



Morton Messenger

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News from the Principal...

As we begin this new school year, please take an opportunity to talk with your children about stranger danger. **We have shared this before, it's a conversation that we can't have often enough.** Please make sure your children know these important steps to staying safe.

- * Students should **walk with a buddy**. Ask older students to accompany kids on a walk.
- * Tell students to **always** refuse to go anywhere with people they don't know.
- * Tell students they are **NOT** expected to help adults with directions or lost puppies.
- * If a car stops and the driver attempts to ask for help, children should run away.
- * In potentially dangerous situations, students should make lots of noise to alert neighbors, **run** to a safe place or find an adult they trust.

The staff at Morton **THANKS YOU** for your partnership in keeping our students safe!

~All Things Morton

School Lunch Info:

When a student orders a school lunch, milk is included in the price of the lunch.

When a student orders a milk with a cold lunch from home, milk is **45 cents**. Students without money in his/her account will not be allowed to charge milk. Please make sure your child has money in his/her lunch account to cover milk and lunch charges. If you have questions about your child's account, please contact Mrs. Beran at Morton (402 715-1255). If you have questions about Food Service, please call Kay Boyle (402 715-1440). Thank you!

We really need your help regarding **traffic safety** at Morton. Here are a few (important) **reminders:**

1. do not park on the curve in front of the school for any reason or at any time;
2. do not turn left into Morton (from the street);
3. do not abandon your car in the driveway—you are invited to use the parking lots on the north and south sides of the building and walk to the front door;
4. follow the vehicle in front of you; do not "go around" cars in the driveway; and
5. please do not block neighborhood driveways or mailboxes.

We appreciate your partnership and your patience as we make certain our campus is safe!

The **Morton Messenger** is an important communication tool so please take a few minutes to read through it each week. The Morton Messenger will be sent weekly via email and is posted on the Morton webpage. **If you would like a paper copy of our newsletter, please notify Mrs. Bergstrom in writing.**

The Mission of J. Sterling Morton Elementary School, whose culture unites families, guarantees all students develop and excel in academic skills and character necessary for personal excellence and responsible citizenship through high-quality, engaging experiences in an academic, challenging and nurturing environment.

SAFETY PATROL

We are proud of our fifth grade students who give their time to serve as Safety Patrol members. *Safety Patrol members for August 10th–19, 2016.











Station #1 (south lot)
Landon K.
Addy S.

Station # 2 (front door)
Riley R.
Canice M.
Capt. Maycee P.

Station # 3 (north lot)
Emma C.
Nathan W.

There will be monthly Safety Patrol meetings this year from 8:00 - 8:20 AM.
Next meeting is: September 12th

MORTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

August 22	6:30 PM	PTA Meeting
August 24		Morton Spirit T-shirt orders are due!
August 25		All School picnic - "Grill out" (regular lunch charges apply)
August 26	  	Student Council Spirit Day <u>"Free Hat Day"</u> Wear your favorite Hat
 August 26	3:45 - 4:00 PM	Lemonade Stand - sponsored by PTA
August 29	3:45 - 4:30 PM	<u>3rd Grade Nature Club</u>
August 31	12:10 - 1:00 PM	<u>3rd Grade Wellness Club</u>
September 2		<u>Spirit Day - "Go Big Red Day"</u> (Bring \$1.00 to support a local Charity)
 September 2	3:45 - 4:00 PM	Lemonade Stand - sponsored by PTA

Reminder from the office:

Please be sure to check your students Friday folder every week for important information and return the folder back to school.

Band and Orchestra News:

Please note that Band and 4th grade Orchestra will start during the week of the August 22nd. Thank you!!!



We are searching for donations of **hand sanitizer** to help fight colds, flu and the spread of germs at Morton. If you would like to make a donation, please bring bottles of hand sanitizer to Morton and help us "fill the bucket" (located in the lobby). Thank you!