



THE MORGAN MINUTE



Morgan Township Elementary
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New Standards Mastery Test

When you and I sat in math classes as elementary students years ago (many more years than I would like to mention), it was perfectly fine to just be proficient at basic computation. Our educational goals have changed based on the complexity of the world we live in. Students now need to focus more on analyzing numbers and coming up with multiple ways to solve the same problem rather than simply knowing what $5+5$ equals.

Our math series, Ready Math, gives us a way to make sure that our students are taking rigorous assessments that judge not only computation, but overall problem solving skills. These Standards Mastery Tests, given to 2nd-5th graders, are computer-based and set up just like our ISTEP/iLearn state assessments. They are based heavily in problem solving and really testing the depth to which our students know a skill. Students are allowed to take this test more than once after remediation has occurred in the classroom. These Standards Mastery Tests are recorded in Skyward as a quiz grade (along with other paper/pencil quizzes). You will not see these quizzes come home, but feel free to ask about your child's progress on these during parent teacher conferences.

Grandparents' Day

We are so excited to have all of our visitors on Friday, October 19th! Please remember that we will not allow entry into the building prior to 8:15 for our 1st, 3rd and 5th grades. Our bus lot will be available for parking. Our afternoon session for K, 2 and 4 will be allowed entry at 12:25pm through door two only. Parking is in our main lot only for the afternoon session.

Please make sure that your special person has his or her entry ticket, as this will be collected at the door upon arrival.

Halloween Party News

Our Halloween Party is just around the corner. Thank you to all of our parents who have reached out about how they can help the teacher! We appreciate your efforts! Please remember that in order to help at the party you must have a current background check. If you are unsure as to whether you have this, please email Mrs. Epler. The party will begin at 1:40 following our school's "Parade of Costumes". Parents will be allowed into the classrooms no earlier than 1:15pm. Helpers will have plenty of time for set up while the parade is going on in the gym. Finally, please make sure that all costumes are appropriate for school. Please limit the blood and gore, as we have little people to think of!

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

October 9th: 5th Grade Canoe Trip

October 15: Quarter One ends

October 16: Parent Teacher Conferences
Early Release @ 12:45
Scholastic Book Fair through Friday

October 17: Parent Teacher Conferences
Early Release @ 12:45

Parent Teacher Conferences

Please remember that our parent teacher conferences are on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 16th and 17th. These days are Early Release days with dismissal at 12:45. Please make sure to utilize the Change of Dismissal form if your child's transportation is not the normal means. We appreciate your effort in being prompt for these conferences so that we can stick to our schedule for the two days.



Reading Counts Raffle

Congratulations to our raffle winners who won a bottle of Gatorade and AirHeads!

The winners were:

Carly Mossberger
Shiloh DeBoard
Bryce Metzger
Mason Shelby

Weather Changes

Welcome to northwest Indiana where it can be 87 degrees one day and 55 the next. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately to attend recess daily. An extra light coat or sweatshirt in their backpack will help on our chilly mornings. Also remember that as we get into our cold, wet months, an extra pair of pants or socks might just come in handy!



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 OCTOBER is RESPONSIBILITY. Responsibility is the quality of doing what is right, expected or required.

Thank you for being partners with us in our efforts.