

# Morningside Elementary

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Dear Parents,

*I can't believe that quarter 1 at Morningside Elementary School is over. We are proud that you have chosen our school to educate your children. With parents, teachers and students working together, we continue our tradition of excellence. As our mission states, we provide all students a safe and positive learning environment, rigorous academic curriculum and access to technological resources evidenced by continuous student achievement. This first quarter has been filled with excitement, fun and many firsts. For example, we are implementing I-Ready, an online program to assist students in improving their reading and math skills. Grades 2-5 are using Unit Assessments for progress monitoring. We will also be trained at as a CHAMPS school to ensure that our students maintain high expectations for behavior. PBIS is still going strong. Students recite the SOAR expectations each morning. PTO is also providing a great deal of support for our students and teachers. Field trips are being planned to supplement curriculum. It is indeed a very busy year.*

*As always, thank you for making MSE the best school in SLC! I appreciate your support.*

Cortina Bell-Gray

Principal



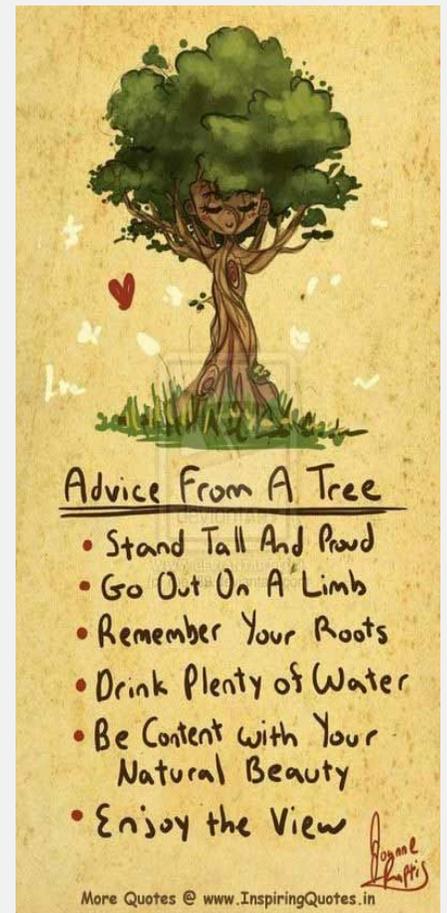
## Upcoming Events

**November 23**

Thanksgiving Break

**December 17 - January 2**

Winter Break



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# ***CLASSROOM NEWS***

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**KINDERGARTENERS** are working hard and learning a lot! November and December are full of learning and fun! We will be having our annual pow- wow in November. Look for more information coming soon! We will study food and nutrition, the first thanksgiving, turkeys and Native Americans. It is a busy month. In December we will be learning about the different ways people celebrate the holidays. It is a fun time!

Please continue to check in Skyward to see your child's grades, get newsletters and important information from the district. It is a great way to know what is going on in your child's academic life! If you have any questions about accessing Skyward, please ask your child's teacher.

Does your child know his or her personal information? Can they tell you their address, phone number, birthday and do they know your first and last names? "Mother May I" is a fun game to play to test your child's knowledge of personal info. For every question they can answer, they may take a step forward. Can they make it all the way to the finish line? Have fun!

If you have any questions, concerns or comments about your child's experience or progress in Kindergarten, please let your child's teacher know. We would be more than happy to meet with you!

**FIRST GRADERS** are working hard to become great leaders! In order to help us learn the characteristics of a great leader, we are focusing on Steven Covey's 7 Habits of Healthy Kids. Students are sure to become confident citizens and leaders by exhibiting these habits throughout the school year.

In reading, we have focused our time on learning about words with short vowels. We are also learning to read sight words, and students should practice reading their sight words at home each evening.

During math, we have learned attributes of two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes. We have also practiced identifying tens and ones in numbers up to thirty. We are now beginning to add and subtract numbers, and we are working towards being able to add within 10 fluently.

We are looking forward to learning about maps and globes during our next quarter!

Our shining **SECOND GRADERS** enjoyed our free walking field trip to the Morningside Library. They were able to get their library cards, and check out books. We would like to encourage our students and parents to return often to the public library to check out more books in order to make reading a lifelong habit. Our math and English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum is in full swing. The second grade teachers would like to emphasize the importance of regular and sustained practice on the addition and subtraction math facts as well as regular nightly reading. We are looking forward to a fantastic year in second grade!

**THIRD GRADE** has had a wonderful 1st quarter! We have begun the foundations for multiplication and we will continue to practice fluency throughout the year. We have learned about civic virtues and what it means to be a good citizen. We have also been learning about Matter and the physicals properties of Matter. Third grade had a successful Donuts for Dads event, and our rooms were packed with dedicated fathers who love and support their children! We are excited about our trip to Animal Kingdom in November and we appreciate all the chaperones who have volunteered their Saturdays to be a part of this event. It is because of the continuous support from our wonderful families that we have such a fabulous 3rd grade team. Thank you

**FOURTH GRADERS** are learning all about why hurricanes are so dangerous and should be able to speak to you knowledgeably on the subject! Additionally we are gearing up for our St. Augustine field trip November 10. There are still a few seats available, so please contact your child's teacher ASAP if you'd like to join us on this favorite learning adventure! Student Led Conferences have been rescheduled for Thursday, November 17 at 1:45 in the cafeteria. We hope to see all of our 4<sup>th</sup> grade families then!

4th Grade Gifted has just completed James and the Giant Peach. For enrichment they are working on creating interviews of the characters which will be videotaped as if it were a newscast! They will also be studying poetry, hurricanes and St. Augustine in preparation for our field trip next month.

Please continue to monitor your child's reading each evening. Students are expected to be reading a Reading Counts book within their Lexile at home a *minimum* of 20 minutes daily. *Thank you!*

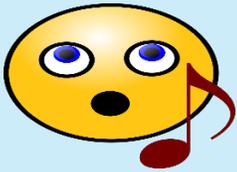
Morningside **FIFTH GRADERS** are having a great year! On September 29th, families were able to attend Student Led Conferences, where their child shared reading logs, science log books and writing samples. Mrs. Mukhamedov provided large flower pots that were signed by families, and will become a part of our school butterfly garden. The seeds planted represent the "growth mindset" that we diligently try to instill in our students each day. Growth mindset is the idea that we can all grow in our ability to learn and solve problems.

Once a week, classes participate in a program called "Too Good for Drugs". Students use role play, discussion and written exercises similar to those used in our Second Step program to gain an awareness on topics like tobacco, alcohol and drugs. It is our hope that these activities will encourage students to have an open dialogue with parents and teachers regarding the tough issues that they may be faced with at some time in their lives.

On Saturday October 22nd, students represented MSE at the Indian River Lagoon Science Festival. They completed research and designed a poster to illustrate a specific type of energy. Coal, hydropower, and natural gas are some of the topics they chose for their posters.

The **RESOURCE TEACHERS** hosted a great day with an amazing guest speaker. Mrs. Melody Hearn came to speak to all of our students for Disabilities Awareness Month. Mrs. Hearn has an adopted son with Down Syndrome. She gave the kids an idea of what life has been like for her son, Matthew. Some of the kids got to try to speak with a marshmallow in their mouth. This showed them how difficult it is for Matthew to speak clearly due to his extra large tongue. Some of the kids also tried to put puzzles together and pick up small objects with oven mitts on their hands to demonstrate how difficult it is for a person with Down Syndrome to use fine motor skills. The kids really enjoyed her time with us. Kindergarten and first grade students are enjoying Jack Hartmann educational songs about math, phonics, alphabet, addition, subtraction a variety of songs.

**Mrs. Alsager, Mrs. Calvert, Mr. Graff, Mr. McKenna and Coach Prue**



## MUSIC.....

Kindergarten and first grade students are enjoying Jack Hartmann educational songs about math, phonics, alphabet, addition, subtraction a variety of songs.

We have begun working on 2 Pow wow songs for Thanksgiving.

Grades 2,3,4,5 are finishing our thematic songs about Autumn and will begin Thanksgiving songs. We love this time of year and the fun songs we learn.

Fourth and fifth grade Music students are actively working on their Christmas Around the World Program for December 8, 2016, mornings in the Music Room.

CHORUS is Tuesdays 7:45 am - 8:45 am.

Any fourth or fifth grade student may participate by completing and returning a Chorus permission form.

When you return your permission form you will receive a Music packet with the words and CD of the Christmas Program. Students may wear a costume from the country of their choice.

Please contact Mrs. Calvert for further details.



Blue Jay cafeteria serves education everyday!

Whenever you child have breakfast or lunch they take at least one fruit and a vegetable and up to five items total for each meal, and this makes learning easier.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve you!

## **Citizen of the Month for September**

Easton Shorr, Emilia Frias, Gianna Escriba, Jaden Mendoza, Whitney Eaker, Logan Pastor, Kaden Spangler, Michelle Padurano, Ariana Catalano, Olivia Madden, Gianna Colonna, Alana MacDougall, Tyler Held, Zoey Anderson, Milana Miscsko, Natalia Nazzal, Kai Schulmeister, Bradley Dobbins-Gray, Skyler Beasley, Armani Estevez, Jewel Willoughby, Saul Arana, Tallulah Danner, Madison Willoughby, Lily Dowdy, Garrett Ingleton, Jack Scimone, Amber Lewis, Ryan Veach, Ashlie Leavitt, Sheila Millien, Christian Bass, Nevaeh Cutenese, Gillian Ellis, Aiden Nieves, Josiah Villalobos, Jeniah Griffin, Brody Flynn, Nashawn Laurent, Allison Ladd, Mia Flores and Myasia Gantt

## **Citizen of the Month for October**

Ella Nordgren, Stella Shepard, Brady Jacobson, Molly Grow, Ryan Rothe, Aislin Charles, Tyler Dvorak, Sarah Chamberlain, Daniyah Toom, Sebastien Louis, Trinity Reed, Lindsey Prouty, Jimena Garcia, Mika Paolantonio, Richa Patel, Fernando Acosta, Cecelia D'Agostino, Ty Martel, Arianna Thompson, Kristine Lichtman, Ben Prohaska, Courtney Matlack, Toni Laro, Aria Weichman, Derek Boyer, John Dougherty, Lily Madden, Charity Robinson, Caylee Zimmerman, Najai Hazelton, Skylar Maloney, Corey Baker, Isaiah Johnson, Zoya Mukhamedov, Tiffany Campbell, Micah Rutter, Leah Veloz, Megan Pinto, Gillian Ellis, Jordyn Reffner, RJ Cochran, Patrik Gagnon, Josiah Villalobos and Natalia Nazzal

