



February 2, 2018

News from the Principal...

During Winter Break we added two new family members. Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Miller to the kindergarten team. Mrs. Miller is our kindergarten para-professional and is with us everyday from 9:30 am-1:30 pm. You'll also find a new smile in the office. Miss Percifield is our health para-professional and will be at Morton everyday 8 am-4:30 pm. Please stop and say hello!

All Things Morton

We wanted to share a gentle reminder about appropriate shoes for physical education class. **Tennis shoes are required for PE classes.** Every year, inappropriate footwear in the gym causes feet and ankle injuries. Footwear such as "Wheelies and Heelies," boots, clogs, sandals, flip-flops, Uggs, crocs and wedges pose safety hazards in Physical Education classes. **The Millard Public Schools Board of Education Policy and Rule 6750.1 states our families provide tennis shoes for physical education.** Please provide your child with appropriate footwear which will allow your child's full participation in Physical Education. If you need assistance with the purchase of tennis shoes for your child(ren), please contact Mrs. Bergstrom (jkbergstrom@mpsomaha.org) or 402 715-1290.

Thank you to **Nikki Imhoff** for the donation of paper for the copiers! We appreciate your generosity!

Do you have some great pictures to include with the Morton yearbook? Please send them to: ptamorton.yearbook@gmail.com.

Thank you for your assistance in making the Morton yearbook a wonderful collection of memories for our students!!!

Conversation Starters...
What did you do at Corral Day?

DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING

If you are applying for a *within-district transfer* for a new student or you have a student at Morton who is actually assigned to another Millard school and you want a *sibling to attend Morton*, your application must be on file with the district office by **February 15th, 2018**. Go to www.mpsomaha.org, Student Services under Departments, and then click on Enrollment Information for the necessary paperwork.

The application window for *option enrollment* for new students for the 2018-19 school year is also open, but needs to be complete by **March 15th**. Option enrollment is for any student who lives in a Nebraska County outside of Millard Public Schools. Please contact Vicki Carlson at (402) 715-8312 for the application.

If your child is already open-enrolled at Morton, you do not need to reapply.

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

Upcoming Events for Our Mavericks!

| Sun. | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat. |
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| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Family Night (books & nachos) 5:30-7:30 pm | 9 Hat Day!!! | 10 |
| 11 | 12 No HHC today Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:20-8 pm | 13 No Walking Club today Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:20-8 pm | 14 Student Council Meeting 7:45-8:15 am Valentine's Day Parties 1:30-2:10 pm | 15 NO SCHOOL Parent-Teacher Conferences 8-11 am | 16 NO SCHOOL | 17 |
| 18 | 19 NO SCHOOL | 20 Art Club (1 st grade) 3:45-4:30 pm School Improvement Team Meeting 4-5 pm | 21 Safety Patrol Meeting 8-8:15 am | 22 Art Club (1 st grade) 3:45-4:30 pm Wellness Club (3 rd grade) 3:45-4:15 pm | 23 Family Night with the Pancake Man! 5:30-7:30 pm | 24 |



We are proud of our 5th grade students for their service to our community!

Safety Patrol members for January 26th (PM only) - February 9th (AM only)

Group 2: Maddi, Aidan H., Olivia, Zoey, Kieran, Olive

Safety Patrol members for Feb. 9th (PM only) - Feb. 23rd (AM only)

Group 3: Maura, Bella, Kristy, Haley, Nate, Miles, Ian, Abbi

Here are some tips to help you stay well during flu season...

- *Stay home when you are sick.
- *Cover your mouth & nose with a tissue (or your sleeve) when you cough or sneeze.
- *Wash hands often with soap and water (or use an alcohol-based hand rub).
- *Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth (this is how germs are spread).
- *Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects frequently.

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