

Principal's Message

The staff at Morning Creek welcomes you and your children to the 2009-2010 school year! We have been working very hard to ensure your child will enjoy a successful, exciting experience at our school. Our goal, as always, is to create a positive school climate that maximizes instructional time for student learning, while developing strong physical, social, and emotional characteristics in a safe environment. Our children are our future and the future is now as we support them academically, socially and emotionally.

A heartfelt thanks to the staff for their dedication in setting up their classrooms and preparing for the start of the school year. I wish to thank the many parents who helped us with the student registration, the staff luncheon, and the posting party. Another HUGE thanks goes out to our custodial staff for getting our site ready for the staff and students. We couldn't have done without you!

To ensure a smooth start to the year, it is important to clarify rules and expectations for student safety and maximized learning. Please review the important information included in our Parent and Student Handbook which is posted on our web site at www.powayusd.com/pusdmces/. The handbook provides detailed information about schedules, student responsibilities, lunch, attendance and dress codes. Please take to review it with your children.

I hope everyone will join us for Back to School Night on September 10th. This is a time for parents to "go to school" and learn all about the learning planned for the year. Teachers will review academic expectations, organization strategies and grade level activities.

How can parents and families be involved this year?

All parents and families are encouraged to join our PTA. There will be a membership drive the evening of our Back to School Night on September 10th. Our Foundation is also a wonderful opportunity to be involved in fund raising activities which provide great support throughout our school. If you are interested in volunteering at school, please be sure to sign up at <http://www.mces.ptomanager.com>. Your participation makes a difference for your child!

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Upcoming Events

- 9/7 – Labor Day – No School!
- 9/10 – Back to School Night!
- 9/15 – PTA Board Meeting
- 9/16 – Volunteer Orientation
- 9/17 – Back to School Sock Hop
- 10/13 – PTA Board Meeting
- 10/16 – School Pictures
- 10/19 – 23 – Red Ribbon Week
- 10/27 – Make Up Pictures

Morning Creek Elementary School PTA

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Stay Informed

Please be sure to check our website regularly to keep up with the school events throughout the year. We will be transitioning to more electronic communication this year to reduce paper usage. Newsletters will be emailed and posted on the website.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year with our Morning Creek School Community! Together, we create a better tomorrow.

Carol Osborne

Morning Creek Principal

Calling All Boxtops!



Did you know that you could help Morning Creek by saving your Box Tops on commonly used items such as Kleenex and Cereal boxes? For every Box Top that is submitted the school gets ten cents!

We will soon be announcing a pizza party for the class that turns in the most Box Tops! Stay tuned!

Thank You for supporting Morning Creek Elementary!

Welcome back Colt Families!

The 2008-2009 school year was another success for the Morning Creek Elementary Foundation. All of the funds raised have been allocated towards the purchase of document cameras. Now every Morning Creek classroom will be equipped with a document camera. The Foundation was also able to retain our physical fitness instructional aide, Marsha Santiago for the upcoming school year, renew a multi-year contract for the Reading Plus program, and purchase much-needed classroom instructional materials. The Foundation anticipates another year of successful fundraising to continue providing academic support, physical education, and technological investments for our classrooms.

The Foundation will be initiating its 3rd Annual Read-A-Thon on October 16th. This is a fun and educational way to raise money for our school. Even our youngest Colts can participate by sitting with someone special and reading a book together! Barnes & Noble bookstore in Carmel Mtn Ranch will be supporting our Read-A-Thon with a fundraiser on Saturday, October 17th. Morning Creek Teachers will be distributing reading "wish lists" and recommendations to our students. So start thinking now about what you would like to read and get ready to READ, READ, READ!

We hope to see you at the Back-to-School Sock-Hop on Thursday, September 17th. The Hamburger Factory will be catering – you can purchase a complete meal with drink for \$7. Order forms will be available in the YO packet and at the front office. Please have your meal pre-orders submitted by Tuesday, September 15th. Only a limited number of meals will be available for purchase the night of the event and the price per meal will increase to \$8.

Sincerely,

Traci Oliveira

President, Morning Creek Elementary Foundation

Madam President's Message

Summer lovin had me a blast, summer lovin happened so fast. That seems to be the theme around campus. With leftover beach sand in our cars and bags, we are off to a great start. This is my 10th year at Morning Creek as a 'chronic' volunteer. My oldest son Anthony is at Mt. Carmel High. He is now driving. Ahhh! Someone should write a section in that pregnancy book that we read. It should be titled 'You have to risk your life in the passenger seat of your own car, as you teach your teenager how to drive'. Raising teenagers is a lot like teaching them how to drive. I try not to scream so much, hold my breath and give quick short directions, while I hold on for dear life. My two daughters are now at Meadowbrook Middle together. Tiyana is in the 8th grade and Alyssa is in the 6th grade. They had their first argument the other day over wearing the same colored jeans to school. You would have thought they were arguing over health care reform. My youngest Ahlias is officially a student now. He started Kindergarten in Ms. Downs class. Ahlias is slowly learning that he can no longer eat his lunch in the staff lounge, and getting sent to the office might not always be a good thing.

I am humbled to be the PTA president for a second year (no one else jumped at the chance). I truly enjoy being on campus and working with the staff and students. Our PTA has a great team of exceptional women. They can plan a great party for 50 people in an hour and go over the kindergarten curriculum at the same time. They give so much of themselves to ensure a positive learning environment for all of the children. PTA has planned many activities for this school year. Please join us at our next PTA meeting on September 15th in the Library at 6:00. I promise we won't bite. Some people say we are kind of fun to be around. Come see for yourself.

See you on campus,

Charmaine Quidachay

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BACK TO SCHOOL SOCK HOP

Save the Date



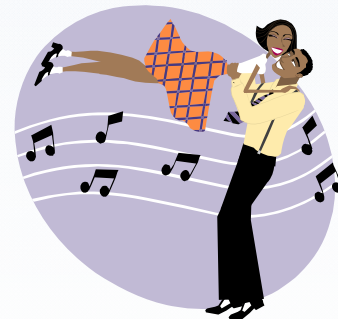
Thursday, Sept. 17th

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Please join us for a fun family evening

Bring dinner, or purchase your meal from Hamburger Factory (order forms will be sent home via YO packets)

There will be music, dancing, face painting, carnival games, and some art activities.



This event is sponsored by Morning Creek PTA and Foundation, with support from our local Scout Troops.

If you would like to sponsor an activity or volunteer at the event, please email Brigit Sheng at brigit123@san.rr.com

2 Hour Power - Your Involvement Makes a Difference!

We're asking everyone to get involved this year and pledge to volunteer just 2 hours of your time. With budget cuts and teacher layoffs, your time will be appreciated more than ever! Here are just some of the benefits:

Benefits to Students

When parents are involved in their children's education, the children are more likely to:

- Earn better grades
- Score higher on tests
- Pass their classes
- Attend school regularly
- Have better social skills
- Show improved behavior
- Be more positive in their attitude toward school
- Complete homework assignments
- Graduate and go on to post-secondary school

Benefits to Schools

Schools with involved parents enjoy:

- Better morale among teachers
- Higher ratings of teachers by parents
- More support from families
- A better reputation in the community

Benefits to Parents

When parents become involved in their children's education, the parents are more likely to:

- Be more confident at school
- Be more confident in themselves as parents and their ability to help their children learn
- Be held in higher opinion by teachers and have teachers expect more from their children
- Enroll in continuing education to advance their own schooling

It Works!

In both two-parent and father-only households where dads are highly involved at school, children are more likely to:

- Succeed academically
- Participate in extracurricular activities
- Enjoy school

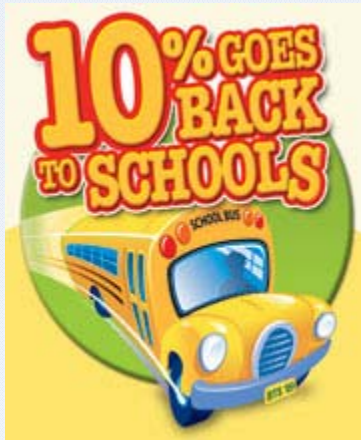
When parents get involved early in their children's education, the results are more pronounced and long-lasting.

The more parents are involved in education, from working with their children at home to volunteering to fundraising to decision-making at school, the better for student achievement.

One study found that students from families with above average parental involvement were 30 percent more successful in school than those with below average involvement. Success was measured by GPA; test scores in math, science, reading, and social studies; promotion and retention rates; and teacher ratings.

So turn in your 2 Hour Power Pledge form to your child's teacher, or go to www.mces.ptomanager.com and register online. And flex your 2 Hour Power!

VONS & Pavilions will be donating 10% of your grocery purchases of participating products to the local school of your choice every time you shop **August 12th through September 15th.**



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 Escrip 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. _____