

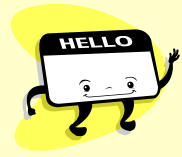


Morningside Newsletter

September 2, 2010

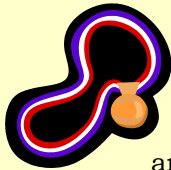
School Safety: Please help us keep students safe by:

- Checking in at the office and getting a visitor's pass. This also helps with logging volunteer hours for our school!
- Following check-out procedures. If you are checking your child out for an appointment, stop at the office and your child will be called down from class to meet you.
- **Meeting your children outside the school at the end of the day** (if you are picking them up). Lower grades exit through the south doors. Upper grades exit through the north doors. Plan meeting areas outside the school if upper grade students are meeting lower grade students.
- Remembering to pick up students from the curb and have them use the crosswalks if necessary. Please do not park and leave your vehicle on the north side of Bluebell during our pick-up and drop-off so that we can move cars through this area. We appreciate your cooperation in making our pick-up and drop-off areas safe!



Children's Dance Theater

Some of the funding Morningside Elementary receives through State Trustlands is spent on a project in conjunction with a grant that provides our school with an opportunity to participate with Children's Dance Theater (CDT). The students use movement and dance to learn concepts in the core curriculum as their teachers work with dance instructors from Tanner Dance to create weekly experiences. Our first, third, and sixth graders (as well as Mrs. Davis's 5th grade) are participating in this program through the end of December. The Kindergarteners, second, fourth and fifth graders will participate in this program from January through May.



Gold Medal School:

As a Gold Medal School, Morningside is encouraging healthy choices. This includes healthy choices for food as well as healthy choices of activities to stay physically fit. As part of this program, our students will be walking our "Gold Medal Mile" at least once during the week. Some of our classes are walking some each day. It is important to make sure students have safe and comfortable shoes for walking (no flip flops). Please help us in this effort by making sure your child is dressed appropriately. Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 6:	No School: Labor Day
September 10:	Community Council Meeting (1:45 p.m.)
September 17:	Block Walk
September 24:	No School (Comp Day for SEP Conferences)

Morningside Elementary School PTA Newsletter

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Come See What PTA is all About

Our first meeting is this
Friday morning, Sept. 3rd in
the library at 9:05.

Everyone is welcome. We
want to hear your voice in
deciding important issues
for your students' 2010-
2011 school year.

Welcome Back to School

By Emelie Dirks, PTA President

I am so pleased to welcome families back to Morningside, and to welcome all our new students including new Magnet, French Immersion, Kindergarten and Preschool students. Our PTA theme this year is "Together We Are One", which is intended to promote acceptance, unity and understanding within our classrooms and programs.

The PTA Board, Morningside staff and many volunteers hope to create wonderful memories for your family and our community. The PTA is our parent/teacher association working together to provide additional student enrichment for your children and build a positive, fun community at school. We meet monthly to discuss our great programs, community events, budget allocation and much more. Please join us to learn more about what is happening at the school and in the community. We look forward to meeting many of you this Friday at our first meeting of the year. As a parent or guardian at Morningside, you can become a member of the PTA and together we can

A World of Language

If you are fluent in Chinese, French or Spanish and have teaching experience, please let us know! We are in the process of interviewing and hiring teachers (and substitutes) for our extracurricular World Language Program! If you are interested in teaching 2 hours per week before or after school from Oct. 2010 to April 2011, please contact Karen Duzy (801-278-1385, kndduzy@comcast.net)

Travelwise—Get Exercise

Travelwise—Get Exercise is a campaign, created by 6th grade students under the direction of Mrs. White. Let's support this program by doing the following.

- * Walk to school if the distance is not too great or try dropping-off and picking-up children a block or two away from the designated drop-off zones.
- * Bike to school if you are able. Morningside has acquired additional bike racks from the school district for your convenience.
- * Drive slowly throughout the neighborhood, throughout the day, and always be aware of children walking to and from school.
- * Do not idle your cars while waiting to drop-off or pick-up your children. Let's cut the congestion outside of our school as much as

possible.

A Travelwise Table will be set up on the East sidewalk of 3100 East, with drinks, games and activities for students. We will be there during the first week of every month to promote drop-off and pick-up of your students along that East sidewalk of 3100 East.

The PTA Needs You!

Did you know that the PTA is responsible for such programs as Reflections, Science Fair, Vision Screening, Literacy Week, and many others? PTA member support is necessary to make these programs possible. There are all different levels of volunteering from giving just one hour of your time or heading up important events like Red Ribbon Week. If you feel like you don't have time to be a PTA member you might be surprised at how many "behind the scenes members" we have in addition to our countless volunteers. Your \$5.00 membership also acts as a silent donation that helps fund these invaluable PTA programs. If you would like to join there are forms in the Membership VP's PTA box located in the office or feel free to contact Jackie Hobbs

thehobbsherd@msn.com

make a difference. Volunteering is the number one way you can help! No matter how much or how little time you have to volunteer we can help you find an opportunity that fits your schedule. Morningside is proud of our incredible volunteer families and would love you to join our team.

We'd like extend an extra special THANK YOU to the many volunteers that helped with so many things over the summer, to make our registration and SEP's run so smoothly. A huge thank you to Kevin and Jackie Hobbs, with Image Printing, for donating so many printing needs. Thank you to Michele Jones for all of her work with registration, Candace Hammer for preparing all the T-shirt sales and a personal thank you to the PTA Executive Board for the countless hours you've put in to get this year kicked off to a great start!

I am looking forward to a hugely successful and exciting year!

Morningside Mustangs Main Events

**Sept 3 PTA Meeting,
9:05 AM, library**

**Sept. 6 No school, Labor
Day**

**Sept. 17 Block Walk,
Family Carnival**

**Sept. 22 Vision
Screening**

**Sept. 24 No School -
Comp Day**

Sept. 28th Picture Day

