



THE MORGAN MINUTE



Morgan Township Elementary
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Early Release Wednesday

AUGUST 29, 2018:

As you already know, Late Start Wednesdays have been replaced with ten early release days throughout the school year. All but one of these days falls on a Wednesday.

The purpose of these days is to provide our staff members with a time for professional development, ultimately making your child's experience at EPCSC a better one that it already is now.

On our early release days, students will come to school at the normal time and eat lunch at the normal time. Students will begin to board buses at 12:45 to return home.

Please plan accordingly for child care on those particular days. If your child regularly attends the YCare program, please make sure to let them know you plan to attend that day. If you are interested in the YCare option for early release days, please contact the YMCA of Valparaiso for more information.

School Safety

Although never something we want to have at the forefront of our thoughts, we have to acknowledge that having secure campuses is an absolute need in this day and age. This summer our EPCSC School Board approved the hiring of several Porter County Sheriffs and Valparaiso Police Department police men to work each campus daily. Not only have these officers provided a more secure setting, they have been interactive with our students. You will often see them out with the children at recess or grabbing a bite to eat with our children in the lunchroom. Ultimately, the relationship piece is the key to keeping our schools safe.

I want to thank the school board and our officers for putting kids and their safety first!

Change of Dismissal

Although we understand that situations arise during the day that are unavoidable, we are asking that you please try to not change your child's form of after school transportation at the end of the day. If you know that your child will be going home a different route than normal on a given day, please try to utilize our change of dismissal form found on our MTE website.

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!



Dates to Note

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

August 31st: Reading Counts Kickoff

Sept. 3rd: Labor Day—No School

Sept. 6th: PTO Meeting @ 6:00
Enter door 2

Sept. 26th: Early Release Wednesday
Dismissal at 12:45pm

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"	Student "B"	Student "C"
reads 20 minutes each day	reads 5 minutes each day	reads 1 minute each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

282,000 words



50th percentile

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

We cannot emphasize enough the power of reading! Please provide a daily time for your child to dive into a good book! The best way to foster this is to model it!



Reading Counts

Did your child read over the summer? Has he or she finished a book since we started the school year? Our Reading Counts website is now OPEN! Your 2nd-5th grader can now take RC quizzes at school to our towards the nine week goal!

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.