



**J. Sterling
Morton
Elementary**

Morton Messenger

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News from the Principal...

Thank you to all the families who have attended our Curriculum Night activities throughout the last two weeks! We have FABULOUS teachers at Morton who are working very hard to teach your children a rich curriculum (and lots of life lessons!). Your kids are doing a super job with routines and procedures; your little ones are growing up! Thank you so much for sharing your children with us each day. They certainly fill our days with smiles and laughter!
All things Morton...

Here are a few important reminders for you and your family...

We have a district dress code and we are finding students (daily) who are not following policy. Please help our little Mavericks select school appropriate clothing.

- >We do not allow spaghetti straps (but you are welcome to put a t-shirt UNDER the top that has spaghetti straps).
- >Students should wear shoes at all times! Flip flops are not appropriate school footwear; it is difficult to run and play at recess when our shoes fall off!
- >Depending on where you are in our building...you could be too warm or too cold if you just wear a t-shirt. We suggest dressing in layers...having a sweatshirt at school might be a good idea too!

Have you noticed the pictures in the lobby? Students and staff got caught reading! If your child has been caught reading, please send a 4X6 photo to school (Attention: Mrs. Bergstrom) and we'll add your photo to our special "I Got Caught Reading" area in the lobby of our school.

Special thanks to John and Sienna Nania for their help recycling paper at Morton! Think green!

Do you need to talk to your child's teacher? We encourage frequent and valuable conversations with our parents about your child and his/her learning! We know you are all busy people so here are some options:

- >email your child's teacher;
- >call the school and leave a message for your child's teacher to return a call; and/or
- >schedule an appointment to meet with your child's teacher.

Please respect our Wednesday afternoon planning time by scheduling a meeting at another time.

If you have not yet made a contribution to the Creative Corral, WE NEED YOU!

In an effort to fund our Artist in the Classroom, Wendy Summers, we are implementing a new project at Morton. With any (\$1.00 or larger) donation, you can write your name on a Maverick. **ALL** Mavericks will be posted in the all done by YOUR kids and our Artist in Residence (Wendy Summers)! Don't miss YOUR chance to help make that an annual event at Morton. Please send all donations to Morton, Attention: Julie Bergstrom. Thanks!

J. Sterling Morton Elementary School, a child-centered community, will guarantee the opportunity for each student to learn the academic and life skills necessary for individual growth, personal success and responsible citizenship through diverse and meaningful educational experiences in a safe and caring environment.

Morton Elementary School Upcoming Dates

September 1	8:10 - 8:30 AM	Walking Club Begins 
September 2	11:40 AM - 12:10 PM	<i>Student Council Meeting</i> <i>4/5 Activity Room</i>
September 4		Student Council Spirit Day! Bring \$1.00 and wear your favorited clothing!
September 7		Labor Day - <u>NO SCHOOL</u>
September 8 - 11 September 14 - 18	Before & After school	United Way Fundraiser - details to follow
September 8	3:30 - 4:00 PM	Book Club 

SAFETY PATROL

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

*Safety Patrol members for Aug. 21 - Sept. 4 are:

Camryn Bowers
Zach Wendt
Jacob Gideon

Essence Goodwin
Capt. Hannah Holl
#330-9088

Nicole Dickerson
Maranda Deplanty
Alexis Haake



*Safety Patrol members for Sept. 4 - 18 are:

Greg Ritter
Ryan Narducci
Matthew Gill

Grace Hansen-Lewis
Capt. Minna Martin
#554-1846

Dawson Samler
Tommy Dye
Maeanna Hall

There will be monthly Safety Patrol meetings this year from 8:00 - 8:20 am in Mrs. Nietfeldt's room.
Next meeting is: Sept. 22nd

Note from Mr. Etzelmiller:

Come join us for walking club on **Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8:10 - 8:30.** We will meet at the outdoor basketball court and will be walking on the trail. All parents are invited to participate! Dust off your tennis shoes and we will see you there Tuesday, Sept. 1st!



We would like to extend a "**Thank you**" to the Yates family for their donation of socks to our Health room.



We would also like to say "**Thank you**" to Nancy Dunham for the delicious treats she brought in for the Morton Staff.

Donation for Health room:



Small children's clothing sizes 5 - 7 are needed in the Health room.



Please visit our school website at : www.mpsomaha.org/morton



VNA Flu Immunization Clinics For Millard parents and children

SAY, "BOO"! to the Flu this Season...

The VNA says early vaccination is the best line of defense. Getting vaccinated in October or November helps ensure protection from the seasonal flu. The vaccine will be for the seasonal flu only - not for the H1N1 flu.

Flu immunizations will be available for persons 6 months of age and older. For persons under the age of 19 years, a parent/guardian must be present at the time the vaccination is given. The VNA offers two types of vaccination: flu shots and FluMist, a nasal-spray. Both types of vaccine will be available.

Flu Immunization for Children & Adults

Andersen Middle School, 15404 Adams Street		
Saturday	October 3	9 am - 12 pm
Kiewit Middle School, 15650 Howard Street		
Saturday	October 10	9 am - 12 pm
Russell Middle School, 5304 South 172 Street		
Saturday	October 24	9 am - 12 pm
Central Middle School, 12801 L Street		
Tuesday	October 27	5 pm - 7pm

Cost of Flu Shots: \$25.00
FluMist: \$30.00

Insurance: Railroad and Medicare Part B only (no managed Medicare)

For a complete listing of VNA flu immunization clinics, visit www.theVNAcares.org or call the VNA Flu Hotline number at 930-4243.

Student Council News:



Student Council's Spirit Day is Friday, September 4th. The theme is "Go Big Red!" students should bring \$1.00 and dress in their favorite red clothing (no face paint), money raised will support a local charity.

Learning Loops Information:



Morton Elementary School will continue to offer "Learning Loops" before and after school as extra opportunities for students. A trained para-professional, Mrs. Leonard, will work with small groups for math. Classroom teachers will determine which students will be invited to participate in "Learning Loops" and the academic content students will practice. During the 2008-2009 school year, 42 of our students attended our program for a total of 389.5 hours. This is a wonderful service designed to assist every student in being successful. If your child's teacher calls to discuss "Learning Loops" with you, the staff at Morton encourage you to say, "YES!"