

Principal's Message

Fall is here and Morning Creek students are working hard! This month our student award assemblies begin which recognize students' hard work and responsible choices. Our Kindergarten students are recognized with *Good Citizenship* awards; 1st and 2nd grade students are recognized with Citizenship, Scholarship, or Effort awards; and 3rd-5th grade students are recognized for achieving their personal goals. Students in grades 3-5 reflect on areas that they need to improve and then set specific goals and plans to achieve the goals. I recently met with all 3rd -5th grade student to discuss their goals and the impact on goal setting. Here's what a few students shared with me:

- "If you don't set goals, you're not going to get anywhere in life."
- "Goals help me work harder."
- "Setting goals helps us get better knowledge for college."
- "They help me with my work so I do better."
- "Goals help us reach higher."

I was very impressed with our students and the conversations we had about goals. They are learning to take responsibility for their learning and be reflective about how to improve.

Thank you to our many parent volunteers that share time and talent with students and staff at Morning Creek! Volunteering through PTA, Foundation, helping with YO Packets, making copies for teachers, helping in the office, volunteering in classrooms, leading Arts Attack lessons, posting student art work, and so much more. You make a difference for your child and for all our Morning Creek Colts!

I would also like to express my appreciation to Angie Serrano for starting the Colt Chorus this year! Each Thursday morning at 7:45 about 30-45 students join Mrs. Serrano in the MPR for Colt Chorus. They are learning songs about the Character Pillars as well as other great tunes. The Colt Chorus will be performing at Friday Flag on November 6 and December 4. What a wonderful gift this is for our students!

Parent Conferences

This year, Parent Conferences will be held November 16-20th. These conferences provide an opportunity for parents to meet with their children's teachers to review progress reports and to find out how their children are performing in school.

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Upcoming Events

October

- 13th PTA Board Meeting
- 15th MCES Foundation Meeting
- 16th School Pictures
- Foundation Read-A-Thon kicks off
- 17th Barnes & Noble (Carmel Mtn) supports our Read-A-Thon
- 19 - 23 Red Ribbon Week
- 27th Make Up Pictures
- 28th Wacky Wednesday (location TBD)

November

- 11th No School – Veterans Day
- 16 - 20 Parent/Teacher Conferences

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Unlike past years, these conferences will be held on a minimum day schedule that is different from our Thursday Time- Banking Day. **Please mark your calendars - for the week of November 16th, students in Kindergarten through Fifth grade will begin school at our regularly scheduled time of 8:30 a.m., but will be dismissed at 12:40 p.m. This schedule will include recess and lunch for our students.**

Thank you for your continued support for children, for our future. Together, we create a better tomorrow!

Carol Osborne

Morning Creek Principal

Boxtops = Results!



We raised over \$900 on our first competition!!! That will buy a lot of pencils and crayons!!



Room 10 (Votruba) with 739 boxtops!
Winning the Pizza party with juice!!!

2nd Place had a 3 way tie!!!

Room 6 (Carpenter)

Room 9 (Brennan)

Room 15 (Reisert) 530 Boxtops each!

Ice cream & cookies for each class!

3rd Place Room 11 (Rozzell) 490 boxtops!

Ice cream for the class!

Watch for upcoming Boxtops competitions—the next one, **EVERY** class submitting 500 or more Boxtops wins a pizza party!!

Gate Testing

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) involves services for students whose cognitive needs may require modified classroom curriculum and instruction to accommodate their learning differences and ensure their achievement. Parents may request GATE testing for students in grades 2-7.

2009 – 2010 GATE Testing Information

<u>Test Date (only 1 test opportunity)</u>	<u>Request Submission Window</u>
<p>SCHOOL SITE /SCHOOL DAY TESTING</p> <p>Monday, January 11 – Thursday, January 14</p> <p>@ each school site during the school day.</p> <p><i>*Each school will determine their testing date(s) within this 4 day window.</i></p>	<p>October 1, 2009 – November 30, 2009</p>

To request GATE testing for your child, complete a *GATE Parent Questionnaire/Test Consent* form online through the PUSD GATE webpage (<http://www.powayusd.com/Depts/LSS/GATE/>), or in the Morning Creek school office. Requests for GATE Testing will only be taken during the request submission window dates.

If you have questions, please contact the Morning Creek school office.

Colt Stampede

This is the first year Running Club is awarding the "Colt Stampede" trophy. The class with the most miles for the month will be given the Colt Stampede. There will be one trophy per grade level. The winning class for that grade will be able to keep the trophy for one month. This trophy will be circulated among the classes for the school year. Presentation of the Colt Stampede will be the first Friday Flag of each month. Help your student be more fit and healthy and encourage them to participate in Running Club!! Cheer them on in helping them earn the most miles for their classroom!



Here are the first Colt Stampede trophy winners for October:

- 1st Grade, with 93 miles: Room 10, Mrs. Votruba
- 2nd Grade, with 83 miles: Room 32, Mrs. Fedo
- 3rd Grade, with 133 miles: Room 12, Ms. Boyer
- 4th Grade, with 99 miles: Room 21, Mr. Lees
- 5th Grade, with 71 miles: Room 20, Mrs. Hobb

Running Club

Run Forrest, Run!! Want to see how far our Colt Stampede has run thus far? Come take a look at the US Map in the MPR and follow our travels. We hope to reach our first country by November!

Running Club Milers

First Grade

5 Miles: Jackson C., Matthew Z., Maya B., Raeth F., Riley C., Somesh P., Malin B., Paul M., Ivan L., Shivam P., Adhiti C., Anna E., Sabrina M., David T.
10 Miles: Colton J., Jared G., Megan T., Andrew B., Sydney H., Matthew N.
15 Miles: Payton M.

2nd Grade

5 Miles: Bella C., Aditya M., Avinash P., Ella S., Lauren I., Shalom L., Bennett S., Leah S., Alexander K., Lianna C., Daniel J., Anthony G., Sasha Z., Elijah R.
10 Miles: Wei P.
15 Miles: Dorian L., Trevor M.

3rd Grade

5 Miles: Ben B., Evan G., Kylie H., John M., Noah T., Amber W., Kevin H., Sean K., Trinity N., Shyanna P., Kyera P., Bella S., Kelton C., Hannah D., Sophia M., Marc M., Imerda M., Sarah M., Michael N., Jillian O., Justin P., Ashley S., Daniel S., Jasmine S., Amy S.
10 Miles: Evinn B., Kiersten C., Jack E., Ethan B., Sahana R., Max G.
15 Miles: Melissa B., Gil C., Sydney C., Kalei S., Varshini S., Tyler G.

4th Grade

5 Miles
Daniel B., Joshua C., Saiyara A., Cooper F., Kyle S., Andrea O., Richard P., Martin J.
10 Miles: Guransh N., Cherie U.
15 Miles: Bailey C., Advaita C.
20 Miles: Grace L.
25 Miles: Jacob H., Alek D., Hailey L., Mackenzie H.

5th Grade

5 Miles: Gabrielle C., Emma P., Daizel M., Sudarshan S., Maudie M., Raven M., Kiran R., Micah S., Evan W.
10 Miles: Mirte B., Grant R.





Welcome to **Power Surge!**, a new monthly newsletter article to help us track the success of our 2 Hour Power volunteer program.

Volunteerism is at an all-time high at Morning Creek! As of October 7th, 228 parents have registered on the PTO Manager website (www.mces.ptomanager.com) and recorded a total of **308 HOURS** of volunteer time! We are also excited to report that these volunteers have already fulfilled their 2 Hour Power Pledge:

Acojido, Zandra
Andreacola, Tracy
Anton, Heather
Arnold, Angela
Boles, Jennifer
Burlingame, Kristin
Dabasinskas, Hilary
Downey, Jamie
Dubney, Gia
Hagan, Daphne
Harper, Jennifer

Howat, Michelle
Huang, Chien-Sheng
Huang, Jansen
Kennedy, Cheryl
Kimball, Amy
Koelzer, Shauna
Lemersal, Ann
Marhnez, Rose
Mola, Jackline
Oliveira, Traci

Quidachay, Charmaine
Randle, Patti
Sakthivel, Madhu
Santiago, Marsha
Sheng, Brigit
States, Airon
Syrek Deanna
Takeuchi, Kathryn
Truscott, Pam
Velazquez, Lisa
Welch, Beckie

Thank you to ALL of our wonderful volunteers! Your energy and enthusiasm is contagious, and is making a BIG difference in our school every day. We know that this list will continue to grow each month as more and more of our families become familiar with this wonderful tool.

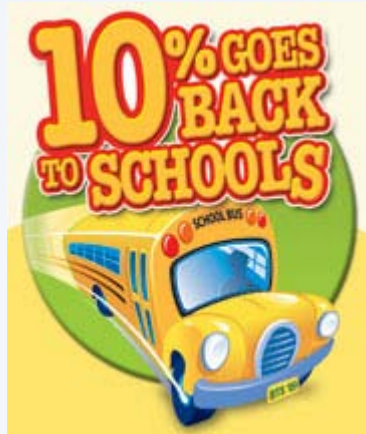
And for those of you that haven't yet become a part of our online volunteer community please visit www.ptomanager.com. You'll get email updates with upcoming volunteer opportunities and events, and be able to track your volunteer hours, interests and availability.

TAKE THE 2 HOUR POWER PLEDGE TODAY, and start to make a difference!

2 Hour Power

Your Involvement Makes a Difference!

VONS & Pavilions will be donating 10% of your grocery purchases of participating products to the local school of your choice every time you shop.



A Look for the Yellow School Bus and purchase participating products.

B 10% of the purchase price can support the school of your choice when you use your ValuePlus or Vons Club Card August 12th through September 15th.

C Ask the cashier for your Receipt Tape from September 18th through October 9th. Follow the easy directions for redemption.

Also check out the Escript Dining Bonus! Our school can earn up to 7.5% of the money you spend dining! Go to Escrip.com to sign up & see who your local participating restaurants are!

Thank you for your interest in joining PTA!

Please fill out the form below and return to your child's teacher along with your \$10 dues payment.

- When PTA gets involved, children benefit.
- When you get involved with PTA, the child who benefits most is your own.

Prefix (Dr. Miss. Mr. Mrs. Ms.) First name and Last Name

Address: _____

Apt/suite/unit City: _____

State, Zip _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Child's Name: 1 _____ Teacher: _____

2. _____

3. _____