



# MORSE ELEMENTARY

## MUSTANG MINUTE

SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

Principal

Mrs. Stephanie Zender Ed.S

# SEPTEMBER

**Tuesday September 11th-** PTO Hat Day! Pay 1\$ to wear a HAT! PTO Meeting 7PM FIFTH graders will say the pledge tonight!

**Monday September 17th-** Constitution Day!

**WEDNESDAY September 19th-** Watch DOGS Kick off event! Dinner with Dads! 6-7PM. (NOTE date change due to BMS Curriculum night on 9.20.18!)

**Tuesday September 25th-** SMILE! Fall Picture Day is today!

**Wednesday September 26th- EARLY Release Day: Dismissal 1:09PM! NO lunch!**

**September 28th - PTO FUN RUN! 1-4PM**

**Monday October 1st- Kindergarten Parent Dinner and literacy Learning Event. NO Children please!**

**Tuesday October 2nd-** Morse Community Kids Clothing Drive! 6-8P Parent Tech Safety Presentations! 6-645 or REPEATS 645-7:30PM

**Thursday October 4th-** Parent Tech Safety Presentations! 6-645 or REPEATS 645-7:30PM

**Friday October 5th-** Dentists R Us at Morse for teeth cleanings!

**Tuesday October 9th-** PTO Hat Day! Pay 1\$ to wear a hat! PTO Meeting 7PM - FOURTH graders

Dear Morse Elementary Families -

The Mustang Minute is meant to be a "fast read" for families and will contain important information about the school including important dates, events and information about school wide happenings. Please also refer to the school web site and communication that you receive from your child(rens) classroom teacher.

If you look to the LEFT at the calendar - please note some important events upcoming! First, our first PTO meeting of the year is this Tuesday night from 7-8PM. FIFTH grade students are invited to lead the pledge of allegiance as we open our meeting! We hope that you'll attend to engage with our PTO!

Our all men volunteer group (The Watch DOGS) will kick off their season on September 19th with a DOG's and kids dinner from 6-7PM. We hope that if you know a great male role model , you'll send them our way!

Do you or your family have culture or a tradition to share? Morse is hoping to add a "Culture Corner" presentation to all of our monthly school wide assemblies - but we need your help! Contact Mrs. Zender for more information! [szender@troy.k12.mi.us](mailto:szender@troy.k12.mi.us)

Last (for this week) ,Morse, as a school body works collaboratively with our community to continuously improve through our school improvement and Title One school wide plans. We are seeking parent representatives to support our English Language Arts (Reading and Writing) , Discourse ( Math, Science and social Studies), and Social Emotional Learning goal teams. Time commitment is low- payoff is BIG in helping our school to be the best it can be! Interested? Please contact [hgordon@groy.k12.mi.us](mailto:hgordon@groy.k12.mi.us)

Fondly-

Mrs. Zender and the Morse Team

# POWERSCHOOL REPLACES HOME ACCESS CENTER!

Troy School District is now using PowerSchool for all student data. Home Access Center (HAC) is no longer active. You have received instructions via email to setup a new account for the PowerSchool Parent Portal. The access codes contained in the email can be used several times if more than one guardian wishes to have an account. If you did not receive the access codes, please contact the office and the staff can look up your codes. The Parent Portal will allow you to track grades and attendance for your students. Report Cards will also be posted to the portal.

**PowerSchool also has a free app available on both Apple and Android platforms. Once you have created an account, please go to your app store and search for PowerSchool Mobile. (I saw this this week-it was easy!) The app will ask for a 4 digit code. Troy's code is BMMM.**

Please note – you must setup your account on the website before logging into the App.

If you are having technical difficulties, please email [parentportal@troy.k12.mi.us](mailto:parentportal@troy.k12.mi.us)

PLEASE help us to keep your student safe by updating your emergency contacts in Powerschool!

## WELCOME TO MORSE CARE!

We'd like to welcome the new Morse site director Ally Larkins, to Morse. She is currently a child care assistant at Morse and came highly recommended by Sui. She has many years of experience in a child care setting and is pursuing her degree in Elementary Education.

## SPECIAL SERVICES PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

This year we have a new Special Ed Parent's group, called the Special Service Parent Advisory Council (SSPAC). Our first board meeting was just this past week, and we are really just getting organized. We have 2 building reps here at Morse, Janet Callahan and Kelly Ostrowski. If you have any questions about IEPs, 504s, or special ed in general, feel free to track us down, and we'll try to help you out or at least get you pointed in the right direction. The SSPAC will be hosting a few big district wide events this year, and those will be determined as we get organized, but we'd love to hear from you about anything that you'd like to know more about - we can pass that info back to the group as well.



## A.L.I.C.E. IMPLEMENTATION

The Troy School District is implementing A.L.I.C.E. as a measure to counter an aggressive intruder or shooter event. A.L.I.C.E. takes a more proactive approach in the event of a serious emergency. All employees have started training and this training will continue during the school year. We will also conduct informational parent meetings, which will be held at all four middle schools. The information below includes dates, times and locations for the A.L.I.C.E parent meetings.

- Thursday, October 4th at 7:00pm – Smith Middle School
- Tuesday, October 9th at 7:00pm – Boulan Park Middle School
- Wednesday, October 10th at 7:00pm – Baker Middle School
- Thursday, October 11th at 7:00pm – Larson Middle School