitment and growth.



MEET, READ AND DRAW!

All District 2nd-graders had the chance to meet author and illustrator Ross Burach at the donor-sponsored event. Students read *The Very Impatient Caterpillar* out loud with Mr. Burach, learned how to draw his characters and eagerly shared their creations with him. At the end of the visit, students and teachers received a signed copy of the book.



AUTHOR-ILLUSTRATOR INSPIRES FUTURE CREATORS

Thanks to a grant from a donor passionate about literacy, the MEF brought author and illustrator John Patrick Green to Normandy Park School on June 2 to speak with 5th-graders District-wide. Mr. Green shared how his elementary school passion for drawing led to his career as an illustrator for Disney Adventures Magazine and culminated in his New York Times bestselling "InvestiGators" series. The students asked enthusiastic questions, and afterwards, each classroom and media center received a signed boxed set of InvestiGators books.



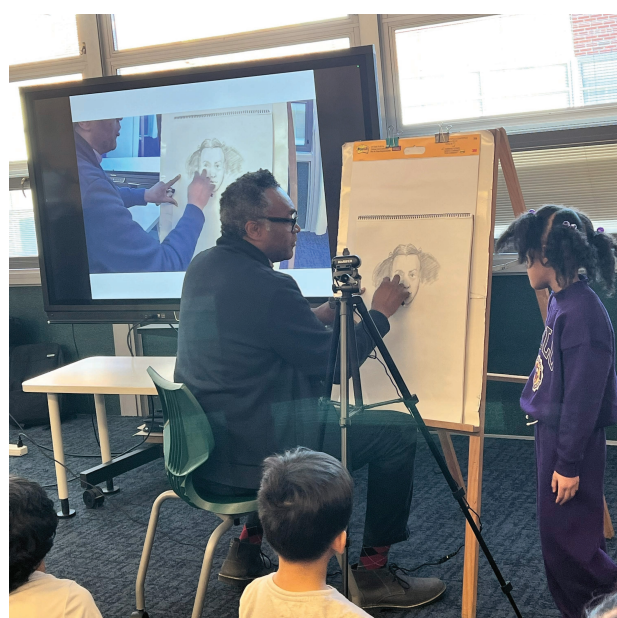
EXTENDING BOOK LIFE WITH COLIBRI

Media specialists prioritize book care and maintaining diverse collections, but many titles are easily damaged due to frequent handling by students. To address this, the MEF provided a grant to purchase the Colibri System, a book-covering machine, to protect thousands of books by applying custom-cut, durable covers. This grant will reduce replacement costs while supporting the media specialists' mission to preserve and organize school library collections.



Behind the Scenes of Illustration

Woodland School had the pleasure of meeting Eric Velasquez, an extremely talented author and illustrator. Mr. Velasquez showed students a glimpse of his drawing process and how his illustrations evolve through the editing process.



Pre-AP English 1 Empowers Writers

In its inaugural year, Pre-AP English I at MHS has already proven to be a powerful force for student growth. With a focus on the essential building blocks of literacy, students engage in frequent, meaningful writing to develop stamina and skill with manageable tasks before progressing to more complex essays. They learn text analysis that sharpens their voice, deepens their understanding of language, and empowers their writing style.

This isn't just a class—it's a launchpad. By emphasizing quality, purpose, and precision, Pre-AP English I equips students with the communication skills they'll use across all subjects—and for life.



Research Transforms Students Into Experts

Sussex Avenue 3rd-graders showcased their research skills through Animal Lapbook projects. Each student selected an animal and created an informative lapbook featuring the animal's diet, life cycle, and fun facts. Classes then paired up to present their work, with students answering quiz questions before moving on to the next animal expert. It was a fun and interactive way to celebrate learning!



Camp-Themed Literacy Night

In early March, students at Alexander Hamilton enjoyed a magical evening at its annual Literacy Night, themed "Camp Hootie," which sparked a love for reading through engaging, hands-on activities. From interactive stations including "Camping Games" and a cozy "Campfire Talk," students immersed themselves in fun, educational experiences that brought stories to life. The evening's impact was deepened by a visit from the Morristown Library and a special read-aloud by former staff member, Linda Murphy, inspiring students to explore reading beyond the classroom.



Student Voices Take Flight

The Falcon Press, FMS's student-led newspaper, empowers young journalists to explore their passions, strengthen their literacy skills, and express their creativity through authentic writing. From concept to publication, students own the process—building confidence, collaboration, and critical thinking along the way. It's a proud platform for students to build real-world skills that are essential for academic and future success. Scan the QR code to view students' take on current events, film, and book reviews and everything in between!



FMS Shines in Academic Competition

The FMS Quest JV Team placed 1st at the General Knowledge Bowl hosted by the NJ School Consortium. Dedicated to fostering the intellectual, athletic, and social growth of middle school-age students, 6th and 7th-graders competed against Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, Central Middle School, Oratory Prep, Delbarton School, Borough School and Ridgedale Middle School.



Exploring Music Through Math

Nearly 400 students at FMS took part in an inspiring Discovery Orchestra program that blended live orchestral performances with hands-on lessons connecting music and math through listening games and guided discussions. Using rhythm patterns, time signatures, and frequency ratios, students explored how mathematical concepts support the beauty of music. The program was made possible thanks to the Morris County Chapter of The Links, Incorporated and their "Rhythms for Life: Music Matters in Morris County" initiative and Mr. Brian Young, Supervisor of STEM education.



Courtyard Transformed for School Community



Normandy Park School (NPS) received a meaningful renovation to its courtyard, led by former student and current Morristown High School freshman, Ivy Kneppar.

As part of her journey to Eagle Scout, Ivy conceptualized and completed a thoughtful transformation of the outdoor space in conjunction with her Life and Design Lab class. Her project included building a mobile outdoor chalkboard, two picnic tables, and two benches to create a more welcoming and functional learning garden

for students and teachers to discover, connect, and enjoy time outside.

To bring her vision to life, Ivy raised nearly \$1,000 to fund the materials needed for the project. "This project is more than my trail to Eagle; it's my way of giving back to a community that has given me so much," Ivy shared.

The NPS community is incredibly proud of Ivy's generosity, vision, and continued commitment to her roots.

3D Printing Comes to Life



Computer Aided Drawing (CAD) and 3D printing knowledge is a fundamental component to many of the STEM pathways at MHS. To prepare students in these classes for a career in engineering and digital manufacturing, two 3D printers and supplies were purchased and integrated into the curriculum thanks to a grant from the MEF. This hands-on experience allowed students to use CAD software to create technical drawings and produce custom parts—skills they applied directly to their end-of-year Capstone projects while also building the digital manufacturing skills needed for success in STEM fields.



Sussex Engineers Fun

Each year, Sussex Avenue students engage in STEM-based makerspace projects during technology class. Highlights included Ozobot Thanksgiving parades, cardboard skate parks, and a fifth-grade arcade using recycled materials. Students applied the engineering design process while developing creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. The event ended with a space-themed celebration and arcade games hosted for the entire school, rounding out a fun and inspiring event for all.



Sparkling Innovation in Makerspace

Alexander Hamilton (AH) students bring ideas to life in its vibrant Makerspace, a valuable enrichment environment where creativity and hands-on learning take center stage. As they explore projects that blend science, technology, engineering, art, and math, they're building real-world skills and discovering the power of innovation. This space is helping AH students grow as confident creators, problem-solvers, and future-ready thinkers.



Woodland Becomes Weather-Wise



NBC 4 New York's Chief Meteorologist, Janice Huff, visited Woodland school to lead a special "Weather Kids" lesson for more than 100 enthusiastic 2nd-graders. Ms. Huff shared her expertise on the upcoming hurricane season, the science behind weather patterns, and the different types of clouds. Her visit inspired a new generation of young meteorologists who asked thoughtful questions and engaged in hands-on learning.

Science Day Reaches New Heights



Excitement soared at Alfred Vail's Annual Science Day on April 23! A highlight was a visit from the High School Rocketry Club, which captivated students with live demonstrations and lessons on flight and propulsion. From paper airplane trials to planting seeds, live animal shows, and a Teddy Bear Health Clinic, the day inspired curiosity and celebrated hands-on learning in every corner of the school.

Inspiring Future Healthcare Leaders

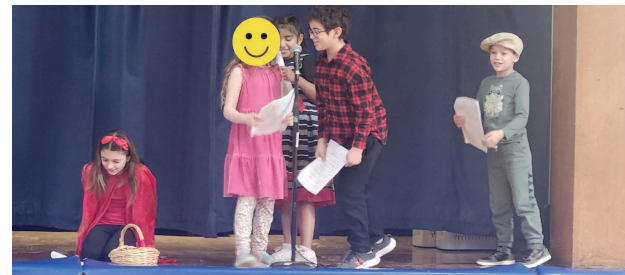
On March 19, the Health Professions Club hosted the first Health Professions Career Day at MHS. In partnership with the STEM Academy, Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, and the MEF, over 50 healthcare professionals, including Atlantic Health and Morristown Medical Center, connected students with a variety of career opportunities and post-secondary pathways in the field.

The event celebrated collaboration among educators, students, and industry leaders while empowering the future of healthcare professionals. Special thanks to Ms. Christina Doyle and the club members for organizing this impactful STEM and CTE event.



MEF Celebrates Cultural Arts in our Schools

Funding cultural arts in all of the District's schools is a pillar of the MEF grant program. Here, **Sussex Avenue** 3rd-graders brought stories to life through Reader's Theatre with the Mayo Performing Arts Center, building reading skills, confidence, and teamwork, all leading up to a fantastic live performance for family and friends!



Alfred Vail 2nd-graders journeyed across cultures in their annual dance residency with the Mayo Performing Arts Center where they learned traditional folk dances from around the globe. Dances ranged from Chinese Ribbon Dance and Russian Trepak to French Minuet. Through this MEF-funded program, students also learned about history, geography, and music, culminating in a school-wide cultural celebration of movement, music, and storytelling.



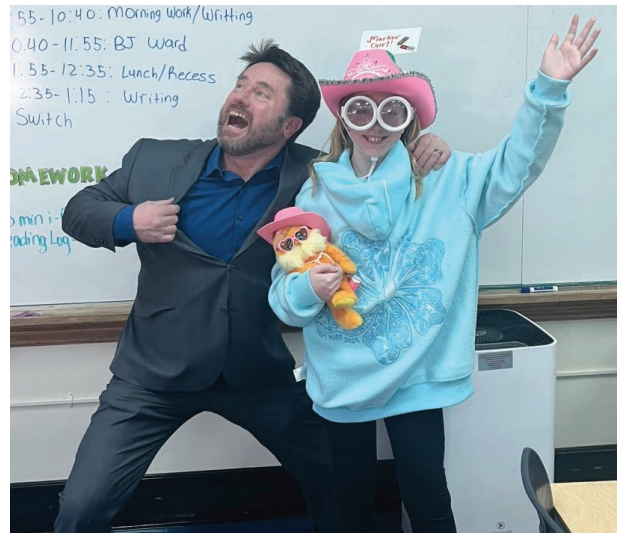
During Cultural Arts Week at **Lafayette Learning Center**, students participated in a variety of engaging experiences funded by the MEF. A highlight was Tae Kwon Do Day, when Cho's Legacy Tae Kwon Do led empowering sessions focused on strength, focus, and discipline. Students also enjoyed dance, yoga, K9 demonstrations, and a hands-on learning experience about insects to build curiosity and creativity throughout the week.



For the second consecutive year, **Hillcrest** students in grades K-2 and staff experienced the joy of live theatre during a school-wide trip to see *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical!* at the Mayo Performing Arts Center. The performance, based on Mo Willems' beloved book series, sparked creativity, classroom connections, and excitement for learning while reinforcing teamwork and problem-solving. As Principal Lisa Fischman shared, this experience was "a truly inclusive experience for our school community," highlighting the far-reaching impact of the MEF's commitment to providing enriching educational opportunities.



Ninety-one 5th-graders at **Thomas Jefferson** engaged in a transformative, five-day poetry residency funded by the MEF with award-winning poet BJ Ward. Through humor, storytelling, and expert instruction in reading, analyzing, and composing of poetry, Mr. Ward helped students enjoy learning about poetry, while offering fresh inspiration for educators. The residency culminated in a published anthology of student poems, a beloved school tradition for over a decade. Teachers praised the experience as "electrifying," and students called it the highlight of their year.



Students from **Woodland** experienced two enriching cultural assemblies this year through Young Audiences, a leading provider of arts in education programs and services. For Hispanic Heritage Day, students explored the rich traditions of food, music, and dance in an engaging, interactive celebration. During Black History Month, they learned about gumboot dancing and its cultural roots, deepening their understanding through live performance and guided study. Over 250 students participated, gaining meaningful insights into diverse cultures through these vibrant experiences!



Through a Cultural Arts grant from the MEF, **Normandy Park** students enjoyed participating in a 10-session historical drama program from MPAC where they explored American history and folktales through theatre. Students also developed performance skills and built confidence through this residency, which culminated in a final stage performance.



Alexander Hamilton hosted a series of enriching assemblies that celebrated learning, culture, and character funded by the MEF. Highlights included Hip Hop Fundamentals, Taste of Spain, Arithmetickles, and a powerful performance by Jubilee Children's Entertainment, whose uplifting blend of music, storytelling, and motivation encouraged students to embrace perseverance, kindness, and a growth mindset. With full participation from approximately 250 students and 40 staff, these dynamic programs supported the school's mission to foster curiosity, confidence, and a strong sense of community.



FMS Band and Chorus Sweep Music Festival



The FMS music department had a fantastic showing at this year's Music in the Parks festival. More than 90 students, accompanied by 14 parent chaperones and five music teachers, traveled to Allentown to perform for professional adjudicators. The group

enjoyed some well-earned fun at Dorney Park before attending the awards ceremony where they earned top honors including *Superior Rating* and *Best Overall Concert Band*, *Excellent Rating* and *Best Overall Chorus*, and *Outstanding Soloist*, Maeve Daly.

Technology Boost Hits the Right Notes

The MHS Music and Theatre programs received a major technology upgrade through a grant from the MEF to purchase a new iMac, three MacBook Airs, and a Roland drum pad. These state-of-the-art tools are used to meet the growing demand for student practice space and enhance the learning environments. They are now key resources in the band rooms and rehearsal spaces, benefiting music, theatre, and marching band students alike.

The impact has been immediate and impressive as students also used the laptops during the theatre productions of *Shrek* and *Les Misérables*, showcasing the power of technology in elevating student performances. *Les Misérables* even earned a Papermill Playhouse Rising Star award for Outstanding Pit Orchestra, an achievement made possible in part by the new equipment.

As Junior Elizabeth Sebiri shared, "The new laptops made finding, compiling, and inserting sound effects easier and faster, giving us more time to focus on other aspects of the Sound Department." This grant has not only empowered student artists but also underscored the value of investing in the arts.



Experiencing the Magic of Aladdin

On March 19, 8th-grade music students from FMS took an exciting trip to New York City to see *Aladdin* on Broadway, a first-time experience in both the city and the theatre for many of them!

Two days later, the magic continued with a special visit from Adi Roy, the actor currently starring as Aladdin. During an inspiring assembly, Adi shared his journey to Broadway, including stories from his middle and high school years, the audition process, and his experience touring with the *Aladdin* national production. Students wrapped up the visit with a Q&A session and the chance to get autographs—a truly unforgettable experience!



MHS Tricorn Earns National Recognition

The 2024 edition earned a prestigious "First Class" ranking from the National Council of Teachers of English. Senior editors Elizabeth Powers and David Gelfand (center) returned from last year's editorial team, joined by new staff members Odessa Dawson, Callie Danysh, and Melanie Johnson. This year, faculty member Ms. Jen Furphy also joined the team alongside advisors Mr. Brian Kievening and Mr. George Lavigne. Special recognition goes to Sadie Thomas '24 for her striking cover design.



Shrek the Musical Shines

FMS students showcased their talents both on stage and behind the scenes in a fantastic production of *Shrek the Musical*. From acting and singing to set design and technical support, the show was a wonderful example of the community created by students and staff. The MHS student orchestra added an extra layer of magic, making the performances a memorable experience for all.



Les Misérables Wows at MHS

The Morristown High School Theatre Program's spring musical, *Les Misérables*, earned standing ovations across four unforgettable performances. Entirely student-run, the production involved over 130 students who managed every element—from sets and sound to costumes, lighting, and music. The show highlighted their exceptional talent, dedication, and teamwork. Bravo to the cast, crew, and pit orchestra!



The MHS Theatre program earned widespread recognition for its outstanding productions, artistic excellence, and dedication to educational impact. This year, the program amassed an impressive collection of accolades, further solidifying its reputation as one of New Jersey's premier high school theatre programs.

bergenPAC High School Musical Awards *Les Misérables* (Spring 2025)

Best Actor in a Male-identified Supporting Role: Jackson Miller
Best Music Direction: Mr. David Gallagher
Best Ensemble: Morristown HS Theatre Ensemble Cast
Outstanding Overall Musical: Ms. Stephanie Rubin and the Company of *Les Misérables*

Montclair State University Theatre Night Awards *Shakespeare in Love* (Fall 2024)

Outstanding Achievement by a Costume Technician for a Play: Logan Conrad

Papermill Rising Star Awards *Les Misérables* (Spring 2025)

Student Achievement Award: Aidan Orbeta – Pit Ensemble – Percussion
Outstanding Performance by an Orchestra: David Gallagher and the MHS Pit Orchestra

Capturing the Moment and Building Futures

Thanks to a recent grant from the MEF, the MHS Photography program is now equipped with two advanced mirrorless cameras to provide students with the tools needed to capture high-quality images of fast-paced sports and school events, especially under challenging lighting conditions like evening games and theatre performances. Students from Photo 2/3/4 classes, along with yearbook and theatre participants, gained hands-on experience photographing spring events including *Les Misérables*, varsity games, and the Spring Pep Rally.

Photo TA Mason Mitchell shared, "Using the new professional cameras helped me greatly enhance my skills and better prepared me for pursuing photography after high school."



Morristown ONSTAGE Helps Support Every Student Every Day!



In March, community supporters filled the beautiful Mayo Performing Arts Center (MPAC) to enjoy Morristown ONSTAGE, the 18th annual talent show and premier fundraiser of the Morris Educational Foundation to benefit the Morris School District. The year's must-see event featured 16 awe-inspiring performances that captivated the audience and judges. Thanks to the community, the event raised over \$200,000 to enhance students' access to music, arts, STEM programs, after-school activities, and classroom enrichment.

Congratulations to the 2025 winners: The Walsh Memorial Bell Choir (\$1,000 – 18 & Under Winner), Soul Tap (\$1,000 – 19 & Over Winner), Jamie L. Pooler (\$500 – Audience Choice Winner) and Haniyah Iman Hill (\$250 – Rossoff Rising Star Winner).

Kudos to the many District students and staff who lent their talents to the production of this high-end event. Plans are already underway for 2026! To help make the show the best it can be, inquire about the upcoming Volunteer Info Session by emailing mosadmin@morrisedfoundation.org.

Mark your calendars to audition on December 13 at MHS and to attend the show on February 24, 2026 at MPAC. Scan the QR code to audition for free through November 16.



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Appreciation and Community-Building

Thanks to funding from the MEF, a special Kindergarten Tea was held this spring to honor and appreciate all District Kindergarten staff. The event offered a warm, welcoming space for educators to connect, share conversation, and celebrate their work. Additionally, the Administrative Retreat in June gathered 47 administrators to collaborate on key topics, including curriculum planning.



Pet Therapy Program Launches with Heart and Purpose

The District's new pet therapy initiative officially launched with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Morristown High School in the fall of 2024. Spearheaded by senior Emily Bongo, whose leadership earned her the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award, the program made a meaningful impact throughout the school year. Teddy, a gentle and playful 6-year-old goldendoodle owned by TJ teacher Megan Lucignani, has visited students across the District to spread comfort, care, and compassion. Whether reading, walking, or simply sharing lunch with Teddy, students have experienced firsthand the "pawssitive" impact he brings to the mental health of students and staff with his most important message, "You can do GREAT things!"



FMS Inspires Growth and Kindness

In the fall, the Falcon Mighty Strong (We Are FMS!) Club launched in the 6th Grade Academy, offering students a supportive after-school space to explore identity, self-acceptance, and leadership. Open to all students by counselor referral, the club empowers students to embrace who they are and become agents of positive change. In the picture below, students promoted kindness throughout the academy, including posting positive messages on student lockers.



Strengthening Wellness and Connections

Laughing Together brought all District teachers together for a unique workshop to explore how comedy can be a helpful tool in education. Led by improv instructors and licensed therapists, educators learned exercises found in a comedy class to encourage connection, strong team-building, bold decision-making, and peer-to-peer communication. These techniques help promote resilience, non-verbal communication and mental well-being. The program is part of the annual "Salute to Teachers" initiative, which was established by the Rhines family, donors, and the MEF to honor longtime educator and board member Ann Rhines.



Frankie Joins FMS

Meet Frankie the Falcon, the newest member of the FMS family, soaring in as the school's spirited mascot to cheer on students and celebrate school pride!



Celebrating Unity Through Art

At Hillcrest School, art became a powerful symbol of collaboration and creativity through The Circle Project: Every Piece Matters. Led by art teacher Ms. Cassandra Brown over several weeks, students each designed a quarter of a circle to contribute to a vibrant, unified mural. The project emphasized both individuality and teamwork, with Ms. Brown guiding students to consider how their art connected with others. The completed mural is a joyful, colorful reminder that when every voice is included, something truly beautiful can be created.



MEF 2024-25 GRANTS

\$124,225 in grants for Morris School District students and staff were approved during the 2024-2025 school year.

3D Printing for Integrated STEM – Two 3D printers and beginning supplies for the Morristown High School Integrated STEM course.

Advanced Mirrorless Camera Photography – Advanced mirrorless camera setups for fast action sports/event photography in the Morristown High School Photography program.

Chemistry Equipment – Support for cutting-edge materials to enhance chemistry education at Morristown High School.

Colibri Book Care System – A specialized machine that custom-cuts and laminates durable covers to extend the life of each book, preserving the diverse collections of our heavily used elementary libraries.

Cultural Arts Annual Funding – A grant for each of the 10 Morristown High School District schools to support cultural arts programming.

Fifth-Grade Author Visit – An author talk, visit, and signed books from New York Times bestselling author John Patrick Green (the InvestiGATORS series) for all 5th-grade students.

"Finding Your Strength in Parenting" – A workshop to help parents of elementary-aged students in all seven of our K-5 schools understand how to build and strengthen their relationships with their children.

Geriatric Sensory Impairment Kit – Featuring simulators for hearing loss, arthritis, and tremors, these kits help Morristown High School students explore the effects of aging on individuals, families, and the healthcare system.

Lenses for Morristown High School Broadcasting – Three new lenses for DSLR cameras to allow for expanded student creativity.

Mayo Performing Arts Center Residency – A school-wide theatre residency at Normandy Park School.

MEF Student Club Advisor – Support for a Morristown High School staff advisor.

Mu Alpha Theta – Custom tablecloth for use at Morristown High School math club events.

Music and Theatre Department Technology – State-of-the-art computers for use in the Morristown High School Music and Theatre programs.

Navigating the Digital Age: Empowering Teens for Healthy Online Lives – A student workshop with Lauren Muriello, LPC, for Frelinghuysen Middle School 7th and 8th graders to discuss being a teen in the social media age.

Project Graduation Support – Support for Morristown High School's All-Night Graduation Party fundraiser.

Reading Readiness: Preschooler-Parent Shared Reading – A monthly bilingual book club for preschoolers and their parents.

Salute to Teachers 2024 – A Laughing Together Workshop by Wellness Together to help teachers District-wide understand how comedy can be a useful tool in the classroom.

Second Grade Author Event – An author talk, visit and a signed book for all second graders from The Very Impatient Caterpillar author/illustrator Ross Burach.

Senior Signs for all Graduating 8th Graders and Morristown High School Seniors – To recognize our students' success.

Screen for the 6th grade wing at Frelinghuysen Middle School – For the display of real-time updates, announcements, event schedules, news, important messages, and SEL efforts.

Sixth Grade Academy Planners – Planners to help the Frelinghuysen Middle School 6th grade class improve executive function skills, specifically organization and time management.

Superintendent Fellowship Table Events – A morning tea appreciation event for all Morris School District Kindergarten teachers to connect with colleagues and a June retreat for Morris School District Administrators.

Tutoring at Frelinghuysen Middle School – Funding for the after-school math and language arts tutoring program.

"We the People" Program at Normandy Park School – A year-long, school-wide initiative designed to highlight the new Social Studies curriculum through music, art, physical education, social studies, and reading.

Three Yamaha Marching Baritone Horns – To replace existing unplayable horns for the Morristown High School Marching Band.

Over the past 33 years, the Morris Educational Foundation has generated \$6.3 million in impact across academics, arts, athletics, and other activities. Scan the QR code to view the full list of grants awarded in the 2024-2025 school year.



Record Participation and Honors Highlight FMS Athletics

Frelinghuysen Middle School Athletics had a standout year, with over 600 students participating in interscholastic programs. Cross Country and Track & Field each drew more than 150 athletes, and five teams debuted brand-new uniforms. Many teams also earned post-season accolades, reflecting the dedication and talent of FMS student-athletes.



MHS Athletics Score Big in 2024-25

Morristown High School's 2024-25 athletic season was marked by team and individual success. Girls Volleyball captured back-to-back Group IV Sectional Titles and were ranked #12 in the state, while Girls Ice Hockey earned Varsity status. Individual honors were achieved in Boys Swimming, Track & Field, and Wrestling, highlighting MHS's competitive depth alongside its inclusive participation through Unified sports.



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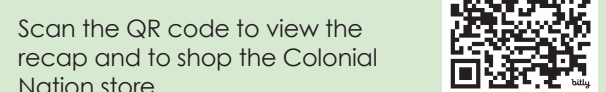
WJSV-FM Marathon Connects Generations

WJSV-FM held its annual 24-hour Radio Marathon with student-led broadcasts, games, and "Colonial Corner News" content, showcasing creativity and collaboration. This year it introduced an alumni component, drawing nearly 30 graduates from the 1970s to 2024. Alumni toured MHS with the Heritage Club, shared memories, and even returned as guest DJs. The experience sparked meaningful connections across generations and highlighted the lasting legacy of the Broadcast program.



Motown Trivia Night Triumphs

Nearly 100 alumni, parents, and supporters packed Glenbrook Brewery for Colonial Nation's Motown-themed Trivia Night, raising almost \$5,000 for Morris School District schools! The event also launched the Colonial Nation online store – your one-stop shop for MHS alumni gear. From themed teams and exciting prizes, it was a night to remember—and a huge success.



Scan the QR code to view the recap and to shop the Colonial Nation store.



MEF Awards \$500,000 to MHS Graduates

Thanks to alumni, individuals, families, and local organizations, the MEF provided \$500,000 in scholarships and awards to MHS graduates and alumni in the 2024-2025 school year.

As the leading provider of scholarships for MHS students, the MEF is proud to offer many opportunities for seniors and the largest award of scholarship dollars to the graduating class each year. Through the generosity of MEF scholarship donors, 31 graduating seniors received scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$100,000 to help them pursue their dreams in college and beyond. Scan the QR code to view the recipients and their post-graduate plans.



Ten exceptional MHS alumni were each selected to receive a \$5,000 Myles Smiled on You Award for secondary education loan reduction. They include:

Nathalia Arias – '11	Crishian Inestroza – '17
Arthur Ayres III – '00	Nicholas Rojas – '19
Jenna Brophy – '15	Noelle Smith – '20
Mateo Cardona	Evan Whitenack – '16
Agudelo – '16	Katelyn Woebse – '16
Daniel Cavalier – '19	





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Congratulations to our 2025 Graduating Seniors!



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The Morris Educational Foundation (MEF) celebrates the Class of 2025 and our community as we recognize the Morristown High School graduates and their accomplishments. We are honored to have been part of their educational journey and are proud to have given \$6.3 million to our schools over 32 years to move education forward. From preschool through high school, the MEF works to enhance and inspire the academic pursuits of all our students, in all 10 schools of the Morris School District. We congratulate the graduates as they move forward to post graduate plans, colleges and careers, including:

- American University (2)

Arizona State University

Auburn University (3)

Berkeley College

Berklee College of Music

Binghamton University (4)

Boston College

Boston University (3)

Bucknell University (3)

Caldwell University (2)

Christine Valmy International School of Esthetics & Cosmetology (3)

Clark Atlanta University

Coastal Carolina University (2)

College of Charleston (2)

Colonial Life Program (12)

Colorado State University

Commonwealth University

Connecticut College

Cornell University

County College of Morris (61)

Delaware Valley University

DePaul University

DeSales University

Eastern Atlantic States Carpenters Technical Center

Eastwick College

Eckerd College
- Elizabethtown College

Elon University

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Emerson College (2)

Fairfield University

Fairleigh Dickinson University (21)

Fashion Institute of Technology (2)

Fordham University

Gap Year (6)

Georgetown University

Georgia Institute of Technology

Hobart and William Smith

Hobart Institute of Welding Technology

Hudson Valley Community College

Indiana University, Bloomington

Iowa State University

Ithaca College

James Madison University (6)

Johns Hopkins University

Johnson & Wales University

Juniata College

Kean University (7)

King's College

Lehigh University (2)

Lincoln Technical Institute (3)

Louisiana State University (2)

Loyola University, Chicago

Loyola University, Maryland (2)
- Lycoming College

Marist University (2)

Marywood University (2)

Messiah University

Michigan State University (2)

Monmouth University

Montana State University

Montclair State University (9)

Morehouse College

Morris County School of Technology (5)

Muhlenberg College

New Jersey City University

New Jersey Institute of Technology (5)

New York University (3)

North Carolina Central University

North Carolina State University

Norwich University

Pennsylvania State University (9)

Prairie View A & M University

Pratt Institute (2)

Quinnipiac University (7)

Ramapo College (2)

Rider University

Rochester Institute of Technology (2)

Rollins College

Rowan University (3)

Rutgers University (16)

Sacred Heart University (2)
- Saginaw Valley State University

Saint Elizabeth University (3)

Saint Francis University (2)

Savannah College of Art and Design

Seton Hall University (4)

Shenandoah University

Skyborne Airline Academy

St. John Fisher University

St. John's University

Stevens Institute of Technology (4)

Stockton University (2)

Syracuse University (3)

Temple University (4)

Texas State University

The American University of Rome

The College of New Jersey (6)

The George Washington University (3)

The New School

The University of Alabama

The University of Tennessee

Thomas Jefferson University

Tulane University

United States Air Force

United States Coast Guard

United States Marine Corps (5)

United States National Guard (2)

United States Navy (4)

Universal Technical Institute (10)
- University of Arizona (3)

University of Connecticut (3)

University of Delaware

University of Georgia (2)

University of Kentucky

University of Lynchburg

University of Maryland, College Park (6)

University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2)

University of Michigan

University of Mississippi

University of New Haven (2)

University of New Mexico

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

University of Notre Dame (2)

University of Pittsburgh (4)

University of Rhode Island (3)

University of Scranton (5)

University of South Carolina, Columbia (2)

University of Southern California

University of Vermont (2)

University of Virginia

University of Wisconsin, Madison (2)

Vanderbilt University (2)

Virginia Tech (10)

Wentworth Institute of Technology

West Chester University

West Virginia University (2)

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