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Investing in Our Schools: The September 15 Bond Referendum

For the first time in nearly **30 years**, the Morris School District is holding a **\$158 million bond referendum** to address critical infrastructure and space needs across all 10 schools. If approved, the state of New Jersey will contribute **\$46.4 million** toward the total project costs. This funding can only be secured through an approved referendum.

This proposal shapes the future of our school community by updating heating, adding District-wide air conditioning, expanding overcrowded classrooms, and modernizing learning spaces. It also restores the historic integrity of the Morristown High School auditorium, to name just a few of the many proposed projects across the District.

What does this mean for our students, our buildings, and your taxes? Check out the center spread for a breakdown of all the proposed projects, key voter dates, and how you can get informed before the vote on Tuesday, September 15. Scan the QR code to visit the referendum website.



Bringing Revolutionary History to Life

Thanks to the generosity of a dedicated Morris Educational Foundation (MEF) donor, Normandy Park students experienced history in a powerful new way through the "Morristown 250: Revolutionary Perspectives Days," a two-day immersive program celebrating Morristown's role in the American Revolution and America's 250th anniversary.

All District fifth graders joined the Normandy Park fourth- and fifth-grade students for a visit from historical fiction author Robert Skead, whose book *Patriots, Redcoats and Spies* explores the Revolutionary War through the Culper Spy Ring. Each student also received a signed copy of the book.

Normandy Park students stepped back in time through interactive colonial-era stations, including butter making, traditional trades, a Revolutionary War-themed escape room, and colonial music and marching led by Morristown High School student musicians. Fourth- and fifth-graders joined Frelinghuysen Middle School student volunteers for a dramatic reading of the Declaration of Independence, while second- and third-graders helped create a permanent mural celebrating Morristown's history.

This extraordinary opportunity demonstrates how the Morris Educational Foundation enriches learning by fostering curiosity, critical thinking, and meaningful connections to local history.



MEF: 180 Days of Impact

The Morris Educational Foundation's (MEF) **180 Days of Impact** campaign unites our community around a simple but powerful idea: a gift of just \$1 for each day of the 180-day school year can make a lasting difference for students across the Morris School District. Last school year, families, alumni, staff, and community members came together to support innovative classroom grants, cultural arts and literacy programs, STEM initiatives, and social-emotional learning opportunities that enrich education beyond what the school budget alone can provide. **Thank you.**

As a new school year begins, we invite families to join the 180 Days of Impact campaign to make a difference from day one. A gift of \$180—\$1 for each day of the school year—helps fund resources and real-world experiences that benefit students in all 10 District schools. Every donation, regardless of size, helps provide meaningful educational opportunities that inspire creativity, curiosity, and success.

Throughout this newsletter, you'll see the impact these grants have on students across the Morris School District.

Ready to help? Scan the QR code to donate today.



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Take a moment to fill out our quick form to receive updates on the latest news, events, and how your support impacts students across the Morris School District.



Follow the Impact! Sign Up for Morris Educational Foundation News

Receive updates on the latest news, events, and how your MEF support provides opportunities for students across the Morris School District. Sign up today through our quick online form!



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The MEF Invests in Literacy: One Reader at a Time

A RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

Kindergarten multilingual learners at Woodland, Alfred Vail, and Hillcrest Schools recently participated in Cooking Up Language Skills, a hands-on literacy experience led by a visiting chef. Through cooking activities, students strengthened language development, practiced sequencing and cause-and-effect concepts, and created recipe books to share their learning at home.



GROWING READERS TOGETHER

Thanks to the generous support of MEF donor Mr. Dan Flores, the Reading Readiness Bilingual Book Club continued to help Spanish- and English-speaking preschool families build strong early literacy skills. Through engaging stories and hands-on activities, parents and preschoolers fostered a love of reading while learning strategies to strengthen literacy development and establish reading routines at home.



BRINGING STORIES TO LIFE

A dedicated MEF donor funded an inspiring visit from author and illustrator Mike Ciccotello for all District second graders. Students explored the creative process behind visual storytelling, practiced drawing techniques, and gained a deeper appreciation for reading and art. Every student, classroom, and media center received a signed copy of *Leonard Grows a Haunted Garden*.



INSPIRING YOUNG STORYTELLERS

Normandy Park and Alexander Hamilton second- and third-graders discovered the joy of creative writing through Writers Circle Workshops, a hands-on residency led by professional authors who specialize in nurturing young writers. Using imaginative prompts, drawing, role-playing, and collaboration, students transformed their ideas into original stories while building confidence, strengthening literacy skills, and developing a lifelong love of writing.



EXTRA SUPPORT, LASTING IMPACT

The MEF continued to fund the FMS after-school tutoring program, providing students with support in math and language arts with encouragement from dedicated volunteer tutors. By strengthening essential skills in a supportive environment, the program helps students build confidence and develop the tools they need for long-term success.



CREATIVE WRITING COMES ALIVE

MHS creative writing students had their original scripts brought to life through One Good Scene, a unique literacy experience led by Paul Rabinowitz and ARTS By The People. Collaborating with professional writers and Broadway actors—including MHS '18 alumna Victoria Fanning—students saw their work performed live, enriching their storytelling and creative expression.



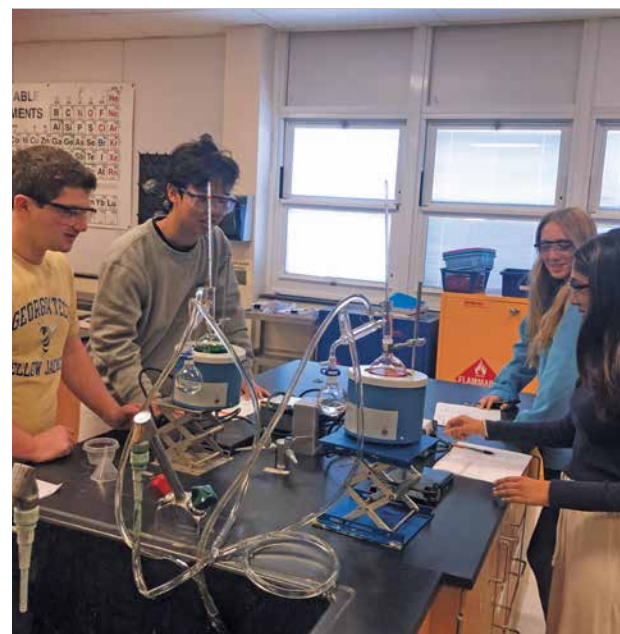
Science Day Inspires Young Learners

Students at all seven District elementary schools participated in engaging STEM programs, including *Dinosaurs Rock*, *Nature Nick*, and *Mad Science*, thanks to MEF funding. Through these interactive experiences and community partnerships, students explored scientific concepts in exciting, hands-on ways that sparked curiosity, encouraged critical thinking, and brought learning to life.



Strengthening STEM at MHS

In partnership with Novartis US Foundation, the MEF invested in Morristown High School's future scientists with updated chemistry lab equipment, enhanced instructional resources, and additional support for the Chemistry Department. These investments provided students with richer, hands-on laboratory experiences that foster inquiry, problem-solving, and the skills needed for success in college and STEM careers.



Women in STEM Day Sparks Connection

The MHS STEM Academy and Girls in STEM program hosted their annual, day-long Women in STEM Day event. This unique program connects professional mentors and sponsors with aspiring female STEM students from Frelinghuysen Middle School. Throughout the day, students engaged with STEM professionals to explore various activities, careers, and fields of study.



From MHS to SpaceX

Morristown High School alumna Katelyn Morgan '22 recently returned to speak with STEM Academy students about her journey from Colonial Rocketry Club captain to aerospace engineer. After graduating from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute this spring, she began her career at SpaceX as a Test Specialist for Falcon 9 Operations. Katelyn credited the STEM Academy, supportive faculty, and mentor Ms. Deborah Spencer with helping launch her path to success.



Growing Green: MSD Secures \$202K Trees for Schools Grant

Thanks to a partnership between the Morristown Shade Tree Commission and the Morris School District, the District was awarded a \$202,400 Trees for Schools state grant. The funding brought new trees to FMS, Sussex Avenue, Thomas Jefferson, and Alexander Hamilton schools. Beyond adding much-needed shade for recess and student gatherings, the District is integrating environmental stewardship and tree care directly into the curriculum.



MHS Writers Sweep NJCTE Contest

Congratulations to the talented MHS writers who swept the 2025 NJCTE Writing Contest awards, under the mentorship of Ms. Jennifer Furphy. Hosted by the NJ Council of Teachers of English, this annual statewide competition challenges middle and high school students to showcase their literary talents in poetry, short stories, and personal essays.

- **Anthony Bello** – 1st Place (Poetry)
- **Charlotte Helmer** – 1st Place (Short Story)
- **Gianinna Gamaz Varillas** – 2nd Place (Short Story)
- **Victor Barthe** – 3rd Place (Poetry)



Woodland School: The Royal Ball

Woodland School transformed into a "Woodland Kingdom" royal ball to celebrate the end of a language arts unit. Students and staff had a blast dressing as royalty, wearing handmade crowns, and using newly learned vocabulary. It was a great way to bring the lessons to life and see everyone get into character.



Sussex Student Wins Regional Spelling Bee

Sussex Avenue fourth-grader Frankie claimed first place among 70 competitors at the NJ Consortium of Gifted and Talented Programs' annual Spelling Bee. Each of the District's grade 3-5 schools held spelling bees, sending their top three spellers to the state competition.



Turning the Page Together

Alfred Vail celebrated Read Across America with a day dedicated to the joy of reading. Students enjoyed engaging stories shared by special guest readers, including FMS students, who helped bring books to life. The celebration encouraged literacy, built connections across schools, and inspired a lifelong love of reading.



MHS Welcomes Back the Class of 2025

The Morristown High School Guidance Department hosted a highly successful "Life After High School" panel. Recent graduates returned to campus to share honest insights and practical advice about life after graduation, helping current students prepare for their own next steps.



Alexander Hamilton's History Makers

Alexander Hamilton's fourth graders brought history to life at their Who Was?/Who Is? Wax Museum, showcasing impressive speeches and creative outfits. Students researched legendary historical and cultural figures and dressed in full costume as they shared their stories with visitors.



Building Beds, Building Hope

This past winter, Thomas Jefferson School staff, students, and families volunteered with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to build beds for children in need. Through teamwork, our TJ community ensured more local kids have a safe place to sleep.



MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND REFERENDUM
VOTE SEPTEMBER 15

Morris School District takes pride in offering a high quality of education and prioritizing its responsibility to taxpayers. A bond referendum offers an opportunity to serve both those goals by securing upfront funding to improve school buildings with the help of state aid.



\$158.4M IN IMPROVEMENTS | STATE PAYS \$46.4M

If voters approve, the state will pay \$46.4 million toward the total project costs. Every taxpayer across NJ pays toward public school improvements, but this money can only be brought back to invest in Morris School District through an approved referendum.

MORRISTOWN Residents could expect to see an estimated increase of about \$38 per month in school debt tax for a home assessed at the average (\$635,443).

MORRIS TOWNSHIP Residents could expect to see an estimated increase of about \$41 per month in school debt tax for a home assessed at the average (\$560,500).



Calculate your tax impact on our website

Remember: A home's assessed value is different than its market value. Don't guess your tax impact using market value. Know your home's assessed value using the link on our website. Scan the QR code.

WHAT'S PROPOSED?

If approved, all schools would have air conditioning

MORRISTOWN HIGH SCHOOL IG: @MORRISTOWNHMSMD

- Roof replacement
- Window replacement
- Ceiling renovations
- Science lab renovations to support STEM-based learning
- Replacement of the end-of-life pool to expand opportunities for our students and community
- Auditorium renovations such as upgraded lighting, sound and seating to enhance the experience for guests and provide a modern space for students
- Cafeteria expansion to provide more space and flexibility for our students
- Bathroom addition for outdoor events to better serve our community and keep the main building locked and secure
- HVAC upgrades to boost energy savings, comfort and efficiency
- Asbestos abatement in construction areas, managed in compliance with regulations
- Bathroom renovations to enhance accessibility, efficiency

FRELINGHUYSEN MIDDLE SCHOOL IG: @FMSFALCONSFY

- 8-classroom addition, eliminating need to hold classes in trailers
- Window replacement
- Bathroom renovations to enhance accessibility, efficiency
- Science lab renovations to support STEM-based learning
- HVAC upgrades to boost energy savings and efficiency
- Auditorium renovations such as upgraded lighting, sound and seating to enhance the experience for guests and provide a modern space for students; the space also would be air conditioned
- Asbestos abatement in construction areas, managed in compliance with regulations

ALEXANDER HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IG: @AH.OWLS

- Bathroom renovations to enhance accessibility, efficiency
- Science lab renovations to support 21st century learning
- Heating conversion from steam to hot water to increase efficiency and reduce costly repairs
- Electrical system upgrades to better support modern technology
- Fire alarm and emergency generator upgrades
- Boiler replacement to boost comfort, efficiency

ALFRED VAIL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IG: @VIKINGSOFAV

- Bathroom renovations to enhance accessibility, efficiency
- HVAC upgrades to increase energy savings and efficiency
- Electric system upgrades that are more efficient and better support modern technology
- Roof replacement

NORMANDY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IG: @NPMAGICDRAGONS

- Roof replacement
- Bathroom renovations to enhance accessibility, efficiency
- HVAC upgrades to boost energy savings and efficiency

SUSSEX AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IG: @SXSHARKSMSD

- 3-classroom addition to preserve programming space amid high enrollment
- Ramp and elevator addition to enhance accessibility
- Addition of secure vestibule
- Heating conversion from steam to hot water to boost efficiency and reduce costly repairs
- Electrical system upgrades to better support modern technology
- Fire alarm and emergency generator upgrades
- Asbestos abatement in construction areas, managed in compliance with regulations
- Bathroom renovations to enhance accessibility, efficiency

THOMAS JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IG: @TITANSOFTJ

- Window replacement
- Bathroom renovations to enhance accessibility, efficiency
- Boiler replacement to boost efficiency
- Heating conversion from steam to hot water to increase efficiency and reduce costly repairs
- Asbestos abatement in construction areas, managed in compliance with regulations

WOODLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IG: @WILDCATSOFW

- Bathroom renovations to enhance accessibility, efficiency
- Fire alarm upgrades

HILLCREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IG: @HILLCREST.HOUNDS

- Bathroom renovations to enhance accessibility, efficiency
- HVAC upgrades to boost energy savings and efficiency
- Electrical system upgrades to better support modern technology
- Fire alarm upgrades

LAFAYETTE LEARNING CENTER IG: @MSDPREKPROGRAM

- Roof replacement
- Window replacement
- Fire alarm upgrades
- Heating conversion from steam to hot water to boost efficiency and reduce costly repairs
- HVAC upgrades to increase energy savings and efficiency
- Electrical system upgrades to better support modern technology
- Bathroom renovations to enhance accessibility, efficiency



Proposed MHS Auditorium



Proposed FMS STEM Lab



Proposed Addition to Sussex Avenue



Proposed MHS Cafeteria

Key Voter Information

Sept. 8 Last day for County Clerk to receive Vote By Mail applications (by mail)

Sept. 14 Last day (by 3 p.m.) to hand-deliver Vote By Mail applications to County Clerk

Sept. 15 VOTE (in-person or by mail)

Polling Locations (Open 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.)

MORRISTOWN

- Ward 1; District 1, 2, 3, 4** Municipal Building (200 South Street, Morristown)
- Ward 2; District 1, 3** Speedwell Avenue Fire House (161 Speedwell Ave, Morristown)
- Ward 2; District 2** Lafayette School (31 Hazel St, Morristown)
- Ward 3; District 1, 2** Alexander Hamilton School (24 Mills St, Morristown)

- Ward 3; District 3** Petrone Towers (39 Early St, Morristown)
- Ward 4; District 1, 2** Senior Citizen Housing (29 Ann St, Morristown)
- Ward 4; District 3, 4** Thomas Jefferson School (101 James St & Ogden Pl, Morristown)

MORRIS TOWNSHIP

- District 7** Convent Railroad Station (1 Convent Rd, Convent Station)
- District 1, 2, 20, 23:** Fairchild Fire House (2 Burnham Rd, Morris Plains)
- District 13, 14:** Hillside Fire House (132 Western Ave, Morristown)
- District 3:** Mennen Sports Arena (161 E Hanover Ave, Morristown)
- District 4, 5, 6:** Morris Museum (6 Normandy Heights Rd, Morristown)
- District 17, 18:** Morris View III Nursing Home (540 W Hanover Ave, Morristown)
- District 11, 12, 21** Mount Kemble Fire House (216 Mount Kemble Ave & Springbrook Rd, Morristown)

- District 8, 9, 10** Municipal Building (50 Woodland Ave, Morristown)
- District 16** Seeing Eye Building (1 Seeing Eye Way, Morristown)
- District 19, 22** Fosterfields Living Historical Farm (73 Kahdena Rd, Morristown)
- District 15:** Villa Walsh Academy (455 Western Ave, Morristown)



Proposed Addition at FMS



Proposed FMS Auditorium

Learn More:



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MEF Morristown ONSTAGE Sets the Stage for 20 Years



Twenty years of talent, community, and unforgettable moments will take center stage on February 25, 2027, as Morristown ONSTAGE returns to the Mayo Performing Arts Center for its 20th anniversary show. This milestone celebration promises to be the biggest production yet. The evening will also celebrate two decades of the MEF's impact on the Morris School District while discovering the next generation of local talent.

Interested performers are encouraged to **scan the QR code to register for free by November 9** and audition on **December 5** at Morristown High School. Local amateur performers of all ages are invited to audition.

The excitement follows an incredible Morristown ONSTAGE 2026, which raised nearly **\$200,000** to support arts, STEM, literacy, and social-emotional learning opportunities for District students and educators. Congratulations to the 2026 winners: Selah Raphael (Rossoff Rising Star), Garrett Lash (Audience Choice), Ollie Eaton (18 and Under Winner), and McKenzie Hegarty (19 and Over Winner).



Those interested in volunteering to support this celebration can email mosadmin@morrisedfoundation.org for more information.



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Valley Bank Invests \$25K in Education



The Morris Educational Foundation is grateful to receive a \$25,000 grant from the Valley National Bancorp Educational Foundation, Inc. The funding will support enrichment programs and District-wide educational initiatives, expanding meaningful learning opportunities for students and educators alike. Together, this partnership reflects a shared dedication to helping our schools—and our community—thrive.

Falcons Soar to County Glory

FMS celebrated a remarkable year in athletics, topped with two county championships. The baseball team captured its third consecutive county title with a 6-4 victory over West Essex, while the boys soccer team claimed the county crown in a thrilling overtime penalty shootout, defeating Roxbury, 4-2. Go Falcons!



25 Years Sealed, A Future

This past fall, Hillcrest School's Time Capsule Assembly united current students, alumni, and former staff to celebrate history in the making. After viewing artifacts from 25 years ago, students and staff spent the school year gathering new items to represent today's era. The capsule has now been officially sealed and will remain closed until 2050.



Three County Titles in Four Years!

The Morristown High School Girls Lacrosse team edged Chatham, 8-7, on May 9 at Drew University to capture its third Morris County Tournament championship in four years. The victory marked the third county title for the 2026 graduating seniors, who also won championships during their freshman and sophomore seasons.



Bravo to MHS Theatre

Morristown High School Theatre continued its tradition of excellence with acclaimed productions of its fall play, *Little Women*, and its spring musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*. The department's reputation for outstanding performances and student artistry was recognized with numerous nominations and awards.

The program also earned three Montclair State University Theatre Night Awards for its 2025 production of *Les Misérables*, further showcasing the creativity, dedication, and talent of its students and directors:

Outstanding Achievement by an Acting Ensemble in a Foundational Production of a Musical — directed by Stephanie Rubin.

Outstanding Achievement by a Student Lighting Technician for a Musical — awarded to senior Allyson McLoughlin and junior Samantha Huster.

Outstanding Achievement by a Student Assistant Musical Director for a Musical — awarded to seniors Sanjna Vel and Ryan Snyder.



FMS Makes a Splash with SpongeBob

This past March, Frelinghuysen Middle School performed *The SpongeBob Musical*. Led by a dedicated production team, the cast and student crew executed the show's complex choreography, vocals, and set designs professionally. Congratulations to everyone involved in the incredible production.



The MEF Brings Arts to Every School

Through the MEF's annual Cultural Arts grants, students at all 10 District schools experienced inspiring performances and artist residencies to enrich classroom learning. From yoga, dance, poetry, and African drumming to acrobatics and live theater, these engaging cultural experiences sparked creativity, celebrated diverse traditions, and brought learning to life in unforgettable ways.



MHS Showcases Creativity

MHS held its annual Art & Design Show, a vibrant week celebrating the incredible talent, dedication, and passion of our student artists. Hundreds of works spanning art, architecture, photography, ceramics, film, graphic design, and more filled the exhibition, alongside the STEM Academy Showcase, Empty Chair Project, Bowls for Hunger ceramics fundraiser and Film Festival previews.



100 Years of the Marching Colonials

The Morristown High School Marching Colonials marked their 100th anniversary by welcoming alumni to view historic memorabilia and perform alongside students during a football game. The Marching Colonial spirit was later on display with the debut of new uniforms at the Morristown St. Patrick's Day Parade, where the band recreated an iconic 1925 photo of the original MHS Marching Band. Scan the QR code to view the tribute in the inaugural Colonial Nation *Colonial Connections* newsletter.



Colonial Life Students Deliver Handcrafted Birdhouses

Last spring, students from the Colonial Life Program visited MSD's Central Office to deliver handcrafted birdhouses from their student-run business.

By managing inventory, tracking orders, and handling deliveries, these students are learning the fundamentals of entrepreneurship. All proceeds from their sales directly fund their upcoming activities outside the classroom. Learn about the Colonial Life Program by viewing their newly created newsletter. Scan the QR code.

Governor's Educator of the Year Award



The GEOY program is New Jersey's way of honoring excellence in the classroom and beyond. It celebrates outstanding teachers and educational services professionals who inspire students and lead by example. This year, the Morris School District was thrilled to participate in the program for the very first time. Congratulations again to all 20 of our incredible recipients. Learn more about this year's recipients by scanning the QR code.



MEF Awards \$685,000 to MHS Graduates

Thanks to alumni, individuals, families and local organizations, the MEF was thrilled to award a record-breaking \$685,000 in scholarships and awards to MHS graduates and alumni in the 2025-2026 school year.

As the leading provider of scholarships for MHS students, the MEF is proud to offer the largest award of scholarship dollars to the 2026 graduating class. Through the generosity of MEF scholarship donors, 38 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.



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

Kelsey Barry - '13
Natalia Cardona-Agudelo - '21
Casey Flynn - '08
Emmi Long - '18
Ashley Margaritondo - '18
Kate Matzuk - '19
Kevin Mueller - '19

Joshua Pinnock - '12
Kisha Pinnock - '11
Aaron Silverman - '96

MEF 2025-2026 GRANTS

\$194,108 in grants for Morris School District students and staff were approved during the 2025-2026 school year.

Advanced Telephoto Sport Lens — Advanced telephoto sport lenses for fast action sports/event photography in the Morristown High School Photography program.

Artisan Academy — A pathway at Morristown High School providing student creators with the skills, resources, and mentoring support to create marketable products.

Bringing Learning to Life — Materials to support active and developmentally appropriate dramatic play learning experiences in Woodland School kindergarten classrooms.

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

Colonial Immersion Day — A two-day "learn through play" celebration of our country's 250th birthday for the students of Normandy Park School.

Cooking Up Language Skills — Morris School District bilingual kindergarten classes get hands-on cooking experience while developing their social and instructional language skills.

Cultural Arts Annual Funding — Funding for each of the 10 Morris School District schools to support cultural arts programming.

Eighth Grade Trip Financial Assistance — Support for 15 Frelinghuysen Middle School students on free or reduced lunch to attend the 8th-grade trip to New York City.

Exploring Identity: La Gringa at Repertorio Español — A Spanish-language and cultural immersive experience for Morristown High School students in Latinx History, Heritage Spanish 2, and Spanish 5 Honors.

Fifth Grade Author Visit — An author visit from Robert Skead and signed copies of *Patriots, Redcoats and Spies* for all 5th-grade students.

Footprints — Connecting Frelinghuysen Middle School students and Hillcrest Elementary School kindergarten students to foster mentorship and academic skill-building.

FMS Falcon Flight Crew Peer Leader Program — Training to cultivate student leadership to support 6th graders during their critical transition into middle school.

Living Voices: Within the Silence — Performance combined with archival film transforms the history of the World War II incarceration of Japanese Americans into a moving, personal journey for Morristown High School US History 1 and 2 students.

Mallet Percussion — Purchase of a marimba and a vibraphone for the Morristown High School Music Department.

Math Supplies — Supplies to enrich math education at Morristown High School.

One Good Scene — Provides advanced Creative Writing students an opportunity to explore the craft of scriptwriting with a professional scriptwriter and professional actors.

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

Second Grade Author Event — An author visit and a signed book for all 2nd graders from *Leonard Grows a Haunted Garden* author/illustrator Mike Ciccotello.

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

Science Days — Support for each of the seven elementary schools for their annual science days.

Shakespeare Theatre of NJ — A school-wide theatre residency at Normandy Park School.

Speak Sobriety — Stephen Hill presents to 10th, 11th, and 12th graders about his journey to sobriety.

Theatre Microphones — Twenty new microphones for use in Morristown High School dramas and musicals as well as concerts and other auditorium events.

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

Wall Art for 6th Grade Academy — Vinyl wall art to promote school pride and spirit at Frelinghuysen Middle School.

Writer's Circle — District 3rd graders jump into the fun of creative writing through group interaction, imaginative prompts, drawing, and role-playing.

You Don't Know Me Until You Know Me — Frelinghuysen Middle School program to foster an inclusive school environment where each student feels like they belong.

Over the past 33 years, the Morris Educational Foundation has generated \$6.8 million in impact across academics, arts, athletics, and other activities. Scan the QR code to view the full list of grants awarded in the 2025-2026 school year.





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Congratulations to our 2026 Graduating Seniors!



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The Morris Educational Foundation (MEF) celebrates the Class of 2026 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 \$6.8 million to our schools over 33 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:

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| AIMS Education College of Health Sciences (1) | East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania (1) | Michigan State University (5) | St. Bonaventure University (1) | University of Louisville (1) |
| American University (1) | Eastwick College (1) | Military Service (2) | St. John's College, Annapolis (1) | University of Maryland, College Park (1) |
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| Auburn University (1) | Emory University (1) | Montclair State University (12) | Stockton University (1) | University of Michigan (4) |
| Aviation Mechanics/Maintenance (1) | Fairleigh Dickinson University (15) | Morgan State University (1) | Sussex County Community College (1) | University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus (1) |
| Beacon College (1) | Florida State University (1) | Morris County Vocational School (4) | Syracuse University (4) | University of Mississippi (2) |
| Bentley University (1) | Fordham University (2) | Muhlenberg College (1) | Temple University (2) | University of Missouri (1) |
| Boston College (1) | Gap or Service Year (8) | New Jersey Institute of Technology (7) | The Catholic University of America (1) | University of New Haven (1) |
| Boston University (1) | Hamilton College (1) | New York Institute of Technology (1) | The College of New Jersey (7) | University of Oklahoma (1) |
| Brown University (1) | High Point University (3) | North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (1) | The George Washington University (2) | University of Ottawa (1) |
| Bucknell University (1) | Howard University (2) | Northeastern University (6) | The New School (1) | University of Pennsylvania (2) |
| Caldwell University (1) | Illinois Institute of Technology (1) | Norwich University (1) | The Ohio State University at Columbus (2) | University of Pittsburgh (4) |
| Carnegie Mellon University (1) | Ithaca College (1) | NOVA University Lisbon (1) | The University of Alabama (1) | University of Rhode Island (2) |
| Chapman University (1) | James Madison University (4) | Pace University (2) | The University of Scranton (2) | University of Richmond (1) |
| Christine Valmy (1) | Johnson & Wales University, Providence (1) | Penn State University (5) | The University of Tampa (7) | University of South Carolina-Columbia (9) |
| Clemson University (1) | Kean University (5) | Pratt Institute (1) | The University of Utah (1) | University of Vermont (2) |
| Colby College (1) | L Makeup Institute (1) | Princeton University (1) | Touro University (1) | University of Wisconsin-Madison (5) |
| College of Charleston (1) | Lehigh University (3) | Providence College (1) | Towson University (2) | Vanderbilt University (1) |
| Colonial Life Program (15) | Lincoln Tech (3) | Purdue University (1) | Tufts University (1) | Villanova University (3) |
| Columbia University (1) | Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (2) | Ramapo College of New Jersey (2) | Universal Technical Institute (5) | Virginia Tech (2) |
| Cornell University (3) | Loyola University Maryland (1) | Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (1) | University of California-Los Angeles (1) | Wake Forest University (1) |
| County College of Morris (73) | Maine College of Art & Design (1) | Rowan University (1) | University of California, Irvine (2) | Wesleyan University (1) |
| Cutting Edge Academy (3) | Marywood University (1) | Rutgers University (24) | University of Colorado Boulder (2) | West Virginia University (1) |
| DePaul University (1) | Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1) | Sacred Heart University (5) | University of Connecticut (1) | Western Michigan University (1) |
| Drew University (6) | Mercy University (1) | Saint Elizabeth University (2) | University of Delaware (3) | Westfield State University (1) |
| Drexel University (1) | Miami University-Oxford (5) | Seton Hall University (4) | University of Florida (1) | William Paterson University of New Jersey (2) |
| | | Smith College (1) | University of Georgia (2) | World of Work (61) |
| | | | University of Hartford (1) | Xavier University (1) |

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