

Ross Local Schools

MORGAN ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

May 2018

Our Mission:

Morgan Elementary School exists to help each unique child reach his or her full potential. We aim to equip all children to:

- Make responsible contributions within their communities, their country, and the global society
- Function productively in the world of technology and the world of work
- Lead richly literate lives
- Continue to grow in understanding and respect for themselves and others



A message from our principal, Mr. Tom Perry:

The following events are planned to help finish the year in an exciting and celebratory way!

Awards Programs:

5/22 - AM Kindergarten @ 10:30 AM

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- PM Kindergarten @ 2:15 PM
- 5/23 - Grades 3 & 4 @ 9:30 AM
- Grades 1 & 2 @ 2:15 PM
- 5/24 - Field Day

On Field Day, students are encouraged to come to school prepared to be in the sun most of the day. Hats, sunscreen, sunglasses and water bottles are permissible.

The last day for students is Thursday, May 24th. Students will not receive their report cards if they owe any fees, lunch charges, book fines or they have not returned all school books.

Students and parents will be informed of student placements for the 2018-19 school year before the school year ends. The students will have an opportunity to meet their assigned teacher for the upcoming school year before the end of the year.

In closing...on behalf of the Morgan staff, I would like to say “Thank You” to everyone for helping make this a successful year for the students and staff at Morgan. It is truly an honor and pleasure to educate the students at Morgan, and to be a part of and to serve the Ross community.

Important Dates: May

May 4	Bookmobile - Pick Up Books
May 7-11	Staff Appreciation Week
May 9	PTO Staff Appreciation Luncheon
May 11	4th Grade Fun Day
May 17	PTO Meeting
May 22	Kindergarten Awards 10:30 A.M. & 2:30 PM
May 23	Awards Programs
	Grades 3 & 4 @ 9:30
	Grades 1 & 2 @ 2:15
May 24	Field Day & Last Day for Students
May 25	Last Day for Teachers

Students of the Week for April and May

Week of April 3: Hannah Anderson, Preston Coulter, Rylee Jackson, Jayden Brown, Alex Albrinck, Logan Harrington, Connor Grant, Kate Minges, Trenton Bourquein, Noah Ante, Braedyn Flynn, Anthony Krabbe, Landen Dews

Week of April 9: Eli Langworthy, Rylee Johnson, Matthew Ziepfel, Braxton Hackney, Hunter Roberson, Wyatt Miller, Cruz Kraft, Emery hacker, Quinn Smith, Savannah Schmidt, Landon Johnson, Charlie Armstrong, Joslyn Crowley, Logan Baer, Rose Marley, Jacob Easterling, Donald Combs, Bailey Cole

Week of April 16: Elizabeth Haun, Connor Vinson, Emma Scheffler, Bryslon Spivey, Nora Haenning, Kelsy Voss, Tristan Doherty, Lillie Sutton, Ella Houston, Zachary Stevison, Aurora Wallace, Ryland Hostetler, Chelsey Herald, Colton Stidham, Arianna Gabbard-Goins, Lizzy Miller, Brayden Stewart

Week of April 23: Ryker Keller, Liam Hesselbrock, Landon Smith, Aubrey Hensley, Anthony

Sunderhaus, Jake McConnell, Braxton Plvan, JayLynn Kendel, Aubrey Eads, Ryder Romani, Noah Ledford, Parker Simpson, Bryan Butterfield, Landyn Campbell, Will Marley, Trent Owens

Week of April 30: Waylin Ruskaup, Olivia Hesselbrock, Brayden Meade, Hannah Hardy, Lucy Day, Briana Frazier, Titus Kershner, Lauren Brudzinski, Grayson Foster, Answer Sauerland, Kaden Coulter, Mia VanWinkle, Samantha Rhodes, Nathan Spahn

Week of May 7: Avery Hensley, Lydia Day, Aubrey Withrow, Oliver Reed, Eli Foster, Ashton Withrow, Jace McIntosh, Andrew Brunner, Olivia Johnson, Hannah Neal

Transportation Information for 2018-2019 School Year

RHS: STUDENTS REQUIRING TRANSPORTATION NEED TO FILL OUT A [TRANSPORTATION REQUEST](#) FORM ONLINE. THE FORM **MUST** BE SUBMITTED BY **JULY 1, 2018**. BE AWARE THAT WE ONLY STOP AT SHUTTLE STOPS. THEY ARE LISTED IN THE DROP DOWN BOXES FOR AM AND PM. PLEASE CHECK FOR UPDATED BUS INFORMATION (numbers and times) AT THE [RHS BUS STOPS](#) PAGE.

RMS, ELDA, MORGAN: ANY STUDENT THAT WILL REQUIRE TRANSPORTATION, OTHER THAN THEIR HOME ADDRESS, **MUST** FILL OUT A [SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION REQUEST](#) FORM. IN ORDER FOR US TO BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE ANY SPECIAL REQUESTS YOU MAY HAVE, THE FORM **MUST** BE SUBMITTED BY JULY 1, 2018.

BUS SCHEDULES AND ROUTES ARE MADE PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES CAN BE MADE TO THE BUS SCHEDULES TWO WEEKS BEFORE, AND ONE WEEK AFTER SCHOOL RESUMES.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU CAN CONTACT THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AT 738-2900.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND COOPERATION.
PEGGY LEHMANN
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

News from Preschool (Mrs. Byron and Ms. Theiler)

The month of May has arrived! We have begun discussing community helpers and their roles. The students have been working on a Mother's Day surprise. Preschool will also be preparing for Kindergarten. This includes: learning expectations, appropriate behavior, and procedures. We will be touring a Kindergarten classroom and participating in a short activity during the last week of school. Please be on the lookout for information regarding Field Day/ preschool picnic. The last day of preschool will be May 24th, 2018. Manila packets of activities will be sent home for you to work with your child over the summer. These are yours to keep. We hope everyone has a safe and fun filled summer!

News from Kindergarten (Mrs. Lomax, Mrs. Shoemaker)

The month of May will find us very busy in kindergarten. We will begin an author study, using books written by Eric Carle. We will learn about life cycles of the frog and butterfly. In reading, we will continue to find "Just right Books." We will practice writing informational pieces during writing workshop. For example, students may choose to write about the information learned from our butterfly/frog units. In math, we will continue to use manipulatives to help us add and subtract. There are several special events in May. Our class newsletter will have further information about all our May activities.

The following dates are upcoming events in May for the kindergarteners.

- 14- Field Trip (All day for AM class) PM class stay home
- 16- Field Trip (All day for PM class) AM class stay home
- 17- Fun in the Sun Day
- 22- K-Awards Day (10:30am & 2:30pm)
- 23- Summer Birthday parties
- 24- Field Day/Last day for students

News from 1st Grade (Mrs. Bittner, Mrs. Hughett, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Martin)

WOW! It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of the year. Our little First Graders have done such a great job this year. We are so proud of everything they have accomplished. We want to thank you for all of your support in helping your children be successful this year. We couldn't do it without you.

In May we are finishing up our Go Math units 5 and 8. We are working hard on more addition and subtraction strategies.

In reading we are working on more comprehension skills and keeping up with the difference between fiction and non-fiction. Working on our final reading test of the year, as well as our final Star reader test.

In writing we are finishing up our unit on opinion pieces. We love to tell what we think about things. We are excited to give a great writing piece for report cards.

We are looking forward to the end of the year activities! Have a great summer! We will miss you all.

News from 2nd Grade (Mrs. Broering, Ms. Dorsey, Mrs. Hindery, Mrs. Morehead)

It has been a wonderful year in Second Grade. For the month of May, we will be reviewing all concepts

learned throughout the year. We will be reviewing place value, time, money, addition, subtraction, multiplication and measurement before we take our final benchmark assessments for report cards. It is very important to continue practicing addition and subtraction facts for the end of the year assessment. Every second grader needs to be able to answer 100 addition and 100 subtraction facts by the end of the year in 8 minutes. Please practice at home! :)

For reading, second grade is learning all about fairy tales! We will learn the elements of a fairy tale and will compare and contrast fractured fairy tales. We will be thinking about characters, setting, problem, solution, magical elements and a lesson/moral to our stories.

Second grade has the unique opportunity to go on a field trip to the Reds' Stadium. There we will learn about the history of the Reds and compare the past to the present time. We will end the year learning about different types of weather and will have the opportunity to make our very own tornado tubes to simulate how a tornado is formed. We are also welcoming Channel 5's Randi Rico to teach us all about weather patterns.

Thank you for a fabulous year! :)

News from 3rd Grade (Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Lanham, Mrs. McEldowney, Mrs. Smith)

We undoubtedly say this every year, but May has arrived so quickly...and with it comes a TON of activities! Now that testing is behind us, we are excited about Right to Read Week! There will be themed activities each day that will promote reading in all of our students. We are also very excited about our Pen Pal visit to Cincinnati Financial on Monday, May 14th. Please remember to have your child dress nicely. Students are permitted to bring a gift, card, or craft to give to their pen pal if they so desire. Lunch will be served, so no need for a packed lunch.

As we finish off this year, we would like to thank the third grade families for all they have done to support our students throughout this year. It truly is a team effort, and we appreciate all that you do! Please encourage your child to continue reading over the summer (comics, newspapers, labels, magazines...these are all reading, too!) and also practice their multiplication and division facts in order to stay fresh for fourth grade. Have a wonderful summer!

News from 4th Grade (Mrs. Castle, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Miller, Ms. Williams)

The fourth grade students and teachers are enjoying their post AIR and MAP testing life and are looking forward to the many activities that the end of the school year brings. Then it will be smooth sailing into the end of the year and fun, fun, fun!!

We will visit Wright Patterson Air Force Museum and Omnimax on May 4th, for a day of discovery and adventure. On May 10th, we will visit Ross Middle School to learn what we will experience as fifth graders. Then, we will be looking forward to "Fourth Grade Fun Day" on May 11th. This is the day that we get to have learning experiments outside by ourselves, because

we are “the big kids”!! On May 16th, we will be presenting a Vocabulary Parade for the Morgan third graders. This is always a fun way to show the third graders what is in store for them next year. Butler Rural will visit us on May 18th to give a presentation about electricity and safety. That brings us to the last week of school where we will be receiving awards and competing in Field Day Activities!!! Good Luck to all!!

In Social Studies, we will be finishing up our study of Economics. We are learning how our resources influence the specialization of certain products in Ohio. We will also spend some time discussing our Rights and Responsibilities of being good citizens in our community and country.

Mathletes have made amazing progress this year mathematically. As we conclude the year, we will finish up our geometry and measurement units. Heading into the summer I hope that everyone enjoys their break and continues to look for patterns and relationships in mathematics. Morgan Mathletes rule!

Our budding scientists are wrapping up on year with a study on electricity. Students have been able to build many types of circuits, learn about conductors, insulators, and so much more. We even discovered that we can make a circuit with our own human bodies! Keep studying and learning more about this wonderful world in which we live.

Thank you to all of the parents and family members that helped us have a great year!! We know that so much is expected of the fourth graders, and we are all so proud of how they continue to impress with their knowledge. This would not be possible without support from home, and for that we are so very “Thankful!!”

News from Art (Mrs. Beyersdoerfer) Music (Mr. Thatcher) P.E. (Mrs. Steigerwald)

ART: Artwork is coming home in Portfolios! Please enjoy the Artwork!

I know that you can't save everything but here is my fun artsy tip: Many of my 4th grade students are so excited to pull out their 1st, 2nd, 3rd and now 4th Grade Portfolios to see everything they have created over the last 4 years. You can take pictures of it all and make a cute photo book on shutterfly or other sites. Enjoy the summer and Get Creative!

MUSIC: Third grade students will be bringing home their recorders. Please store these in a safe place over the summer. Students will need them for fourth grade music. If misplaced, another recorder can be purchased through the school office.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Students have finished their Fitness testing and ODE evaluations. We are working on flexibility & basic gymnastic shapes followed by outdoor games and activities. Students experienced Cosmic Kids Adventures in Yoga through storytelling. Morgan's Traditional Field Day will be set up on the back field on May 24th to celebrate the year!

News from Title I (Mrs. Roberson, Mrs. Shumate, Mrs. Volker)

It's hard to believe that May is already here and the end of school is right around the corner! Thank you for taking the time to read with your child each night! The more they read, the better readers they will become! Summer is coming and reading with your child is especially important so they maintain all their reading skills. We are having a Family Literacy night to share some ideas with you about how you can make summer reading fun and productive. Please join us here at Morgan on May 9 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. There will be reading games and activities, as well as a free book and a treat.

In Kindergarten, we are writing sentences and are working hard to remember to begin with an uppercase letter, use finger spaces, and end with a period or question mark or exclamation point. What a fabulous job our kindergarteners have done learning sight words! Thank you so much to all the families for your many hours of practice at home! We are tackling some pretty tricky books and your favorite kindergarteners are so excited with their reading success! You are amazing!

First grade students continue to review hunks and chunks, blending sounds, and applying those skills to reading and writing. Along with these skills, we use our reading strategies that students have learned (i.e., Flippy Dolphin, Stretchy Snake, Chunky Monkey, and several more). We are reviewing the setting of the story, characters, retelling, and genre. Comprehension is also an important element as we work on fluency. We continue to write words and sentences using hunks and chunks, short and long vowels, blending, and sight words. We are working on using capital letters at the beginning of each sentence, space between the words, and punctuation at the end of each sentence. Great work, first grade!

In second grade, we are focusing on vocabulary. We are not only learning the meaning of the words we read, but also how to use them in our writing. Parents can help by using unfamiliar words as they speak and encouraging students to use them when they write. When a student stumbles upon a word they don't understand, encourage them to use context clues to find the meaning. After they have grasped it, see if they can make a sentence using the word. Since comprehension is integral for all readers, we are also focusing on comprehension for our second graders who are on their way to third grade! We are not only reading the text fluently, but making personal connections and inferences. Awesome job, second grade!

Third grade students are reading lots of nonfiction and chapter books. We are reviewing text features. When reading nonfiction at home, have your student point out the headings, captions, labels, diagrams, key words, table of contents, index, glossary, maps, and illustrations. We are also working on word parts, prefix and suffix, in particular, which change the meaning of the word. Students have been practicing writing base words on their whiteboards and then adding beginnings and endings to their words. Students benefit so much when a parent will review

what they've read with them! Great job third grade!

Fourth grade students are delving into books that require some deeper level thinking. Students are looking for the author's purpose. Why did the author write this? Were they trying to persuade, entertain, explain, or describe something? As we read nonfiction stories, we are looking to see if description, problem and solution, order and sequence, cause and effect, or compare and contrast are used by the author. As students begin to read more challenging books, vocabulary gets trickier. We are learning to use context clues to figure out the meaning of a word. Sometimes we find out that a word has multiple meanings. How is it used in this story? We are putting our writing skills to work, making good connections through writing. Students will read about a topic and then try to relate that back to something they've experienced. Awesome job fourth grade!

News from the Office (Mrs. Kohlman, Mrs. Gentry):

Have a safe and happy summer!

Student Council:

Student Council is wrapping up another great year. They have worked hard preparing treats for the teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week, collecting and counting pop can tabs to donate to Ronald McDonald House and making sure all the school's recycling is taken care of each week.

Our 2017-2018 members include: Paige Baker, Wyatt Bulach, Hunter Roberson, Jayden Brown, Haylee Houpe, Josiah Lynch, Kaylin Commins, Briana Frazier, Kainen Sawyers, Cash Alvis, Aubrey Eads, Leah Vangen, Kinley Alexander, Rylee Klenk, Lincoln Mackie, Will Arno, Samantha Elliott, Cheyenne Romans, Thommy Kroeger, Caden Stidham, Ella Young, Joslyn Crowley, Ella Dunn, Trent Owens.

Morgan PTO Newsletter

2017-2018 PTO Officers

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In the coming weeks, PTO will be sending home a flyer with information about purchasing a back-to-school kit for your child for the upcoming 2018-19 school year. Your child's school supplies are packaged in individual "kits," with products that exactly match the school supplies requested from the teachers at Morgan Elementary. The cost of each kit is dependent on grade level and the supplies requested by the teachers in their specific

grade level. Orders are then available to be picked up at the Fall School Open House.

The purpose is to help eliminate the “back to school” shopping that some of us do not want to do or do not have time to do.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 7-11 → Staff Appreciation

It’s no secret, the success of our students relies heavily on the teachers who dedicate their time to teach and guide them to their academic achievements. During the first week of May, Morgan Elementary will celebrate “our” teachers in different ways to show our appreciation for their time and dedication. A flyer will be sent home in the coming weeks specifying how your child can get involved in recognizing their teacher for the great job they do.

Please, help them take a minute to say “thank you!”

May 11 → 4th Grade Fun Day

May 17 → PTO Meeting

May 24 → Last School Day!

FIELD DAY: MAY 24TH

Just a reminder to have all field day shirt orders turned in to the office no later than April 20th!

Morgan Elementary School Supplies 2018 – 2019

KINDERGARTEN

A backpack (no rollers) or tote bag with handles.

One large box of Kleenex (200).

Four large glue sticks (.7 oz.)

One pack Dry Erase Markers (Black only)

(Boys) 1 container of Clorox Wipes

(Girls) 1 container of Baby Wipes

FIRST GRADE

Crayons - a box of 24.

One dozen Pencils (sharpened).

Scissors (pointed tip).

Eight Glue Sticks (to be replaced as the year continues. We use a lot!)

One school box.

One container of hand sanitizer.

One clean used sock for erasing white boards.

Four black Dry Erase Expo Markers.

One large, pink Eraser.

One large box of Kleenex.
Spiral bound notebook, wide ruled - 100 pages.
School bag for transporting papers and books to and from school.
Crayola Markers - washable, 8 colors, broad tip, "Classic Colors".
Three Two Pocket Folders.
Headphones.
One Two Pocket Folder with Clasps.
One Pack of Post-It Notes.
(Boys) One box of gallon size ziploc bags & 1-Clorox Wipes
(Girls) One box of sandwich size ziploc bags & 1-Hand Sanitizer

SECOND GRADE

Ten Glue Sticks or more.
One pair of Scissors (pointed tip).
Crayons - a box of 24.
Two dozen #2 pencils (sharpened).
One large box of Kleenex (200).
One Five Star Stay-Put Pocket Folder with Prongs (Red)
Two plastic pocket folders with prongs (yellow, green)
One box of Markers
One school/pencil box.
Eight (or more) dry erase markers, Expo, Dark.
Two packages of sticky notes.
Headphones to keep at school (to be replaced if needed)
(Girls) One box of sandwich size bags.
(Boys) One box gallon size bags.
(Boys) 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
(Girls) 1 container of sanitizing wipes.
Scissors (with point).

THIRD GRADE

Two dozen sharpened #2 Pencils.
Crayons (24)
Crayola washable markers set, at least 8.
Scissors (with point).
Composition notebook.
Six folders with pockets & prongs.
Pack of 3 or 4 Glue Sticks
Six dry erase markers.
One old used but clean sock.
One package of Post It Notes
(Boys) One box gallon size ziploc bags and one hand sanitizer
(Girls) one box sandwich size ziploc bags and one container Clorox Wipes.
One box tissues
Earbuds
Please label everything with child's name.

FOURTH GRADE

Headphones or Earbuds to keep at school.
One large Pencil pouch / NO boxes.
Two highlighters.

Scissors with pointed tip.
One dozen pencils, to be replenished throughout the year.
Crayola Classic markers set of 8.
Two Black Expo Markers.
Box of 24 crayons.
2 Large bottles of school glue.
Glue Sticks.
One large box of tissues.
Loose leaf notebook paper.
Five folders, **with prongs and pockets**, to keep notebook paper in.
(One each red, blue, green, orange, yellow.) NO Binders.
One set of colored pencils.
Pencil and Folder for Music (for Recorder Music).
(Boys) One Large container Clorox Wipes
(Girls) One Large bottle Hand Sanitizer.
2 Spiral Notebooks
1 pack Post It notes
Please put your initials on everything with a permanent marker.