



THE MORGAN MINUTE



Morgan Township Elementary
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Welcome Back!

It is my sincere hope that all of our Morgan families had a wonderful summer break! From the many stories the kids have shared, I believe that to be true! Our teachers worked incredibly hard over the summer to prepare a wonderful learning atmosphere for your child and created exciting learning opportunities for the start of the year! I am continually in awe of their hard work and dedication.

It is going to be an exciting year at Morgan! We welcomed 61 new kindergarten students as well as 25 new transfer families...we are now at 385 children! It is our mission to continue to make Morgan Township Elementary the place to be!

Please know that this school is your school. I will continue to make myself available to you as questions or concerns arise throughout the school year. Please don't hesitate to email me at Jessica.Niebel@eastporter.k12.in.us or call the office at 219-462-5883.

Welcome back to our 2018-2019 school year! Thank you for sharing your awesome kids with us!

New Faces

We had a busy summer of hiring! I am confident that the new faces around our Morgan halls will continue to degree of excellence that we have worked so hard to establish. Please welcome:

- **Ms. McBride---3rd grade
- **Ms. Medina---1st grade
- **Ms. Herget---5th grade
- **Ms. Jeffries---Technology Assistant
- **Mrs. Smith---Library Aide

Please make sure to give them a warm Morgan welcome when you see them around our school!

Change of Dismissal/Transportation Info

Making sure that 385 students get home each afternoon is not an easy task...nor one we take lightly. It is imperative that we have a note stating how your child is getting home if there is a change from the norm. We do have Change of Dismissal forms that can be found on the MTE website under Misc. Forms. Please make sure to use these or send in a personal note. If someone new is transporting your child in the car line, please give us the heads up. We want to make sure that all of our children are safe and in the right company. Please don't hesitate to call if you have a question about this policy!

Find Us on Facebook

Morgan Township Elementary now has a Facebook page. It is my hope to share good news weekly about the wonderful things that are happening at Morgan. Please "like" us on Facebook so that you can follow our educational journey with your child!



Not Going to be at School?

We know that there are times that your child may miss school. Please make sure that you either call the office (462-5883) or email either Mrs. Epler or myself to let us know that your child is not attending and the reason.

If your child sees a doctor, please make sure to send in the doctor's note with your child in order for the absence to be excused.

NWEA and iREADY Testing

Three times a school year our students take part in NWEA and iREADY math testing on the computer. NWEA is a nationally normed test that gives us an idea of your child's strengths and weaknesses, but also compares them to students in our district and the country. iReady math also allows our teachers to see the strengths and weaknesses of each student so that their math curriculum needs can be planned appropriately.

Scores from these tests will be shared with you a few weeks after testing. Our first testing window starts on Monday! Please encourage your child to try his or her best so that we get an accurate picture of them academically.

Dates to Note

August 20th: NWEA and iREADY Testing Begins

August 29th: Early Release Wednesday
Dismissal at 12:50pm

August 31st: Reading Counts Kickoff

Sept. 6th: PTO Meeting @ 6:00
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Sept. 26th: Early Release Wednesday
Dismissal at 12:50pm



Reading Counts

We will have our official Reading Counts kickoff on Friday, August 31st for all of our students! A HUGE thank you to Nikki Drozd who has taken over this adventure. I am so excited to see what wonderful incentives are available to our readers!

EPCSC Core Value of the Month

All of the East Porter County Schools will be focusing on a core value each month of the school year. It is our mission to not only educate our students in the core academic areas, but also teaching them the values that make them a good human being. The core value for AUGUST is RESPECT. Respect is the quality giving honor or showing esteem to others and treating all with dignity.

Thank you for being partners with us in our efforts.