

# Morse Elementary Mustang Minute



## Important Upcoming Dates!

**February 13th-** PTO Meeting 7PM PTO HAT day!  
Donate 1\$ to wear a HAT! Athens HS Family Charity  
Week Carnival Night! 6-8PM

**February 16th-** PTO Someone Special Dance 6-8PM  
Come and "Roll Out the Red Carpet" with us!

**February 19th and 20th-** NO School- Mid Winter  
Break!

**February 21st-** School Resumes / Troy Community  
Coalition Incredible Kid Recognition 7:30PM

**February 23rd-** PTO Spirit Day Pay 1\$ to MIX and  
MATCH clothing! Kick off Assembly for March is  
Reading Month! 3PM

**February 26th-** K-2 Parent Learning Event hosted by  
staff developer from Teachers College at Columbia.  
Event hosted at Troy Union Elementary at 6:30PM-  
Free! No childcare.

**February 28th-** EARLY RELEASE DAY Dismissal at  
1:10PM

**March 1st-** Morse Community Potluck Dinner! This  
year's focus- Learning about disaster relief efforts of  
the Red Cross! Dinner 6PM - Bring a dish to share!

**March 2nd— PTO Silent Auction 6-8PM at C.J  
Mahoney's in Troy. (Adult only event!)**

**March 5-9th- PTO Spirit Week! Donate 1\$ per day to  
participate!**

**Monday-Pajama Day!**

**Tuesday- Crazy Hair**

**Wednesday- Dress like your favorite book character**

**Thursday- College Shirt Day**

**Friday March 9th- NO SCHOOL K-5**

## **Morse PTO Needs your help!**

The Morse PTO Silent Auction is coming up soon! We'll host this adults only PTO fundraiser on Friday March 2nd from 6-9PM at C.J Mahoney's in Troy. Our auction boasts donated items and services from local businesses and individuals. Most auction items are sold at WELL below retail value and are a great way to get a birthday party planned, a gift purchased, or just something fun for you and your family to enjoy! My family and I have benefited from the auction with recreation passports from the Oakland County Parks, outings from Skate World and even found a great hair stylist all because I bid at the auction!

Right now, we're still in the mad dash to collect donated items and certificates to make the auction a success- do you know a local business that might donate? Do you have a gift card that doesn't suit your family that you'd like to donate? We'd appreciate your support in collecting items for auction and by attending the auction too! Flyers are attached with more information!

Fondly-

Mrs. Stephanie Zandler Ed.S

## **Safety First Reminder!**

Please, as you arrive to pick up or drop off your students, remember the following safety tips- We want to be sure ALL students and parents arrive to and from safely!

- Please observe all signs and directions in the parent loop/ parking lot.
- Please refrain from cell phone use in parent loop/ parking lot.
- Please keep crosswalks clear- so that our pedestrians can get home safely too!

## Important Building and Office Reminders

Please help us to promote a safe and orderly school environment by adhering to the following guidelines for our office and school building-

### Office Hours

The Morse office is open from 8:30AM- 4:30PM Daily

Our secretary \*may\* be in before 8:30 or after 4:30- During these times she is NOT available for assistance- (She is typically trying to get work done that cant be completed during the school day when your children are her first priority) Please email or call us with questions anytime, and expect response during regular business hours.

### Before School Drop off/ Activity

Parents are responsible for students before school at ALL times. Supervision is NOT available until 9:05AM during outside line up. Parents should NOT drop students off before 9:05AM.

Students dropped off to the office or outside before 9:05AM without prior approval will be referred to CARE (and charged accordingly).

If your student participates in a before school activity (violin club, writing club, oct. PLEASE walk them to the activity- do NOT leave siblings in office/ building.

### CHANGES in Pick Up / Travel Home Plans

**The Morse office will accommodate changes in pick up/ home travel plans that are phoned to our office until 3:30PM daily. Changes requested after 3:30PM will NOT be honored.**

The Morse office will accommodate bus changes (change in stop/ change in plan to stay after for an activity) that are put in WRITING for each occurrence. We CANNOT honor a "blanket" when my child has Science Olympiad, or XX club, they should.. note.. **A note should accompany EACH change** occurrence unless authorized via the building principal .

Students not picked up by 4:30PM will be transferred to CARE (and charged accordingly) for parent pick up.

## Can you spare a bit of time to help out the Morse Staff?

We're looking for a few great volunteers to help us out in the office! Our teachers often need laminating help to prepare materials or projects. All volunteers will be trained on how to use the laminator and your help will make our school run smoothly! Thank you for considering helping us out!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f45a4a72da13-morse4>

### **MORSE WATCH D.O.G.S Are BACK!**

Hey WatchDog Dads and friends-Please SIGN up at this link to reserve a date/ time to help.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094caaad2ca5fe3-watch1>

This program is open to Dads, step-dads, Grand Dads ,Uncles and Guardians! For more information visit the Facebook page- Morse@Watchdogs page or email me at [gothamtraining@gmail.com](mailto:gothamtraining@gmail.com) with any questions or thoughts !

Want to know what a day in the life of a Watch DOG is like? Watch this short video!

<https://spark.adobe.com/video/Odj80AhOZDNyp>

### **Media Center News!**

We are always looking for volunteers to assist during media classes getting books checked in, putting books back on shelves and checking new books out to students. I made a brief video giving an overview of what a volunteer might do during the time they are in the media center. If you have further questions or would like to schedule a time for additional training before signing up for an actual volunteer shift please email me at [jnmorrison@troy.k12.mi.us](mailto:jnmorrison@troy.k12.mi.us) or Jeri McGinty our media aide at [jmcginty@troy.k12.mi.us](mailto:jmcginty@troy.k12.mi.us) To view the video visit the link below...

<https://spark.adobe.com/video/P4FHw8JtCslnn>

To see the volunteer schedule or to sign up visit this link below...

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4fafa72aa5fd0-morse3>

