



March 2018

Dear Potential Community Sponsor-

Hello! We'd like to tell you a little about Morse Elementary. Morse is a connected and dedicated school of learners and their families located in Troy. Morse is also a very diverse community, both economically and culturally. The staff at Morse is committed to doing "whatever it takes" to ensure that all students and their families have every opportunity for success during the school year, and all summer long. From that core value- "Morse Summer Nights" was born!

During the summer of 2018 the Morse community, again, had "school" one night a week all summer long. This innovative program drew crowds of over one hundred children and their families each Wednesday night.

The "Morse Summer Nights" program has three goals. First, to provide access to a free lending library of high interest books for students at all reading levels. Since we know that students who don't read lose learning during the summer, it is our goal to make sure that all students have access to books at all times, throughout the summer.

Our second goal is to provide food (both perishable and non perishable) to our students and their families. More than 30% of our students receive free or reduced price breakfast and lunch during the school year, which helps to bridge the gap of food cost on a family budget. During the summer, students don't have access to school- provided breakfast and lunch, and many experience food scarcity. Our food pantry, supported by the Royal Oak Salvation Army and our fresh food supplier, Costco of Madison Heights, partner with us to bridge the summer food gap.

Last, our community, like most others, craves connection. Our weekly community activities round out the "Morse Summer Nights" experience by providing FREE family fun that educates and empowers both our students and their families. During the summer of 2017 our community activities included healthy cooking nights, a kids only garage sale, a community sit down dinner (catered by our own Lukich's restaurant) , a movie night and water fun nights, to name a few.

Why are we asking for community sponsors?

Because we'd like to offer you the opportunity to help us with the "fun" stuff! Our building budget and grant funds have provided for the books for our lending library, and our food partners keep our pantry stocked. (*except for fresh milk) That said, the community connection component has cost. Support from community sponsors helps us to do two things-

- 1- Purchase milk to distribute as part of the food pantry.
- 2- Cover the cost of supplies to facilitate our weekly community event.

We hope you'll consider joining us as a sponsor to do "whatever it takes" for our community!

Fondly-
Mrs. Stephanie Zandler Ed.S
Principal, Morse Elementary

PS- Want to see more? Watch this short video that shares a bit about Summer Nights! <https://spark.adobe.com/video/VxH9iNj9QcegH>

How does a “Morse Summer Nights” community sponsorship work?

A community sponsor agrees to donate 300.00 to Morse Elementary. The sponsor can then choose which of our fun community nights that they would like to support for. Each week, the Morse staff and volunteers then get to work, purchasing milk and the supplies necessary for each event. A community sponsor is thanked in our weekly newsletter and with signage the night of the event. Additionally community sponsors are always welcomed to or volunteer at the event. Sponsorship is tax deductible.

I’m in! What’s Next?

Complete and return this form with your donation to-
Morse Elementary
C/O Summer Nights
475 Cherry Street
Troy MI 48083
248-823-3200

No stamps? Email / call and we’ll arrange to pick up your donation from you!
szendler@troy.k12.mi.us
313-702-7880

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Community Sponsor Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact person for this sponsorship: (Name) _____

Phone: _____

_____ **We would like to sponsor a Morse Summer Nights week by donating money for the purchase of community activity supplies and for the purchase of milk for our food pantry in the amount of 300.00.**

_____ **We would like to sponsor TWO Morse Summer Nights weeks by donating money for purchase of community activity supplies and for the purchase of milk for our food pantry in the amount of 600.00.**

_____ **We would like to help support Morse Summer Nights by donating money for purchase of community activity supplies and for the purchase of milk for our food pantry in the amount of your choice. Amount:** _____

_____ **Please contact me / my organization for volunteer opportunities during the Morse Summer Nights program.**

Other Comments or questions?