



April 20, 2018

News from the Principal...

Have you heard your child mention "voice levels" at home? Morton is adopting a school-wide voice level expectation system. We will use this framework in all areas of the building to help provide a consistent message for our students. Teachers are constantly reviewing voice level expectations with students for all times of the day, for all activities throughout the day and in all areas of the building. Having a consistent system will help all our students be the best learners they can be! Parents might find it helpful to have more information about "voice levels." You can set expectations at home too (dinner table, car ride, etc.). Please look in your child's Friday Folder for your 'at-home' copy!

All Things Morton

Conversation Starters...

What fun thing did you do in PE this week?

COMING SOON!

Please send your BOXTOPS to Morton! Each one is worth **10 cents!** Upcoming collection dates are...
April 25 and May 23

Our last day of school is **Thursday, May 31, 2018.**

We will serve breakfast but will not serve lunch on Thursday, May 31st.

Please meet us on the lawn at **11:50 am** for our kick off to summer!

It's time to begin preparing for the 2018-2019 school year! The development of class lists is a very important task that involves many people and a great deal of thought. As we create our class lists, we consider the following criteria:

- Incorporating different academic levels of students
- Matching individual learning styles with teaching styles
- Balancing the male/female ratio
- Keeping classroom dynamics balanced

Although we would like to grant all requests, it would be impossible to do so--and could possibly jeopardize the integrity of the process. If there are truly unusual circumstances you feel must be addressed regarding your child's placement for next year, please follow these guidelines:

1. Send a dated and signed written request (letter or email) to Mrs. Bergstrom by **Friday, April 27, 2018.**
2. Describe your child's learning style and the type, not the name, of the teacher who would benefit your child. There must be an educational rationale for your request. "My daughter had Mrs. Smith and really liked her," is not an educationally sound reason.
3. Also consider that past requests to separate students may not be known, so if there are still issues you would like us to know about, please drop us a note!

Please keep in mind...teacher assignments can and will change in the coming months. We will be very deliberate about formulating the class lists for next year so your child has a positive, productive experience.

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.
22	23	24	25 Student Council Mtg. 7:45-8:15 am	26 Wellness Club 3:45-4:15 pm	27 Kindergarten Round-Up 9:30-11:30 am	28
29	30 Cooking Club (kindergarten) 3:45-4:15 pm	May 1 Cooking Club (kindergarten) 3:45-4:15 pm Nature Club (2 nd grade) 3:45-4:30 pm SIT 4-5 pm	2	3 Cooking Club (kindergarten) 3:45-4:15 pm	4 Middle School Orientation 11:30 am-2:30 pm Lemonade Stand on the lawn 3:45-4 pm	5



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

Safety Patrol members April 13th (PM only) - April 27th (AM only)
Group 1: Gage, Lily A., Landon, Grace, Gino and Violet

Safety Patrol members April 27th (PM only) - May 11th (AM only)
Group 2: Maddi, Aidan, Olivia, Zoey, Kieran & Olive

Are you spring cleaning?

We are searching for boys PANTS and SHORTS size 4 & 5 for the health room. If you would like to make a donation of gently used items, we would appreciate it! Thank you!

Mrs. Thibault needs a few supplies for **Fun Day (May 21st)**! If you can supply any of the following items, please reach out to Mrs. Thibault to make the necessary arrangements. Thank you!

- ***TWO** Giant Jenga Games (I am going to write on these so I would love to keep them)
- *16-30 pool noodles
- *Straws (boxes)
- *20-30 Ping-Pong Balls
- *5 Plastic Pitchers or clear buckets

Thank you to all the families who have already made generous donations to Fun Day!!!

Thank you to the MPS Board of Education members who serve our community:

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