



MORNINGSIDE

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



DECEMBER

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 3 rd ELA PM2	2 4 th ELA PM2 2nd Grade Drama Rehearsal Student Health Screenings 2nd Grade Performance at PSLHS, 6 P.M.	3 5 th ELA PM2	4 3 rd Math PM2	5 4 th Math PM2 \$1 Choice T-Shirt Day!	6 Breakfast with Santa 8:00-10:00am
7 \$2 Candy Grams 12/1-12/18 Delivered on Dec. 19 	8 5 th Math PM2	9 K & 1 st ELA PM2	10 2 nd ELA PM2 	11 k & 1st Math PM2 Holidays Music Program, 6:30pm 	12 2nd Math PM2 Holiday Shoppe Begins! 	13
14 	15	16 Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night, 2-8pm 	17 S.A.C. 7:30 AM 	18 Field Day 4-5	19 Early Dismissal 1:15 P.M. PJ's and Hot Cocoa Day Class Party Day	20
-----Holiday Shoppe, during resource times, Dec 12th to 19 th ----- -----Spirit Week, Dec 16 to 20-----						
21	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30	31	WINTER BREAK FOR STUDENTS 		

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Message from Administration

"The holiday season is upon us, and it's a time for reflection and togetherness. Let's celebrate the joy of learning and the bonds we've built in our school. Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season. As we close out the year, let's continue to support and uplift each other. May the holidays bring you peace, joy, and time to recharge for the new year ahead."

~ Mrs. Forman



What's Happening

2nd Grade Drama Performance Dec 2nd at 6:00 pm
Performance will be held at Port St Lucie High School

\$1 Free-Choice Shirt, Dec 5th /\$5 Spirit Week, Dec 15-19: Feel fun and festive this December! We have lots of exciting dress-up days happening--along with hot cocoa on Dec. 19! Students must wear school-appropriate attire for all dress-up days.

Holiday Music Program, Dec 11: Join us! Celebrate the season with festive performances by our students.

Winterland Holiday Shoppe, Dec 12-19: Let your kids find the perfect gifts for family and friends while enjoying a fun and festive shopping experience. All proceeds support our school!

PBIS Hot Cocoa & PJ Day, Dec 19:

Quote of the Month:

"Education is not about memorizing facts, but about training the mind to think critically and creatively."

~ Albert Einstein

Testing Info

Students tend to test better when they test with their class. Please try to have your child at school on their scheduled testing date. Make-ups will take place when your child returns to school.

Picture Retakes

Picture Day retakes
Dec 2nd

Student Health Screenings

For Kindergarten, 1st
and 3rd Grades Dec
2nd

ATTENDANCE



- Make sure your students keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.
- Turn off all electronics including TVs, phones and tablets at bedtime.
- Make sure clothes and pack backpacks are ready the night before.
- Check with our school nurse or office staff if you are not sure about when to keep your child at home due to illness.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your student feel anxious about going to school.
- Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your student to school.

ABSENT NOTES: Email to--
Diane.Berger@stlucieschools.org

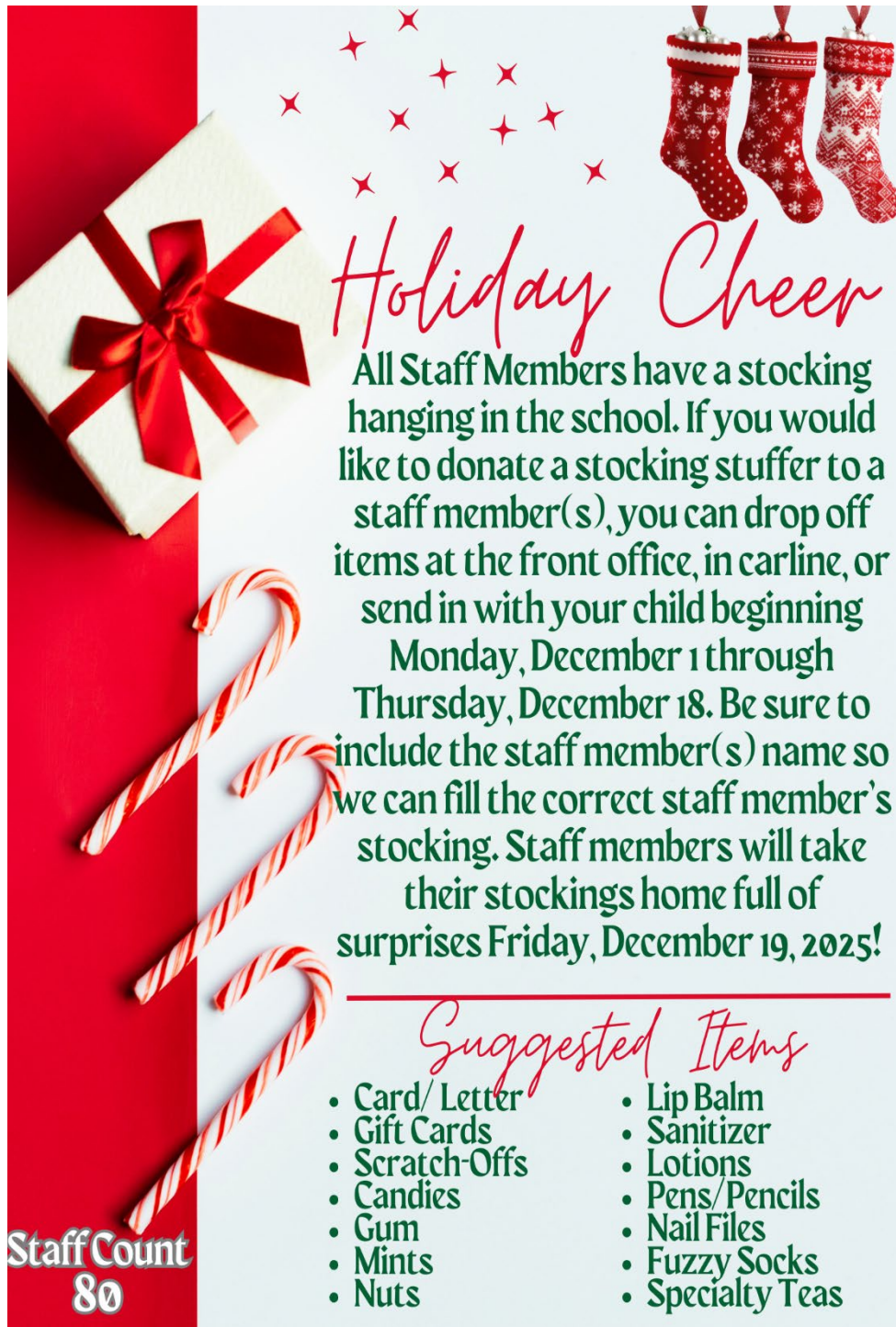


IMPORTANT PM2 TESTING DATES

TESTING TIPS

- Get a good nights sleep
- Eat a good breakfast
- Arrive to school before 8:45 a.m.
- Bring a sweater or jacket

Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
K	1	2	3	4	5
READING Dec 9	READING Dec 9	READING Dec 10	READING Dec 1	READING Dec 2	READING Dec 3
MATH Dec 11	MATH Dec 11	MATH Dec 12	MATH Dec 4	MATH Dec 5	MATH Dec 8



Holiday Cheer

All Staff Members have a stocking hanging in the school. If you would like to donate a stocking stuffer to a staff member(s), you can drop off items at the front office, in carline, or send in with your child beginning Monday, December 1 through Thursday, December 18. Be sure to include the staff member(s) name so we can fill the correct staff member's stocking. Staff members will take their stockings home full of surprises Friday, December 19, 2025!

Suggested Items

- Card/ Letter
- Gift Cards
- Scratch-Offs
- Candies
- Gum
- Mints
- Nuts
- Lip Balm
- Sanitizer
- Lotions
- Pens/Pencils
- Nail Files
- Fuzzy Socks
- Specialty Teas

Staff Count
80



Kindergarten (6)

- Deem, Cynthia
- Jonas, Noemi
- McColley, Stacie *
- Robinson, Katherine
- Spurr, Amy
- Taylor, Lillian

1st Grade (6)

- Blasziewicz, Julie
- Black, Jennifer *
- Madonia, Keisha (G)
- Park, Casey
- Petrie, Kasey
- Reinhardt-Saulnier, Mary

2nd Grade (6)

- Barnes, Renee
- Britt, Guletta
- Eibl, Diane (G)
- Herrera, Krizia *
- Timmerman, Paige
- Wydra, Robert

3rd Grade (7)

- Bianchi, Brittany
- Cabe, Kayla
- Kaste, Jennifer
- Mark, Julie (AMP)
- Rubenstein, Cody (G, AMP)
- Struble, Megan *
- Turner, Katina

4th Grade (6)

- Kistler, Casey (MA)
- LaChance, Brittany (G, ELA)
- Matos, Amanda* (ELA)
- Mukhamedov, Mollie* (G, AMP)
- Neidhardt, Blair (ELA)
- Wright, Jennifer (MA)

5th Grade (5)

- Bolton, Sara (G, AMP)
- Cable, Megan* (S.C.)
- Halberg, Melissa (ELA)
- Williams, Sarah (G, ELA)
- Williams-Johnson, Tabatha (MA)

Resource (5)

- McKenna, Haley (Music)
- McKenna, Kyle* (P.E.2)
- Panaccione, Christina (Media)
- Rodriguez, Sarah (Science)
- Sides, Andrea (P.E.1)

Total Staff (78)

37 K-5 classrooms only
5 Resource

ESE (5)

- Bitz, Catherine (Speech)
- Ellingham, Stephanie
- Jones, Elizabeth
- O'Brien, Jennifer* (ESE Dept. Chair)
- Palagonia, Deborah

Student Support (4)

- Gorman, Melissa (Guidance K,2,4)
- Householder, Chad (Guidance 1,3,5)
- Lee, Kristin (Instructional Coach)
- Payne, Beth (Interventionist)

Paraprofessionals (3)

- Alvarez, Jacqueline (ESOL Para)
- Del Rosario, Pamela (ESE Para)
- Rodriguez, Betsy (ESE Para)

Clerical (6)

- Berger, Diane (Data Specialist/Attendance)
- Casas, Melissa (Front Office/Records)
- Gordineer, Shawna* (Executive Secretary)
- Miller, Alicia (Assessment/Volunteers)
- Rodriguez, Veronica (Health Para)
- Watson, Shanayah (Media Clerk)

Maintenance (5)

- Miller, Paul (Manager)
- Padilla Figueroa, Katy
- Rodriguez, Carmen
- Torres, Rafael
- Villasmil Abreu, Daniel

Media (7)

- Bravo, Thato (Manager)
- Guzman, Laura
- Jaramillo, Maritza
- Jordine-Reese, Kia
- Moy-Vazquez, Elida
- Smith-Coteron, Misdleydis
- TBA

Administration (2)

- Forman, Valerie (Principal)
- Gomez, Elizabeth "Nikki" (Asst. Principal)

Security (1)

- Deputy Lindstadt (SRD)

Rooms

- Conference Room
- Teacher Lounge
- PD Room

District (3)

- Dlugoz, John (Social Worker)
- Meeloy, Theresa (OT/PT)
- Orue, Isis (Psychologist)



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TOY DRIVE



**Please consider donating unwrapped toys,
plushies, books, games, or other items in NEW
condition for our Annual Toy Drive.**

Accepting Donations Through
DECEMBER 12, 2025

ITEMS COLLECTED TO BENEFIT:
St. Lucie County Fire Rescue



**SEND A SWEET
SURPRISE!**



ONLY \$2!

Support 5th Grade!

Taking orders from 12/1-17
Turn all orders into Ms. Cable

BUY YOURS TODAY!

Morningside Elementary's

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00-10:00 A.M.

TICKETS GO ON SALE SUNDAY, NOV. 16

Tickets are on sale
at www.SchoolPay.com.

Cost: \$10 per person

(Non-Refundable, Children 2 and under are free.)

Breakfast includes pancakes, bacon or sausage, and eggs
with coffee, milk, or juice. Bring a camera or cell phone to take
pictures with Santa. Crafts and accessories may be purchased
at an additional cost on-site. Credit Card only.

Applebee's- 10501 S US Highway 1

Funds collected will be used to enhance school community, including parental involvement activities,
student and staff recognition, incentives, and other expenses deemed appropriate by principal.



Dec. 5

Choice

T-Shirt

\$1.00
each

YOUR
CHOICE



Students may wear a school-appropriate
t-shirt with dress code approved bottoms.

SHIRTS MUST CONTAIN SLEEVES, NON-REVEALING, AND COVER
MIDRIF. WORDS AND IMAGES MUST BE SCHOOL-APPROPRIATE.

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The Holiday Gift Shop® is coming to our School!



No cash?
No problem!
We accept credit/debit cards.
Visit: www.njfunhgs.com

or
SCAN



SCAN ME
TECHNOLOGY THAT CHANGES THE WORLD

Dear Parents,

We are inviting you and your child to participate in the upcoming "Holiday Gift Shop" program at our school. This program makes it possible for children to experience the joy of choosing their own special holiday gifts for family and friends. The "Holiday Gift Shop" program will be set up at the school and supervised by our parent volunteers. They will help the children pick that perfect gift for the price they want... in a familiar, comfortable atmosphere.

We believe this program will create wonderful memories for the children while teaching them to budget their money and make their own decisions. There will be a large variety of gifts in different price ranges to choose from. Imagine the fun they will have surprising a loved one with a "secret" gift they bought... all by themselves!

We welcome you to be part of this great experience. A "money control" envelope is provided for you to help them decide who they should buy gifts for and how much they should spend. You can even suggest ways that your child can earn extra shopping money.

Estimados Padres,

Por medio de la presente queremos invitarlos a participar en nuestro próximo evento "Holiday Gift Shop" junto a sus hijos, el cual se llevará a cabo en la escuela. El propósito del evento es proporcionarles a sus hijos la experiencia de escoger sus propios regalos, ya sea para sus familiares o amistades, durante esta época llena de días festivos. El "Holiday Gift Shop" estará ubicado en la escuela y supervisado por los padres que quieran prestar servicios, voluntariamente. Los voluntarios estarán ahí para ayudar a los niños a escoger el regalo perfecto, dependiendo del presupuesto del niño, en un ambiente familiar y cómodo.

A través de este programa, buscamos que sus hijos se queden con un hermoso recuerdo y a la vez enseñarles a los niños el valor del dinero, como manejarse con el dinero y tomar las mejores decisiones a la hora de hacer una compra. Tendremos una gran variedad de productos con excelentes precios. ¡Imagínese la alegría que tendrían sus hijos al sorprender a un ser querido con un regalo que compraron ellos mismos!

Queremos que ustedes sean parte de esta gran experiencia, por lo tanto les vamos a obsequiar un sobre para que ayuden a sus hijos a tomar la primera decisión, a quién le van a hacer un regalo y cuánto quieren pagar. También podrían sugerirles a sus hijos cómo obtener más dinero para sus compras. ¡Los esperamos!

DETACH ENVELOPE HERE

GIFT LIST PLANNER

Student:	Grade:	Name	Amount
Teacher:			
		Mom	
		Dad	
		Brother & Sister:	
		Relationship name & age	
		Grandma	
		Grandpa	
		Aunts & Uncles	
		Pet	
		Friend	
		Other	
		Self	
		AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$	

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO YOUR SCHOOL

THE ORIGINAL HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP®



...an economic lesson your child will remember forever.

FREE GIFT BAGS INCLUDED

The Holiday Gift Shop® is coming to our School!



Don't want to send your child to school with cash?
Be safe and purchase a shopping voucher online TODAY!

Follow these easy steps:

- Scan the QR Code Below or
- Visit www.njfunhgs.com
- Click on the **BUY YOUR VOUCHER NOW** button
- Select your students school
- Enter your student's information
- Enter the amount of monies you would like for the your student to shop with
- Print out the voucher and insert into the envelope below or
- Fill out the information below on the "Shopping Voucher"

Please remember to write in the Authorization Code on the Voucher below (from your receipt)

Detach the envelope below with your student's information and gift list filled in and send in with your student on their day to shop

Your student's school will also have a record of your Voucher purchase at the time of the Holiday Shop Sale



SCAN ME
TO PURCHASE YOUR CHILD'S GIFT VOUCHER

SHOPPING VOUCHER

For use in Fun Services' Holiday Gift Shop® only.

Student Name: _____

School Name: _____ Town: _____

Authorization Code: _____

Amount Purchased: _____

Parents/Guardians; transactions can be looked up by the chairperson if voucher is lost or destroyed.

\$5 Spirit Week

MONDAY,

DECEMBER 15

Ugly Sweater Day
or Choice Holiday Shirt



TUESDAY,

DECEMBER 16

Santa, Reindeer
or Elf Attire



WEDNESDAY,

DECEMBER 17

Wear Santa hats
and Holiday shirts



THURSDAY,

DECEMBER 18

MSE shines BRIGHT
in Holiday Lights
Lights, glitter, sequin, sparkle



FRIDAY,

DECEMBER 19

PAJAMA
DAY

PJs and Hot Chocolate
Free for All



You may pay online at SchoolPay.com
or send in cash (exact change only)
to your child's homeroom teacher.



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Spirit Night

Tue., Dec. 16

2pm-8pm

Support Morningside Elementary
at Chick-fil-A Jensen Beach by
mentioning at checkout or use
code [bluejays](#) on the app to
ensure your purchase counts.



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

OPEN FOR ALL FAMILIES & COMMUNITY MEMBERS
7:30-8:15 AM

Agenda: December 17

- NOVEMBER MINUTES
- ATTENDANCE GOALS CONTINUE!
- DATA UPDATES TO SIP
- JANUARY CALENDAR
- NEXT MEETING:
JAN. 22, 2025
- HAVE A WONDERFUL WINTER BREAK!

The School Advisory Council (SAC) assists in the preparation and evaluation of the results of the school improvement plan. All schools are governed by their SAC. This team of people represents various segments of the community—parents, teachers, administrators, support staff, business people and other interested community members. Parents shall be elected by parents. You are invited to become a member of SAC at Morningside Elementary.

MORNINGSIDE FIELD DAY

Dec 17th K-3rd & Dec 18th 4th-5th

DEC 17TH

**K-1ST 9 A.M. -11 A.M.
2ND -3RD 1 P.M.-3 P.M.**

DEC 18TH

**4TH-5TH 9A.M.-11 A.M.
5TH GRADE RELAYS AND TUG-OF-WAR
1P.M.-3P.M.**

**Ice pops will be passed out at the end of stations.*

Students are encouraged to:

- Bring an extra change of clothes
- Wear athletic gear
- Wear Sunblock
- Bring a reusable water bottle

***Please label all items with student's name**

***Approved volunteers with a district-issued badge are welcome to come and cheer on students. No additional guests are permitted.**

***Only students enrolled in the participating classes will be allowed at the field day activities. No other children permitted**

YEARBOOK



**MORNINGSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
YEARBOOKS ARE NOW ON SALE!**

**PURCHASE BY DECEMBER 31, 2025 FOR \$20 EACH.
REMAINING BOOKS WILL BE SOLD FOR \$25 EACH
BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026.**

**DEDICATION PAGES ARE AVAILABLE--
\$25 FOR A QUARTER PAGE
\$50 FOR A HALF PAGE
\$100 FOR A FULL PAGE SPREAD**

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