

**J. Sterling  
Morton  
Elementary**

## Morton Messenger

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### *News from the Principal..*

We have had such a wonderful start to our school year! Morton students are doing an amazing job of adjusting to not only our school schedule but to new teachers and our new curriculum. Teachers have worked very hard to help students develop skills of independence. **Please help us extend that learning by saying good-bye at the car or at the front doors (if you are a walker). Allow your child to walk independently to class each morning!** There are always Morton staff members visible to help students in need.

*All things Morton...*

We have been having trouble with our e-mail system throughout the district. If you email the school or your child's teacher and you do not get a response in at least 24 hours, please call the school so we can direct your question or concern to the right staff member. We are not always receiving our emails and some of what we send is not being delivered (or is delivered BLANK!). **We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your assistance as we improve our email system.**

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

- >Our front doors automatically lock at **4 pm** and don't unlock again until **8 am** the following day. A forgotten lunch, jacket or homework assignment can be obtained from the classroom or coat closet only as long as the front doors are open. Please do not pass through Kids Network to gain access to the building.
- >When you enter campus from 160<sup>th</sup> Street, we have two lanes in our driveway...one is curb-side for dropping off students and picking them up (safely)...the other is a drive-through lane. The rule at Morton is..."Cutting in line is not an option!" Please be respectful of those around you!

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.

Our **PTO meeting** is Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. We meet in the media center; please join us!

Picture Retakes (individuals only) are scheduled for **Friday, October 9, 2009!**

**NAME THAT SHAPE!** Build your child's geometry skills by having him/her label household items with the correct geometric shape. Draw and cut shapes from construction paper, name them with markers and tape the labels to objects in your home. Do you need a hint to get started? Your refrigerator is probably a rectangle...the peanut butter jar is probably a cylinder...good luck and have fun!

**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 14 - 18	Before & After school	Student Council - United Way Fundraiser
September 14	7:00 PM	<b>PTO Meeting</b>
September 15	3:30 - 4:30 PM	5th Grade Art Club
September 18	7:45 - 8:30 AM	<b>Donuts for Dollars United Way Fundraiser</b>
September 21	12:05 - 12:55 PM	<b>MAD Club</b>
September 22	8:00 AM	<b>Safety Patrol Meeting Mrs. Neitfeldt's Room</b>
September 22	3:30 - 4:30 PM	5th Grade Art Club
September 22	5:00 - 8:00 PM	<b>Runza Night</b>

Parents,

Are your closets full of shoes? Donate your old gym shoes to Morton Elementary Physical Education for the students that forget their shoes on P.E. day!



Thank you!

### SAFETY PATROL

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

\*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



\*Safety Patrol members for Sept. 18 - Oct. 2 are:

Brandon Hargis  
Sam Turco  
Max Nania

Julia Steinbeck  
Capt. Julia Schumacher  
#778-5711

Taylor Derry  
Morgan Closman  
Chris Powell

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

Please visit our school website at : [www.mpsomaha.org/morton](http://www.mpsomaha.org/morton)

**EXPLORE THIS!**  
**(AN ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY AT MORTON)**

Back by popular demand, Morton is again offering various 4-H workshops after school. These workshops will begin at 3:30 and last for approximately 45 minutes. Each workshop will be limited to 20-30 participants. If more registrations are turned in than the allotted spaces, we will hold a lottery. You will not need to be present for the lottery.

Here are the upcoming topics, dates and grade levels for each workshop.

**October 22 & 29: Giant Cell for 5<sup>th</sup> grade only**

**November 19: Keeping It Clean for grades 1 & 2**

**December 3 & 10: Beginning Kitchen Science for grades 2 & 3**

**January 7 & 21: Advanced Kitchen Science for grades 4 & 5**

**March 11: Hands on Herps for grades 3 & 4**

On **February 25, 2010** first and second graders will have **Science Adventures** offered in their classrooms during the school day. No registration will be necessary. Watch the Messenger for upcoming registration information!

From the Media Center:

Thank you to Kirsti Taylor, Kelli Belohrad, and Kelly Jacob for taking on the project of conducting an inventory of our library materials. Thanks to their work, we will be able to keep our library records accurate and up-to-date. We appreciate the extra hands to help us with this important project.

-Mrs. Neumann and Mrs. Woita



**Student Council News:**

Way to go Morton students and staff !!

"Our first spirit day brought in \$148.00 for a local charity."

This is a service to others and one of the 40 Developmental Assets®.

Thank you for your donation!



**GO BIG RED !!**

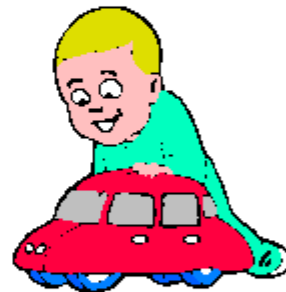


## Are You Concerned About Your Child's Development?

**What:** A FREE developmental "WEE SCREEN" for children ages  
Birth to 36 months

**Who:** Any parent who has concerns about their child's development

**Where/When:** **Tuesday September 22nd**  
**9:00am - 12:00pm**  
**Montclair Community Center**  
**2304 S 135th Ave**



Please call 597-4963 to schedule an appointment

**Millard Public Schools Early Childhood Special Education is offering a "Developmental Screening" for children from newborn to 36 months. These screenings are for families that are concerned about the development of their young children. Some areas the screenings will cover are: speech and language development, physical skills, play skills, behavior, vision, hearing, and other development needs areas. Screenings will be provided at no cost.**

