# MUSTANG EXPRESS

## JULIET MORRIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

November 2026

## Principal's Message

### Every School Day Matters

Every school day is an opportunity for your child to learn, grow, build friendships, and feel connected to our school community. At Cypress School District, we believe that every student, every moment, and every opportunity matters. We know that family circumstances, illnesses, and unexpected situations sometimes make it difficult for students to attend school. We want to partner with you to support regular attendance and help students stay connected to learning when they must be away.

**Why Attendance Matters**

When students attend school consistently, they:

- Build strong academic foundations in reading, writing, and mathematics.
- Develop friendships and a sense of belonging with classmates and teachers. Participate in meaningful learning experiences that cannot always be replicated at home.
- Build positive habits that support lifelong success.

Did you know that missing just two days of school each month adds up to approximately 20 days per school year — nearly four weeks of missed learning! Even excused absences can affect learning. We encourage families to make daily attendance a priority whenever their child is healthy and able to attend.

**What Is Short-Term Independent Study?**

We understand that sometimes students must be away from school for an extended period. Short-term independent study may be an option to help your child continue learning during a planned absence. Through independent study:

- Students receive assignments aligned with classroom learning.
- Families work with the school to complete an independent study agreement.
- Students complete their assigned work while away.
- All completed assignments must be returned by the established deadline.
- Teachers review completed work to determine eligible attendance credit.

Independent study is not an automatic excused absence or simply a packet of makeup work. Students must complete the required assignments for attendance credit to be considered.

**Planning an Absence? Contact Us Early**

If you anticipate that your child will miss school, please contact the school office as far in advance as possible to discuss whether short-term independent study is an appropriate option. Here's how families can help:

- Notify the school office about the anticipated absence.
- Discuss independent study options and complete any required paperwork.
- Help your child complete assignments during the absence.
- Return all completed work by the deadline provided by the school.

## Mark Your Calendar!

Wednesday 11/11
Veterans Day – No school for students or staff

Monday 11/16
School Site Council Meeting

Wednesday 11/18
Trimester Awards Assemblies

Wednesday 11/18
PTA Fountain Valley Skate Night

Thursday 11/19
FOM Pizza Guy Fundraiser

Monday 11/23 thru Friday 11/27
Thanksgiving Recess – No school for students or staff

## Questions?

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Short-term independent study may be available for eligible absences of up to 15 school days, subject to district procedures and requirements.

**Did Your Child Miss School? Ask About Attendance Recovery**

We know that absences happen. Cypress School District offers opportunities for students to recover attendance through eligible learning opportunities, including short-term independent study. If your child has missed school, please call the school office to learn about opportunities to recover some of those absences. Our school team can help you understand the available options and determine what may work best for your child. Every day of learning counts, and we are here to help your child stay on track.

**We Are Here to Help**

If your family is experiencing challenges with attendance, please reach out to us. Whether your child is struggling with getting to school, health concerns, or other circumstances, our school team is here to partner with you and identify supportive solutions. Our goal is not simply to improve attendance numbers. It is to ensure every child feels connected, supported, and successful at school. Thank you for making attendance a priority and for being an important partner in your child's education. Together, we can make every school day count.

# We Care
# FOOD DRIVE

## New Extended Date!
## November 2nd - 13th

Morris Elementary is hosting a Food Drive for We Care to help those in our community, as well as, nearby communities in need.

Donations will be collected in front of the office from November 2nd-13th.

## Items that We Care needs most:

- Canned Beef Stew
- Canned Chili with meat
- Canned cornbeef hash
- Canned Tuna
- Canned chicken
- Canned or jarred spaghetti sauce
- Spaghetti or any kind of Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Saltine Crackers
- Mayonnaise
- Pancake Mix
- Vegetable oil
- Toiletries

Please be sure all donations are non-perishable!



Thank you for your kindness and support!

# SEASON OF

**Morris PTA - HOLIDAY FUNRAISER**




## FALL GIFT CATALOG

ORDERS DUE BY:

**11/9/2026**

REGISTER, SHARE, & SHOP @ **SHOPFUND.COM**

Cherrydale

# See's CANDIES
# WINTER FUNDRAISER

*Thank you for your continued support for Morris Elementary*

**Let's make a difference, together!**

## November 16th-December 4th

- **Orders will be delivered directly to you!**
- **Online storefront to make ordering easy**
















Order Here!

# MORRIS ELEMENTARY FUNDRAISER

## WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18TH 2026

## 4:00PM-6:00PM

## $12 PER SKATER

SKATE RENTAL INCLUDED



SCAN TO PRE-PURCHASE TICKETS

Fountain Valley
SKATING CENTER

9105 RECREATION CIRCLE
FOUNTAIN VALLEY CA 92708
714-847-0022 WWW.FVSC.COM

# 30%
of sales goes to

FRIENDS OF MORRIS
"Building a better future, today"

JULIET MORRIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MUSTANGS

**Raising Funds for Classroom Materials**

## Thursday
**November 19, 2026**

**Store Hours:**
**10AM - 10PM**

For online orders, use fundraiser code: MUSTANGS
*(Case sensitive. Enter code with all caps.)*

For walk-in & phone orders, please mention "MUSTANGS".

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