

PRIORITIZE THE LEARNING OF OUR PEOPLE	EMPOWER STUDENTS TO CONNECT LEARNING TO THEIR WORLD	ATTEND TO THE SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING OF ALL	INVEST IN THE LEARNING OF PRE-KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS
PRIORITIZE LEARNING	EMPOWER STUDENTS	ATTEND TO WELL-BEING	INVEST IN EARLY CHILDHOOD
<p>Through leveraging high-impact learning opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional development days will increase by 100% 100% of staff will complete a high-quality personalized learning experience extending District provided PD 100% of teachers will have a job-embedded professional learning experience 	<p>Through innovative instructional design and assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% of classes will provide students authentic, innovative, deep learning with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creativity Critical Thinking Citizenship Character Communication Collaboration 	<p>Through engaging environments that inspire development and outcomes for ALL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance existing student-centered support mechanisms 100% of students will have at least one meaningful connection to an activity or club that transforms their experience 100% of stakeholders will respond positively to the quality of their learning environment 	<p>By providing opportunities for early learning for all students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% of all incoming TSD kindergarteners will have access to a high-quality, literacy-rich preschool experience Preschool programs will be aligned with the district's ambitious outcomes to provide seamless connection to the TSD curriculum
World Class	World Class	World Class	World Class

MORSE ELEMENTARY

MUSTANG MINUTE

DECEMBER 3RD, 2018

Principal
Mrs. Stephanie Zandler Ed.S

NOVEMBER

Tuesday December 4th- 5th grade PARENT ONLY preview of "Growing Up" program 630-730PM. NO childcare/ no children please.

Tuesday December 11th- PTO Hat Day 1\$ to wear a hat! PTO Meeting 7PM

Wednesday December 12th- PTO Dine Out Night Shield's Pizza 4-9PM

Friday December 21st- Morse Spelling Bee by grade level 10AM . Morse Holiday Sing Along 2PM Cafe. This is the LAST day before the winter break begins! PTO Spirit Day Donate 1\$ to wear holiday wear or PJ's to school!

Monday December 24th- Friday January 4th- NO School- Winter Break! Please be sure that your students are READING each day of break for at least 20 minutes!

Monday January 7th- Welcome Back!

Friday January 11th- School Level National Geographic Bee 2PM in Cafeteria

Tuesday January 15th- PTO Hat Day! Pay 1\$ to wear a hat! PTO Meeting 7PM FIRST grade leads the pledge! TSD Early Childhood Information Night 6PM.

Thursday January 17th- PTO Dine out night at Chuck E Cheese! 4-9PM

Monday January 21st- NO School MLK Day

Dear Morse Elementary Families -

The Mustang Minute is meant to be a "fast read" for families full of important information about school wide happenings. Please take a minute to read each week!

If you look to the LEFT at the calendar - please note some important events upcoming! In the next few weeks we have a quite a few "interruptions" to our regular school routine with breaks or days off. Please help us to maintain momentum to learning by making sure that your students are READING every day (even weekends!) For at LEAST 20 minutes.

Research has shown that kids can LOSE valuable learning progress even with a few days of interrupted reading time. We need your help to keep your students on track to success!

Kids struggling with this? A great fix is to MODEL Reading at home - a magazine or newspaper counts- and if YOU read for 20 minutes each day it will help you to help your child- remember, READING is the foundation of ALL academic skills!

Do you or your family have culture or a tradition to share? Morse is working to add a "Culture Corner" presentation to all of our monthly school wide assemblies - but we need your help! Contact Mrs. Zandler for more information! szandler@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

WATCH DOGS UPDATE

I just want to take a moment to thank you all for coming out on Wednesday evening to learn about the Watch D.O.G.S. program. We are very excited to get the 2018-2019 school year kicked off.

Attached, you will find the link to the sign up genius where you can sign up for your volunteer day(s). You will receive an email reminder 2 days prior to your scheduled day. You can also change a scheduled date if need be.

If you signed up on the paper calendar on Wednesday, Janelle will be adding those to sign up genius soon.

If you are on Facebook, please join our facebook group - just search for WATCH D.O.G.S @ Morse. I will post the sign up link there as well.

Please feel free to contact me via email or at 248-835-5993 with any questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094caaad2ca5fe3-watch3>

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Mike Micene <gothamtraining@gmail.com>

YOUR OPINION MATTERS!

Dear ONE Troy,

We are busy preparing for the opening of our new Troy School District Preschool next fall and are looking for input from families with preschool age children. If you have children who will be entering preschool in the near future (or are currently enrolled in a preschool program,) we would appreciate you taking a moment to share your thoughts with us. Also, please share this survey link with any other parents who might be able to give input as well.

IMPORTANT: Save the Date If you are interested in our NEW Troy School District Preschool, plan to attend our Information Night for Parents on **Tuesday, January 15 from 6-7 pm** in the Troy High School auditorium. Details on this night and Early Bird Registration opportunities will be sent out very soon, but mark your calendar NOW! Preschool parents, thank you again for taking the time to fill out this survey:

[PRESCHOOL PARENT SURVEY](#)

Your feedback is greatly appreciated!

A LITTLE MUSTANG MUSIC

The Troy Foundation for Educational Excellence has invited Advanced Violin Club to play during their fundraiser at Barnes and Noble. We are honored as we were chosen for a \$500 grant to support our club! All are welcome to come and listen to and support Morse's Advanced Violin Club. The fundraisers put on by the TFEE support grants for the district so please consider doing some shopping after.

Tuesday, December 11, from 5:30-6:00 PM at Troy

Barnes and Noble: 396 John R Rd, Troy, 48083

MORSE WINS HEALTHY SCHOOLS GRANT!

Our school has been selected to participate in the *Building Healthy Communities: Step Up for School Wellness* program for the 2018-2019 school year. We are excited to participate in this program that provides students, teachers and administrators with the tools and support needed to grow our efforts toward a healthy school environment. Why is this important in schools? There is a positive connection between health and academic achievement. We are ONE of only 104 grant funded schools! Thanks Lauren Cooper and Paul Courteas for being the Healthy Schools Champions at Morse!

Through Building Healthy Communities, our school will be working on decreasing candy rewards, increasing physical activity in the classroom and introducing smoothies to our school breakfast program! . We invite you talk with your students about these new wellness initiatives in our school and explore ways to practice the healthy behaviors learned in class at home. We look forward to a happy, healthy new school year with you and your students!

Can YOU help us to reduce the use of candy rewards? Please, as you're going through your children's toys/ books, ect. Consider **donating** any gently used small toys, books, games or craft items to us at Morse! We can use these donations as "prizes" for students instead of candy! I searched my house this weekend and came up with four board games that I'll put up for "reward" for kids to pick for their classrooms for indoor recess use INSTEAD of candy!

