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News from the Principal...

On **Wednesday, April 19th** (that's next week!), we are hosting an Open House in the media center to allow parents and families an opportunity to learn more about BIST. BIST is our building-wide behavior management framework. Our BIST Consultant, *Virginia Gibbons*, will be available from **8-9 am** to explain the framework and answer your questions. If you would like to attend the Open House, **please RSVP** to Mrs. Bergstrom (jkbergstrom@mpsomaha.org or 402 715-1290) by Tuesday, April 18th at noon. We will make sure the coffee is on!

We have started preparing for the 2017-2018 school year! The process of forming **class lists** for the 2017-2018 school year will begin soon. 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:

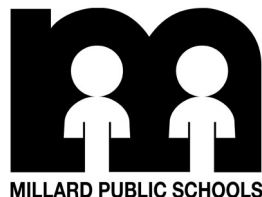
1. Send a dated and signed written request to Mrs. Bergstrom by **Friday, April 28, 2017 at 4 pm**. This can be in the form of a letter or email.
2. Describe your child's learning style and the type (not the name) of the teacher who would benefit your child. There must be an educational rationale for your request. "My daughter had Mrs. Smith and really liked her," is not an educationally-sound reason.
3. Consider past requests to separate students may not be known; if there are still issues you would like us to know, please drop us a note.

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

Dr. Sutfin, announced the last day of school for Morton students will be **Thursday, May 25th**. We will dismiss at **NOON**. We **will** serve breakfast but we will **not** serve lunch on the last day of school.



Horace Mann, a Morton Paybac Partner, will visit **Morton on April 17th** (4-5 pm) to talk with teachers about retirement planning. If you are a Morton parent and a teacher in another building (or district), you are invited to attend our NEPERS seminar! For planning purposes, please let Mrs. Falk know if you plan to attend by Monday at 8 am! Thank you!

~All Things Morton



The **Mission** of **J. Sterling Morton Elementary School**, whose culture unites families, guarantees all students develop and excel in academic skills and character necessary for personal excellence and responsible citizenship through high-quality, engaging experiences in an academic, challenging and nurturing environment.

APRIL 2017

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	<p>Book Club (4th and 5th Grade) 3:45 - 4:15 PM</p>  <p>Meeting at 6:30 PM</p> 					22
<p>National Public School  Week</p> <p>Nebraska School Psychologists' Week  <small>When I grow up I want to be... (a School Psychologist)</small></p>						
23	<p>Nature Club (2nd Grade) 3:45 - 4:30 PM</p> 	25	<p>26</p>  <p>Happy Administrative Professionals Day! <small>(even though your deserve a whole week)</small></p>	<p>27</p> <p>Ragazzi's Family Night *PTA</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>Kinder Round Up & Parent Meeting 9:30 - 11:30 AM</p> 	29
<p>Administrative Professionals Week</p>						



We are proud of our fifth grade students who give their time to serve as Safety Patrol members.

*Safety Patrol members for April 14-April 28, 2017:

Station #1 (South Lot)

Taylen M.
Paul C.

Station #2 (Front Door)

Owen G.
Cailee R.
Capt. Paul C.

Station #3 (North Lot)

Paige S.
Adri W.
Logan W.



Morton Elementary School collects pop tabs and makes annual donations to the Ronald McDonald House. As of Spring Break, we made a recent donation of 41,250 pop tabs. **Our grand total is 963,750 tabs.** PLEASE remember to collect tabs throughout the year as well as during the summer and drop them in the office when you get a chance. **Our goal is one million tabs.** We are 36,250 tabs from our goal and a big celebration. Please help us reach this goal soon. Thank you. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Harris.



**Last week of
Homework
Help Club is
May 1st - 4th!**