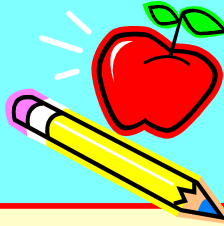


THE MORGAN MINUTE



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Presence not Presents

Couldn't have said it
better myself.

Dear parents at Christmas,
a letter from a teacher,
I know at this time of year there is pressure to create a perfect magical Christmas. I know that you want to give them the magic of santa and ensure he brings the best gifts and sometimes that means a bit of stress for you, but I'm writing to tell you a secret. I'm writing to tell you that every January when your child comes back to school they tell me all about the Christmas holidays. They tell me about the days when everyone stayed indoors and watched TV. They tell me about the walk in the freezing cold to get a McDonald's. They tell me about staying at Grandma's and then being excited when you came back from work. They tell me about how you let them snuggle in your bed. They tell me how you played cards and took them swimming one day and forgot their towel. They tell me about a visit to a friend's on New year's Eve and how they stayed up to midnight. They tell me how they loved staying in their PJ's some days and a trip out another day. They mention their gifts, but for them Christmas is you and your love and time and routines and feeling safe. You are their favourite thing!
Merry Christmas

Spend  not 

Many of you may have seen this circulating on your social media accounts. It is such a vivid reminder of what is truly important during the holiday times. We can certainly get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the year's newest toy or the hottest new video game...but when all is said and done, it is your presence and interaction with your children that is the greatest gift.

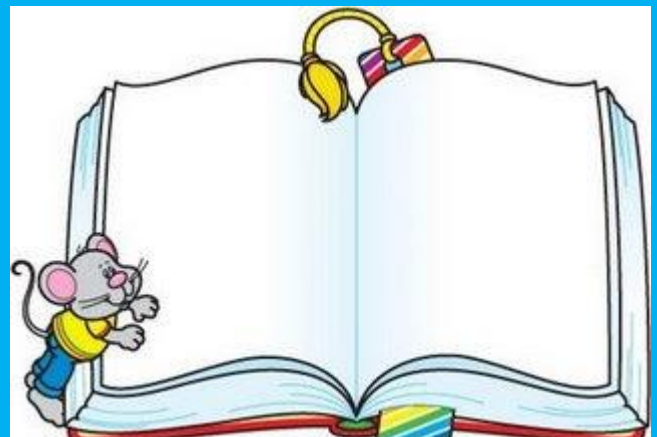
Have a wonderful holiday season!

Bringing Books to Life and Cookie Decorating Event

You won't want to miss this event! Mark your calendars for January 10, 2019! On this magical evening, our favorite story book characters will come to life. Our very talented Morgan staff members will read some of our favorite stories to our Morgan families! This is a free, family event...so be sure to load up the whole crew! We encourage you to wear pajamas so that you can treat this as our MTE version of a bedtime story!

The evening will also feature cookie decorating that will be hosted by our PTO volunteers! Make sure to stop at our cafeteria for this sweet adventure!

Your family will receive a "reading menu" before Christmas break so that you can plan your evening with us!



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

December 17, 2018: Pajama Day

December 17, 2018: Music Program

Gr. 1, 3 and 5 @ 6:30

December 20, 2018: Classroom holiday parties
Entrance at 1:15pm

December 21, 2018: Last day of school before
break!

MTS Cheer for a Day

The Morgan elementary Cheer for a Day will be on December 15th starting at 12:00pm. Registration is required by December 10th. The fee is \$25 per student.

Please see our Morgan Twp. Elementary website for more info and for the registration form!

LOTUS REACH DONATION OPPORTUNITY

Our Bucket Fillers Club next service project is a donation drive for the Porter County organization Lotus Reach. On Monday there will be a donation tree in the office. On the tree will be paper ornaments with a donation item or cash amount on the back. If your family is interested in helping our Bucket Fillers Club meet their donation goal, please have your son or daughter grab an ornament from the tree. Donations will be due prior to the start of our Christmas break.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

HOLIDAY MUSIC PROGRAM

Please plan on joining us for our holiday music program for grades 1, 3 and 5 on Monday, December 17th at 6:30pm. Our gym doors will open at 6:00pm.



Reading Counts Raffle

Did you know that we already have three students who have earned lunch with me on December 11th? These students have already earned 300 RC points!!!

Congratulations to Amelia, Max and Aiden!

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 DECEMBER is caring. Caring is an expression of admiration, approval or gratitude.

Thank you for being partners with us in our efforts.