



March 9, 2018

News from the Principal...

Do you have plans for Spring Break?

We have a great opportunity for Morton students! The **Omaha Public Library** (Millard Branch) is hosting an **Escape Room for Kids** on Monday and Tuesday, March 19th and 20th from 12 pm-4pm.

Can your kids break out of the Millard Branch Escape Room? They will be "locked" in a meeting room with puzzles, clues (and a few hints) to see if they can get out before the hour is up! Each hour there will be one Escape Room for kids in **grades 2-4** and another Escape Room for kids in **grades 4-6**.

Bring the kids for a fun afternoon! Call 402-996-8037 or email nnovotny@omahalibrary.org to sign up for a room. There is a maximum of 8 kids per room, and at least one parent per room.

We also have a neat opportunity for Morton parents! **9Rounds** is offering a week membership of *unlimited* workouts for **\$19.99**. No equipment is necessary (but if you are interested, it is sold separately). This opportunity is available for anyone 13 years and up. Here is the link to get started:

<https://www.clubready.com/getstarted/2893/298223/>

Sounds like fun!

~All Things Morton

A friendly reminder...

During arrival and dismissal, the curb is for pick up only. Please do not leave your car. Please pull forward as cars leave the driveway. If you are waiting for a member of our Safety Patrol, please park in our lot so the curbside flow can continue. **Safety is our priority.** Thank you!

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...

Have you visited MakerSpace in the library? What did you create?

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.

The health room at Morton is in need of boy's sweatpants sizes 7-10. If you are doing spring cleaning and find gently used items you would like to donate, we would appreciate your generosity. Thank you.

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.
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins (set your clocks ahead 1 hour)	12	13 Science Fair 6:30-7:30 pm	14 Safety Patrol Mtg. 8-8:15 am 4 th Grade Curriculum Day 12:45-1:45 pm	15	16 Pajama Day (Sponsored by Student Council Please bring a \$1...we will make a donation to a local charity)	17
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We are proud of our 5th grade students for their service to our community!

Safety Patrol members for March 9 (PM only) - March 30th (AM only):
Group 2: Maddi, Aidan H., Olivia, Zoey, Kieran and Olive

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!

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 as soon as possible. **Mark your calendars: Kindergarten Round-Up is Friday, April 27th!**

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