



February 23, 2018

*News from the Principal...*

There is still plenty of Nebraska winter left! It is important our kiddos are prepared to **go outside everyday for recess unless it is raining, snowing or the actual temperature or windchill temp is below zero.** As a reminder, to play in the snow, your kiddo needs to wear **snowpants and snowboots** (not one or the other). Without **snowpants and snowboots**, kiddos must stay on dry land (and that's just not as much fun as the snow)! If you need help with snowpants, coats or boots, please let Mrs. Bergstrom know. Bundle up!

*~All Things Morton*

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We wanted to share a gentle reminder about appropriate shoes for physical education class. **Tennis shoes are required for PE classes.** Footwear such as "Wheeries and Heeries," 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 PE. If you need assistance with the purchase of tennis shoes for your child(ren), please contact Mrs. Bergstrom.

We are requesting donations of **hand sanitizer.** You are invited to drop bottles of hand sanitizer off in the blue bucket at the office. Thank you to those families who have already made a donation!!!

**Conversation Starters...**  
**What was the best thing that happened at school this week?**

**Kindergarten 2018-2019...**

If you have a child who will turn five by July 31st, and we have not yet contacted you by phone, please call Morton (402 715-1290) to verify we have your child's name on our kindergarten list for the 2018-19 school year. If you have relatives, neighbors, or friends with a soon-to-be five year old living in the Morton attendance area, please ask them to call Morton so we can ensure they receive a kindergarten mailer at the end of the month. Mark your calendars: Kindergarten Round-Up is Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>!

**APPROACHING DEADLINE**

The application window for *option enrollment* for new students for the 2018-19 school year is 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.

To help keep your family safe, from time to time, you might want to check the Nebraska Sex Offender Registry: <https://sor.nebraska.gov/>

**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.
25	<p>26</p> <p>Nature Club (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) 3:45-4:30 pm</p> <p>PTA 6:30 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Ragazzi's Night 4-8 pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>BOXTOP Collection Day!</p>	<p>March 1</p> <p>PE &amp; ME Day (1<sup>st</sup> grade) 2-2:30 pm</p> <p>Music Informance (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) 3-3:30 pm</p>	2	3



We are proud of our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students for their service to our community!

Safety Patrol members for February 23rd (PM only) - March 9th (AM only)  
Group 1: Gage, Lily, Landon, Grace, Gino, Violet

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**Attention: Morton!!!**  
**All GIRLS and BOYS in K-4th Grade**  
**are invited to Family Cub Scout Recruiting Night!!!**  
**Information and Sign-up will be Tuesday, February 27th**  
**6:30 -7:30 PM**  
**in the Morton Gym**  
**Get Ready for SUMMER FUN!!!**

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Do you ever shop on Amazon.com? If so, please consider linking up your Amazon account with the Amazon Smile program and a portion of your purchase will be donated to Morton's PTA (at no additional cost to you!). Go to: <http://smile.amazon.com> for more information and search **Morton Elementary PTA** (Omaha, NE) to allow Amazon to donate a percentage of your purchase back to our school!

### 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 (402 715-1290). If you have questions about MPS Food Service, please call (402 715-1440). Thank you!

Thank you to the MPS Board of Education members who serve our community:		
Mike Kennedy	Dave Anderson	Mike Pate
Linda Poole	Amanda McGill-Johnson	