



May 25, 2018

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

Before the 2017-2018 school year comes to a close, we want to take a moment and wish one of our Morton family members farewell. Mrs. Batman will not be returning to Morton in the fall. Mrs. Batman has been an important part of our community for many years and her absence will be missed! We wish her well in her new adventures with Gretna Public Schools!

### *All Things Morton*

We are planning for the 18-19 school year. It is helpful to know how many children to expect at each grade level. We would appreciate your help in making our projections for next year as accurate as possible. We always have a few families who will move in and out of our attendance area. If you know your child(ren) will be attending a different school next fall, please call Morton at 402-715-1290 to let us know. **Thank you!**

### **Reminder from the Health Room...**

Parents: please remember to pick up any medications in the health room by **noon on May 31st**. All medications left after the last day, including inhalers, Epi Pens and prescriptions, will be discarded. We are not able to send medications home with your child. We are not allowed to hold medications for you for the next school year. Thank you!

### **Conversation Starters...**

**What did you do at Fun Day? What was your favorite activity at Fun Day?**

**Parents of current 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students**, please check your email so you can complete the Google enrollment form for Orchestra (3rd grade) and Orchestra and Band (4th Grade). We need to get an accurate number of students for Orchestra and Band classes for next year. Instrument availability is limited and we will begin assigning instruments in June. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Ferguson at [alferguson@mpsomaha.org](mailto:alferguson@mpsomaha.org) or Mr. Breiter at [djbreiter@mpsomaha.org](mailto:djbreiter@mpsomaha.org) -- we are excited to work with our new musicians!

**FYI: Check your mailboxes soon! We will mail 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report Cards beginning Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.**

We will send a Morton Messenger this summer. We will send important school information and great summer resources to your inbox during the first full week of each month. We hope this information will be helpful!

**LUNCH ACCOUNTS:** As the school year comes to a close, please check your child's lunch account. All negative balances must be cleared up by the last day of school (May 31, 2018). All remaining balances will be carried over to next year. Lunch will not be served on May 31st. If you have any questions, please call Linda Beran at 402-715-1290.

**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.
27	28 NO SCHOOL	29	30	31 Move-Up Day 9-9:45 am  All-School Farewell Assembly 11-11:30 am  Dismissal begins at 11:50 am on the front lawn	June 1	2



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

Safety Patrol members May 25 (PM only) - May 31 (AM and PM)  
Group 1: Gage, Lily, Landon, Grace, Gino & Violet

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The **Student Council** led the way for us to help a lot of organizations in the community this year! We appreciate your participation in spirit days and in all the other events we hosted this year. Our students are always very kind and interested in helping others...it is something that makes Morton just a little bit different from other places on Earth! The following organizations received donations on behalf of Morton:

- United Way** \$1000
- JDRF** \$1800
- American Red Cross Hurricane Relief** \$ 360

The following organizations received donations from Spirit Day donations:

- Operation Super Jack** \$ 200
- The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society** \$ 200
- American Red Cross Nebraska Chapter** \$ 200
- Nebraska Humane Society** \$ 200
- Camp CoHoLo** \$ 200

We also donated food to the **Food Bank of the Heartland**, **Project WeeCare** and we rang bells for the **Salvation Army!**

It has been a great year at Morton and we are looking forward to 18-19 with you!

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

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