

UPCOMING EVENTS

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

November 9th & 10th

VETERANS DAY NO SCHOOL
November 11th



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A NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

I can't believe it is already the end of October. The students and staff have settled into their new classrooms, their routines and finding creative ways to explore their academics. I am so proud of how our school community has handled the challenges of navigating school during a pandemic. In a time that we, families, staff and children, are more than likely experiencing some kind of stress in our lives, I would like to remind us all to stop and smell the roses. I mention this as I truly believe our mental health is important. We ALL need to take time to stop and enjoy the things in life that make us happy; things that help us relax. We need to find the positive in this crazy time and use it to move forward; not to just survive our daily lives, but to thrive! Take time for a walk, read a book by a loved author, play a game with friends or family or just sit and enjoy the beauty of the changing season. And if you find yourself in need of help, please ask for it. Together we can accomplish great things!

Music Ms. Dupuy

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Music in October has flown by! We continued to focus on the importance of living our Morse ROARS and used it to set goals for ourselves and our class. We have enjoyed learning new songs. I have truly enjoyed my time at Morse

Ms. Dupuy will be starting as a K-5 Interventionist for RSU3. We will miss her and wish her well in her new position within the district, GOOD LUCK!

We welcome Mr. Hernandez starting in November.

PE Mr. Ballard

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The Morse children are on fire in PE - the energy, effort and determination is showing everyday. The children come ready to play and demonstrate what they are working on at home and in school every Monday and Tuesday. We will start a unit on striking, rackets, pickleball, and badminton soon. I'm so proud of the , support and care that the children give to each other. A special shout out to 3rd grade - wow are they doing extra amazing at everything. It really shows. Great job!

KG Mrs. McKinney

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This month we are working on our letters, counting to 20, rhyming, syllables and becoming narrative writers. We have themed all the learning around fall and pumpkins. We have talked about life cycle of pumpkins and opened up pumpkins in science, using our 5 senses to investigate them. We looked at all the parts of the pumpkin, we touched the parts and played with the stringy insides, we have smelled the pumpkin once we opened it, and we listened to the sounds that a whole pumpkin and a cut pumpkin made when you tapped on it. Then we made pumpkin volcanoes! It was so great to see their faces and hear them laugh when the volcano erupted!

KG Miss Greenlaw

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There has been so much learning in Kindergarten this month! We have learned about fire safety and had a visit from a local firefighter. We have become pumpkin investigators and learned a lot about how pumpkins grow and how people use them. We have

also started bookmaking and are creating some very

awesome books. October has been a very exciting month!





1 Mrs. Bourgeois

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Lots of learning has been taking place this fall as we have established and practiced more routines. We have been working in small word work groups with peers and have started reading groups during reading workshop. When students aren't meeting with Mrs. Bourgeois they are either reading to themselves or their special reading bear, listening to reading, or writing about reading. In writing students are learning skills and strategies to write a 3 page narrative story. In math we are working on, "I can model adding within 10." This month we have been learning about the four seasons. We have learned that they happen in a repeating pattern and are caused by the position of the Earth with the sun. We have read many fiction and nonfiction books about the 4 seasons and have discussed the weather, temperature, what trees look like, and activities that we do during each season. Which season is your favorite?

2 Miss Allisot

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Here in second-grade we started our STEAM time with Mr. Bennett learning about different ways to manipulate cubelets to make them move in different directions. We were using our problem-solving and collaboration skills to make the cubelets move how we wanted. We've also started to work on making summaries of fiction stories.







2 Mrs. Braley

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October has flown by and the weather has still been inviting. This month in math we started working with 3 digit numbers. We can represent these numbers at least three ways including expanded and written word forms. We have created a nice routine to our days and will continue to build confidence in our learning. We are finishing up our Community Unit and are learning the difference between goods and services. Students have been publishing their work on Seesaw. If you haven't received an email invite please reach out.

3 Miss Studholme

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October has been fun for us here in 3rd Grade. We began our month on the magic school bus to what space had to offer. Students have been working heavily on creating a positive classroom environment and are loving working as a team. Students have been able to focus on different terms to learn about space and are working on earning their NASA badge (higher the badge, the more the knowledge). For the end of the unit project (in November), we are working towards creating our very own Magic School Bus Play which involves visiting planets and creating our own costumes and speeches. Students are extremely excited about this! Students also are working on getting a level three NASA badge so they can visit a planetarium that I am making out of cardboard. Students are also very excited about our kindness challenge in which they earn coins for positive and kind actions within our classroom. Can anyone guess how many coins we have earned?

4 Miss Chase

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The fourth-graders continue to show their Morse R.O.A.R.S! They worked especially hard this month during their fall NWEA test! We will be having Character Day if we earn enough coins and meet our goal. I think we must be very close!







5 Miss Beth

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October passed by as quickly as September did! We finished up a math unit in multiplication and started taking a look at division. Everyone made a huge effort to fill our coin jar and were rewarded with and afternoon of science. Mount vVew Middle school's very own Mr. Hollinger came over for the afternoon and the students were able to enjoy making Oobleck, watching Mr. Hollinger crush cans with hot and cold water, as well as watching him make very colorful elephant toothpaste. Thank you, Mr. Hollinger!

Library Mrs. Quimby

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This month, we have been continuing our work around being good library patrons, and we are being AMAZING! Lots of students are checking out new books in different genres, and many have asked for "spooky" books due to the upcoming holiday. Students in k/1/2 have created their own Creepy Carrots and Creepy Pair of Underwear to hang in the hall after reading each book by Aaron Reynolds. That has been so fun! Younger students are also working ABC order in the library, while older students are starting to learn more about how nonfiction books are organized. We will be continuing this work all year. The enthusiasm for library class seems to be hanging around!

Gardening Mrs. Johnston

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We continue to be out and about in our garden! Thanks to a milder than usual fall, we still have lettuce and kale growing in our school garden. Students are also learning about the spectacular six parts of a plant. We learned that leaves make food for plants and we will soon investigate seeds. A highlight of the month was our Apple Sauce Day! On Wednesday, October 20, students washed, cut, cooked, and processed apples from our very own trees to make homemade apple sauce. It was delicious!!

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