

# Morningside Messenger

## October ~ November 2016

A note from the Principal, Rita Bacque

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

Can you believe we are already well on our way to the end of October? We are starting to experience some fall weather and are looking forward to some “spooky” fun this month. We had a great start to our school year and are fully underway at this point.

The kindergarten students are already showing their proficiency in school routines and navigating our building! Students new to our campus this year are also adjusting to new teachers, friends, and surroundings, but are doing well and feeling “at home”.

I want to send out a special thank you to our PTA Board members and volunteers for putting on a FANTASTIC Ice Cream Social at the end of September! I hope everyone enjoyed the added bonus of the In and Out Food Truck! It was so nice to interact with the children, visit with parents and eat a hot meal at the same time. I always love being able to get to know our families and students in such a nice, relaxing atmosphere!

We recently participated in the TCHS Homecoming Parade and it was great to see our current and former students along the parade route! We wish TCHS good luck! It looks like they will be in the playoffs!! By the way, this Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> is Feeder School Night at the TCHS game. They will be recognizing all the schools that feed into TCHS. If you want to come to the game, wear some Morningside spirit gear and join us at 7:00pm.

### Here are the dates for some of our upcoming events in late October:

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| Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> | *Parent Lunch Week  |
| Thursday, Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup>          | *Focus Group meeting 9-11 a.m.  |
| Friday, Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup>            | *End of the 1 <sup>st</sup> 9 weeks!  |
|  | <b>*Annual Vocabulary Parade 8:15 a.m.</b> Parents are welcome to come and watch.   |
|  | *EARLY RELEASE DAY!... <b>NOTE NEW TIME – 11:45 A.M.</b>  |
|  | <b>*Teachers will be involved in parent-teacher conferences in the afternoon so please make arrangements to have your children picked-up on time. 😊</b> |
|  | <b>*Feeder School Night at TCHS! 7:00 p.m.</b>  |
|  | *Friday Nite Live! 7-11 p.m. \$12.00/student, 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> gr. Only   |
| Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> | <b>*Red Ribbon Week</b>   |
| Tuesday, Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>           | *Focus Group meeting 2-4 p.m.   |
|  | *Blaze Pizza Spirit Night 5-8 p.m. Don't forget to bring your certificate sent via email.   |
| Friday, Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>            | *Report Card Day!   |
|  | *Round-up/Fundraiser Assembly   |
|  | *Friday Nite Live! 7-11 p.m. \$12.00/student, 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> gr. only   |

MUSTANG STAMPEDE **COLOR RUN DAY!!** Here is the schedule for the afternoon.

#### **K-1st:**

- 12:00-12:10 – warm-up
- 12:10-12:40 – Run
- 12:40-12:55 – Snacks

### 2nd-3rd:

12:50-1:00 – warm-up

1:00-1:30 – Run

1:30-1:45 – Snacks

### 4th-5th:

1:40-1:50 – warm-up

1:50-2:20 – Run

2:20-2:35 - Snacks

\* Lunch \* We will also have our grill on this day and the one menu choice will be:  
Hot dogs, carrot sticks, apples, snack mix, juice and milk

### November Events:

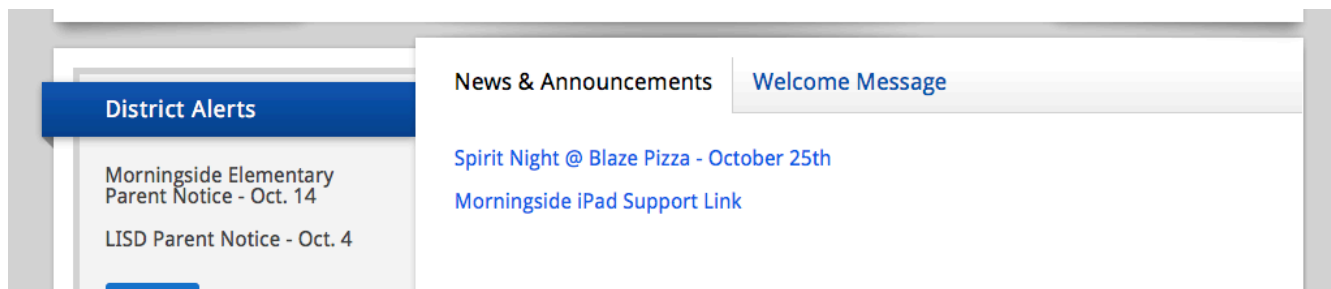
- Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> – Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> \*Book Fair Week!!  
Monday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> \*PTA Birthday Table during lunch to celebrate October birthdays  
Tuesday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> \*Fall Picture Retake Day  
**\*Donated or left over candy that you would like to donate to our Book Fair Family night is due today. Thanks in advance!!**
- Thursday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> \*Book Fair Family Night with Trick or Treating! **If you are willing to donate new or leftover candy from Halloween, we will gladly accept it for this event.** Come in your costumes and Trick or Treat with us! 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> \*Friday Nite Live! 7-11 p.m. \$12.00/student, 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> gr. only  
Saturday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> \*Set clocks back 1 hour and enjoy an extra hour of sleep!
- Monday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> \*PTA Board meeting (board members only) 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> **\*\*ELECTION DAY\*\***  
**Morningside IS a polling site for the Presidential Election this year. We will have added security measures in place on this day.**
- Thursday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> \*Veteran’s Day Program, 9:00 a.m. – Information will be going home closer to this date.
- Friday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> \*Friday Nite Live! 7-11 p.m. \$12.00/student, 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> gr. Only
- Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> \*2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Swimming Program at the Aquatic Center  
Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> \*5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Briarwood
- Tuesday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> \*PTA Meeting – 7:00 p.m. - 4<sup>th</sup> grade is performing! Join Us!  
Wednesday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> \*Progress Reports Day!  
Thursday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> \*Kindergarten Thanksgiving Program, 9:00 a.m.  
Friday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> \*PTA Birthday Table during lunch to celebrate November birthdays  
\*Diverse Abilities Day during fine arts
- Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> \*Thanksgiving Break!! Enjoy some much needed time off to relax and rejuvenate!!
- Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> \*Parent Lunch Week for Nov. and Dec.  
Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> \*4<sup>th</sup> to LISDOLA

Please continue to check our district and school websites for updates throughout the year. All teachers have their own website unique to their class which will be updated weekly throughout the year. There, you will be able to view information on what your child’s class is doing for the week, look up dates of interest, upcoming events, contact the teacher via email and basically remain “tuned-in” to school life. Please check us out! If you have trouble accessing the website or getting updated information, please let me know.

A copy of this letter will always be posted on our website, under the heading "About Us". Once you click there, you will see a drop down menu with "Administration" as a choice. Click here and you will get to the Administrators page. To the left, you will see Principal's Message. It is also located under the "Resources" tab with the link to "For Parents". Each month's letter will be archived as new letters are posted so you may still access previous information.

As a side note, we are beginning to communicate a lot through Twitter. We visit classrooms and tweet out what students are learning, special events and other specific (sometimes emergency) information. For example, one day when a bus was going to be late dropping off students in the afternoon, I tweeted out a quick note regarding that information. Twitter is quick and easy and can be accessed easier on a phone than Skylert email and it's available to me regardless of where I am in the building. Therefore, please get connected with us through Twitter as we can't always get on our computers in cases of emergency or if the internet is down.

In cases where we need to inform parents of an emergency not requiring any action on the parents' part, notices will be posted on our website under "District Alerts" (see below), Facebook and Twitter. When we don't have access to internet, our Communications Dept. takes care of this for us. This is what was done during our fire/smoke emergency last Friday. In situations where we would need parents to take action, such as coming to pick up your child, then notifications will be sent through all the above and Skylert email messaging. Also, some updates to notices are embedded in the initial notice, so be sure to check back and read the information closest to the top. There is usually a small note similar to: [Updated 12:23 p.m.]



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PTA:

Facebook: MorningsidePTATC

Twitter: @Morningside\_PTA

Thank you for continuing to support our school family! If you ever have questions or need to know information that you can't find on our website, please email your child's teacher or the office. We appreciate each of you very much!!

Sincerely,

Rita Bacque  
Principal