



THE MORGAN MINUTE



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Bucket Filler Club

Community service and volunteerism play an important role in all communities. Many of our most helpful organizations in Porter County stem from volunteers that devote time and energy to make our community just that much better. Starting this mindset of volunteerism with our young children can make for a better tomorrow.

Mrs. Olympidis, a Morgan parent, and I have created our first ever Bucket Filler Club. This group of 15 teacher-nominated students will be going out into the community to serve in many different capacities. Our first service project will be to visit Journey Senior Living in Valparaiso. While there, our children will interact with the elderly and offer conversation and a bright spot in their day. Each month this group will leave our comfortable walls of Morgan to experience what can be done to help those less fortunate than us.

If you are wondering how the name "Bucket Filler Club" came to be, I encourage your family to read the book Have You Filled a Bucket Today?. This is a wonderful read about how we all can be "bucket fillers" by doing nice things for others and treating everyone we meet the way we would like to be treated.

Grandparents' Day



The impact of role models on a child's life is crucial. We learn best by watching others navigate through life in a positive way. Today it was incredible to see all of our grandparents and special visitors who serve as those role models. Our children were so excited to share the stories of their grandparents with their teachers and adults in the building.

A huge thank you to our PTO board for organizing this event! It is no small undertaking to welcome so many visitors into our school and still make it a personal experience for everyone. Many hands play a part...so thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, donated materials, or helped in the organization process. Thank you also to our maintenance crew for set up and take down of the event. We appreciate all that you do!

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 23, 2018: Report Cards sent home

October 24, 2018: PTO Night Out at Firehouse Subs

October 25, 2018: Reading Counts Reward

October 26, 2018: NO SCHOOL/FALL BREAK

October 31, 2018: Halloween Parties

PTO FUNDRAISER

You should have received information on our PTO fundraiser yesterday. This is the ONLY fundraiser done by PTO during the school year. Your monetary donation will help us to maintain our budget. The PTO budget allows for so many opportunities for our students including: field trip money, 5th grade Challenger trip, classroom supplies, 5th grade graduation, nurse's fund, field day, all school picnic, etc...

Without the generous donations from our families, these experiences would not take place. Please contact the office if you have any questions!



Reading Counts Raffle

Congratulations to our raffle winners who won \$3 to spend at the Scholastic Book Fair!

The winners were:

**AVA HINES
CHRISTIAN FREYENBERGER
LUKE SNOW
RYLIEE ASHER**

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.