

### *News from the Principal...*

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:

- Balancing the male/female ratio
- Incorporating different academic levels of students
- Matching individual learning styles with teaching styles
- Keeping classroom social dynamic 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 that your child has a positive, productive experience.

*All Things Morton*

#### Conversation Starters...

**What is one thing you did today that makes you proud?**

Lucy, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader from Mrs. Harris' class, recently represented Morton at the Millard Public Schools Culinary Challenge. Lucy's healthy recipe was *Chicken Avocado Wontons*. Recipes were judged on nutrition, preparation and presentation. All finalists receive a gift bag, cook's medal and certificate. **Congratulations, Lucy!** We are proud of you!



### **We invite you to our Health Materials Community Review Opportunity!**

Where: Ron Witt Support Services Center (13737 Industrial Road)

When: April 12th and April 17th

Time: 6:30 pm to 8 pm

**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.
8	9	10 <b>Book Club</b> (4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> grade) 3:45-4:15 pm  <b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade                      Orchestra                      Community                      Performance</b> Werner Park 6:35 pm	11 <b>Safety Patrol                      Mtg.</b> 8-8:15 am	12	13 <b>Hawaiian Day</b> \$1 donation to a local charity  <b>Hawaiian Luau!</b> 6-8 pm	14
15	16 <b>PTA Mtg.</b> 6:30-7:30 pm	17 <b>Art Club</b> (kindergarten) 3:45-4:15 pm	18	19 <b>Art Club</b> (kindergarten) 3:45-4:15 pm	20	21



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

Safety Patrol members for March 30th (PM only) - April 13th (AM only)

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

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

- \***Four Giant Jenga Games** (I am going to write on these so I would love to keep them)  
 I could probably provide the lumber if someone is handy enough to build them!
- \*16-30 pool noodles
- \*Straws (boxes)
- \*20-30 Ping-Pong Balls
- \*5 Plastic Pitchers or clear buckets
- \*2 large containers of Cheese Balls (the kind you eat)
- \*75 Shower Caps

Thank you for helping us with these important supplies!

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

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