

Morrish Megaphone

September
2009

Morrish Elementary

Important Dates

Wednesday, September 9th
Full Day of School. School starts promptly at 8:47 a.m. Dismissal is at 3:40 p.m.

Thursday, September 17th
Morrish Open House 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 1st
Picture Day

Friday, October 30th
Morrish Fall Festival

Tuesday, December 22nd
Winter Break begins at the end of the day

Monday, January 4th
School resumes



Welcome Back!

We have a great year planned for you! Our theme this year is “**Camp Morrish: Hiking the Trail to Success!**” We will be working hard on building academic successes in the classroom and social successes throughout the building. Camping and hiking will be our backdrop throughout the year. Please take a careful look at the Parent Student Handbook as there are some new changes this year. We look forward to another exciting year of learning and fun!

Megaphone Hardcopy

We are continuing the posting of the megaphone on our school webpage. If you do not have any Internet access available to you, please fill out the form in the office so that we can send a hard copy home with your child. **We are also starting an email notification list. Please sign up at our website so that you can get email notifications about events and megaphone updates!!**

<http://www.swartzcreek.org/morrish.html>

PBS Positive Behavior Support

We are in year two of implementing positive behavior support, this school year. PBS is a great way to enhance our school community by teaching common expectations for all the areas of school life, modeling those expectations, and monitoring behavior. Our K-5 expectations are:

- C**ommit to Learning
- R**espect Others
- E**veryone is Responsible
- E**veryone is Safe
- K**indness Counts

Meet Staff, Find Schedules, and More...

Please take a look through the megaphone to meet our staff. Please see the attached specials and lunch schedules. There is also much more beginning of the year information to be read.

Morrish Staff

Kindergarten:

Mrs. Brenda Peters
Mrs. Becky Trent

First Grade:

Ms. Barbara Boss
Mrs. Jill Jirikovic
Mrs. Rebecca Pyle

Second Grade:

Mrs. Misty Comeau
Mrs. Cindy Hockin
Ms. Ranae O'Neil

Third Grade:

Mrs. Amy Brimmer
Mrs. Martha Duberville
Mrs. Deborah Roda

Fourth Grade:

Mrs. Kim Hunault
Mrs. Stephanie Lang
Mr. Cary Wirostek

Fifth Grade:

Mrs. Shelia Bearden
Mr. John Culver
Mrs. Kristie Horst

Special Education:

Mrs. Michele Culver
Ms. Marien McLive

Speech & Language:

Ms. Deanna Flynn

Theme Team - Art / Technology:

Ms. Carolyn Lord

Theme Team - Music:

Ms. Deanna Pobocik

Physical Education & Health:

Ms. Terri Gillanders



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Differentiated Instructional Specialist:

Mrs. Brenda Peters

Student Services Coordinator:

Mrs. Sharon Veenhuis

Educational Aides:

Mrs. Cathy Anderson
Mrs. Janis Athey
Ms. Trisha Higgerson
Mrs. Judee Letavis
Mrs. Susan Waddell

Paraprofessionals:

Mr. Andrew Culver
Mrs. Jody Hill
Mrs. Melinda Hoptkin
Mrs. Dawn Lakies
Mrs. Judee Letavis
Mrs. Christy Losee
Mrs. Patti Reid

Library Aide:

Mrs. Kim Jeffers

Cashier/Servers:

Mrs. Mary Hagstrom
Mrs. Jill Harburn
Mrs. Dawn Hauger

Custodians:

Mr. Richard Bazzell
Mr. Clayton Wernette

Secretary:

Mrs. Linda Speck

Principal:

Mr. Rodney Hetheron

Please return your child 's Emergency Contact Sheet



tomorrow.

The sheet should be completely filled out with two emergency names and numbers.

Students in Grades 2-5 Given Planners

Students in Grade 2 through Grade 5 have been issued Planners. The expectation is that the planners will be completely filled in each day. Planners should go home each afternoon so that parents are aware of daily assignments. The planners must be brought back to school each morning. Teachers will ask parents to sign the planner each week. Students will be given weekly credit for having completed their planners for the week. If a child loses his/her planner, they will need to purchase another one from the office.

Important: Signing the planner acknowledges that you have checked to see that all homework has been completed by your child.

Parents' Pledge

If you have a child in grades 2-5, please read the "Parents' Pledge" included in your child's planner. Knowing that you are supporting him/her will be a big source of encouragement for your child during the school year.

The planner also includes important character education pieces. Please take the time to read through the planner with your child. Each week we will be concentrating on a positive trait, found at the top of the planner. I encourage you to discuss and model these positive traits, and encourage your child to apply them in their lives.

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Our School Rules

Mr. Hetherton will be visiting each classroom to review the school rules and go over our current CREEK behavior expectations. The current rules are:

1. Use appropriate language.
2. Walk in the hallways and classrooms.
3. Keep your hands and feet to yourself.

4. Stay in the designated play area.
5. Think safety at all times.
6. Use good manners in the lunchroom.
7. Be responsible and respectful.

Good Conduct Class is held during lunch hour for students who violated a rule or expectation the previous week.



Dismissal and Parking Lot Procedures

Dismissal of car riders and walkers is at 3:35PM. Dismissal of bus riders is at 3:40. Please make every effort not to ask for your child to be dismissed early! Please wait for your child in the office hallway. We ask that parents and visitors not go beyond the office hallway from 8:45- 3:40 unless you have an appointment and have checked in at the office.

In order to keep all our children safe and allow the school busses the space that is needed, please follow the sub-

sequent procedures:

*Park in a designated spot. The Mundy Township Police frequently ticket cars illegally parked in handicapped spots or "No Parking" Zones.

*Come to the sidewalk to pick up your child. Students are NOT allowed to walk to cars in the parking lot without adult supervision. If you are not able to leave the car to come to the sidewalk, please wait to pick up your child after the busses leave the lot (3:50).

*Please follow the one-way only signs and arrows. No U-turns, please!

If you pick up your child on a daily basis, please consider carpooling. Our parking lot cannot always accommodate all the vehicle traffic that arrives at dismissal time.



More Important Dismissal Procedures

It is very important that each child arrives to their correct destination after school. To ensure that each child arrives at their expected destination, we ask that you follow these procedures:

*If your child is a bus rider and you intend to pick him/her up on a particular day, **please send a note**. **Children without notes will be sent on the bus.**

*Make after school arrangements before your child leaves for school in the morning. Please **avoid** calling the school with messages for your child about after school arrangements. All requests need to be in writing.

*If someone other than those individuals listed on your emergency card is going to pick up your child, please send a note to the office.

*If your child is to go to another child's house from school, please send a per-

mission slip. If your child is going to ride the bus with a friend, a bus pass must be obtained from the office. Permission notes should be brought to the office prior to school beginning and students may pick up passes at the end of the day.

Your cooperation with these procedures is greatly appreciated.

“Make after school arrangements before your child leaves for school in the morning.”

Theme T-Shirts

Theme shirts are available in the office. They are \$8 a piece. We have sizes ranging from child's small to adult XX-large. They are natural with forrest green. They have a tent with Morrish Elementary on the front pocket and our theme on the back. Stop by the office to purchase a shirt.



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Community Schools

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5055 W. Maple Avenue
Swartz Creek, MI 48473

**Growing
Great Citizens**

**Our Theme:
"Hiking the Trail
to Success!"**

We have another exciting theme this year. You will see all types of camping and hiking decorations and apparel around the building. We hope to have fun working on success in all areas of school life. As we continue with Positive Behavior Support this year, knowing and acting out the school expectations will be an integral part of being at Morrish.



At Morrish, We Believe...

- 1) Every student should feel safe, cared for and important.
- 2) In rigorous academic expectations.
- 3) In the importance of the parent: being involved in the classroom activities; attending parent conferences and building events and supporting academic achievement by monitoring homework completion.
- 4) That students achieve best when they are provided an enriched academic environment with many unique learning experiences.
- 5) That when students leave Morrish, they should possess work habits and abilities that will allow them to be successful in future years and with wonderful memories of their elementary years.



Elementary Handbooks

The Swartz Creek Elementary handbook will be posted online. It is an updated version, so please read it carefully. The handbook contains answers to many of your questions about school procedures and policies. If you cannot access the website, please send in the half sheet that states you need a hard copy. Please read through the handbook so that you will be familiar with all of the district policies and procedures. Keep the handbook for your future reference.

Emergency Contact

An emergency contact sheet is being sent home today in the student information packet. It is to be filled out and returned to school by Thursday, September 10th. **IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT THE SHEET BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY.** Remember to list two people that we can contact in an emergency.

**HOT LUNCH
\$2.00 A DAY
(Milk included)**

**BREAKFAST
\$1.25 PER DAY**

**MILK
\$0.50 A DAY**

Students may purchase meals by the day, week, or the month. We strongly suggest pre-paying so that students always have money in their lunch accounts. Menus are sent home at the beginning of every month.

Morrish Music Schedule 2009 -2010

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
8:55 – 9:42	Roda	XXXXXX	Brimmer	XXXXXX	Culver
9:42 – 10:29	Lang	XXXXXX		XXXXXX	Horst
10:29 – 11:16	Wirostek	XXXXXX	Bearden	XXXXXX	Hunault
11:16 – 11:44	Peters	XXXXXX	Harris	XXXXXX	
11:44 – 12:25 LUNCH	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
12:25 – 1:12	Pyle	XXXXXX	Boss	XXXXXX	Duberville
1:12 – 1:40		XXXXXX	Harris	XXXXXX	
1:40 – 2:27	Comeau	XXXXXX	Jirikovic	XXXXXX	
2:27– 3:14	Hockin	XXXXXX	Pennell	XXXXXX	

Lunch Schedule

We will continue to go to recess before we eat lunch. The schedule is:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Recess</u>	<u>Cafeteria</u>	<u>Back to Class</u>
1 st	11:20	11:40	12:00
2 nd	11:30	11:50	12:10
3 rd	11:40	12:00	12:20
4 th	11:50	12:10	12:30
5 th	12:00	12:20	12:40

Morrish Art / Technology Schedule 2009 -2010

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
8:55 – 9:42	Horst *ART	Brimmer	Culver	Roda *ART	Roda
9:42 – 10:29	Wirostek *ART	Culver *ART	Bearden	Hunault *ART	Hunault
10:29 – 11:16	Lang *ART	Bearden *ART	Wirostek	Horst	Lang
11:16 – 11:44	Harris *ART	Peters *ART		Peters	Harris
11:44 – 12:25 LUNCH	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
12:25 – 1:12	Duberville *ART	Boss	Duberville	Boss *ART	Pyle
1:12 – 1:40	Harris *ART				Harris
1:40 – 2:27	Brimmer *ART	Comeau	Pyle *ART	Hockin *ART	Jirikovic
2:27– 3:14	Jirikovic *ART	Hockin	Comeau *ART	Pennell *ART	Pennell

*ART = Class in the art room.

Blank = Class in the computer lab.



Morrish P.E. Schedule 2009 -2010

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
8:55 – 9:37	Culver	Roda	Horst	Brimmer	Brimmer
9:37 – 10:19	Culver	Duberville	Horst	Duberville	Bearden
10:19 – 11:01	Bearden	Lang	Lang	Wirotek	Wirotek
11:01 – 11:29		Harris	Peters	Harris	Peters
Lunch	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
1:00 – 1:28		Harris		Harris	
1:28 – 2:10	Hunault	Pyle	Hunault	Pyle	Boss
2:10 – 2:52	Boss	Jirikovic	Roda	Jirikovic	Comeau
2:52 – 3:34	Pennell	Pennell	Hockin	Comeau	Hockin

